



Charter for Change

#DisabilitySummit #NowIsTheTime

We meet in Buenos Aires and around the world, to reaffirm our commitment to achieve a common goal:

Ensure the rights, freedoms, dignity and inclusion of all persons with disabilities.

Significant progress has been made in the decade since the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). But we must do more. We must fight for real change through the implementation of the Convention and the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals for people with disabilities. Now is the time.

FOR THAT TODAY WE COMMIT TO:

1. Catalyze the political will and leadership to convert our promises into changes, into long-term plans in which we will invest, implement and monitor.
2. Promote leadership and diverse representation of all persons with disabilities so that they are at the forefront and at the center of change; as leaders, partners and advocates. This includes active participation and close consultation of people with disabilities of all ages.
3. Eliminate stigma and discrimination through laws and policies that make a difference, promoting meaningful leadership, and constantly challenging harmful attitudes and practices. All people deserve dignity and respect.
4. Progress and support actions that promote quality inclusive education for people with disabilities, with the necessary resources to implement the plans: every child has the right to learn from birth.
5. Open routes to economic empowerment and financial inclusion so that people with disabilities can enjoy decent work and achieve financial independence. This will mean creating more and better jobs, providing social protection, ensuring training in the necessary skills, making workplaces accessible and hiring people with disabilities.
6. Revolutionize the availability and affordability of appropriate assistive technology, including digital technology, that will allow people with disabilities to participate fully and contribute to society.

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7. Change practices to make all humanitarian actions fully inclusive and accessible for people with disabilities. We will integrate inclusion in all humanitarian and disaster risk reduction sectors, and implement our commitments in the Charter "Inclusion of people with disabilities in humanitarian action".
8. "Do not leave anyone behind" and put the last one first. We will defend the rights of the most underrepresented and marginalized people with disabilities, of all ages, affected by any form of multiple discrimination, especially women and girls with disabilities.
9. Gather and make better use of data and evidence to understand and address the scale and nature of the challenges faced by people with disabilities, using proven tools, including the Washington Group Questions Set
10. Let us demand of ourselves and others to give an account of the promises we have made here today. We agree that our individual commitments are reviewed, evaluated and published on a regular basis, and that the results are published online.

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