



 The Global Action on Disability Network, and the Stakeholder Group of persons with disabilities for sustainable development invite you to:

The future of disability-inclusive development: The power of data and partnership.

DEC 2 - 11:00-12:00 EDT | Virtual breakout session of CoSP13 - Civil Society Forum.

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Disability-inclusive development is an intrinsic element of the UNCRPD, enshrined in its Art. 32. The SDGs and agenda 2030 reaffirm this notion through its overarching principle of *Leaving no one behind*. However, when it comes to including persons with disabilities in development programs and funding, we are still very far from honouring those international commitments.

Evidence shows a wide gap between policy aspirations and budgetary allocations in the area of development and humanitarian actions. There are increasing concerns among development actors and organizations of persons with disabilities that the COVID 19 pandemic may revert the few gains achieved in recent years. To avoid this, increasing cooperation and use of data will have a critical role to play in the coming decade.

In this session, leading experts will discuss new forms of partnership involving the multiple stakeholders in development and persons with disabilities, as well as efforts for a systematic and more effective collection and use of disaggregated data.

The key questions will be:

- What will disability inclusive development look like after the pandemic?
- How can stakeholders across all sectors use the power of data and partnership to build back better?
- What kind of cooperation and partnerships exists, and what kind of cooperation should be built to promote the use disability disaggregated data and good practices in inclusive development?

Speakers:

Moderator: **Dominic Haslam**, Chair of International Disability & Development Consortium.

Keynote speeches: **Bård Vegar Solhjell**, Director General of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

Penny Innes, Head of the Disability Inclusion team of UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), and Co-chair of GLAD Network

- Panellists:**
- Jose Viera**, Main Representative of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities and CEO of the World Blind Union. Mr. Viera will discuss *the importance and advances in data collection and disaggregation by persons with disabilities and their representative organizations*.
- Claudia Cappa**, Senior Adviser on Statistics and Monitoring at UNICEF. Ms. Cappa will present a new publication by UNICEF, which uses data to *illustrate the vulnerabilities that put children with disabilities at increased risk during the pandemic*.
- Tichafara Chisaka**, Program Manager for the Inclusive Data Charter, at the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. Ms Chisaka will speak about the *importance of building capacity to collect data, but also to use it to inform decision-making, and how partnerships can help us to get there*.
- Alberto Vásquez**, Research Coordinator of former UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Catalina Devandas. Mr. Vasquez will present *conclusions and recommendations included in Ms. Devandas' last report as UN Special Rapporteur, dedicated to Disability-inclusive international cooperation*.
- Susan Scott-Parker**: CEO of Business Disability International. Ms. Scott-Parker will speak about working with business leaders as valuable allies and potential partners to enable disability inclusive development”.

Schedule

- Introduction of the breakout session and presentation of panellists – **5 minutes**
- Brief keynote speeches from NORAD and UK Foreign and Commonwealth Development office (FCDO): **5 minutes each**.
- Presentations of all speakers - **total of 25 min**
- Questions and Answers from panellists and from the audience (attendants will be encouraged to ask questions using the Chat-Function of the Webinar, moderated by the Chair)- **10 min**
- Closing remarks – **5 minutes**



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