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# AT DIGEST

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## About AT Digest

AT Digest is a quarterly publication curated by the International Disability Alliance with the objective of increasing awareness about the possibilities offered by assistive technology as experienced by its users. Additionally, it aims to disseminate information to a broad spectrum of assistive technology stakeholders, such as present and prospective users, manufacturers, and policymakers.

Fellows of IDA and GDI's Assistive Technology User Fellowship Program are the key creators of this publication, as they share their experiences, highlights from project activities, and author insightful, original articles. This issue of the AT Digest is about CRPD jurisprudence on assistive technology. Fellows have collaboratively authored a substantive article titled *Evolution of CRPD jurisprudence on Assistive Technologies through Concluding Observations: An analysis from Global South perspectives* by analyzing AT related recommendations from IDA's compilations of CRPD Committee's concluding observations.



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FELLOWSHIP

Positioning OPDs as Equal Partners on Assistive Technologies

### Meet the fellows



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## About the IDA-GDI Hub AT Project

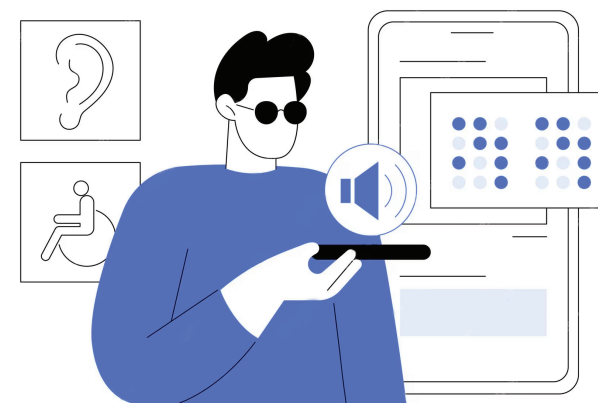
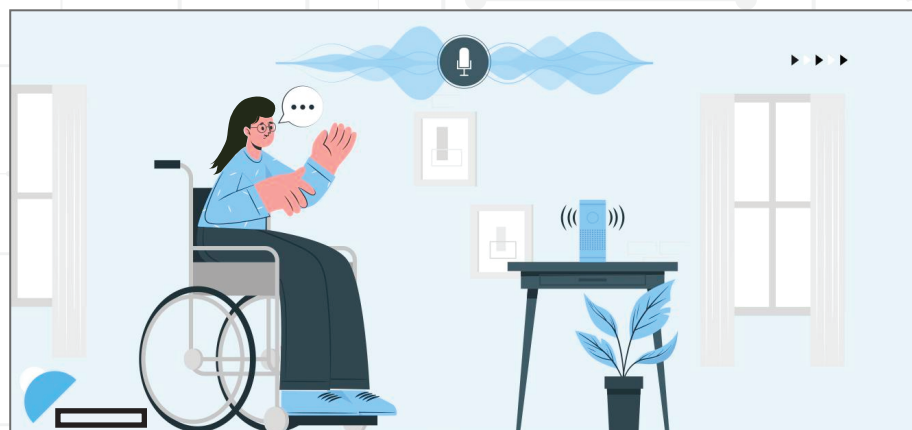
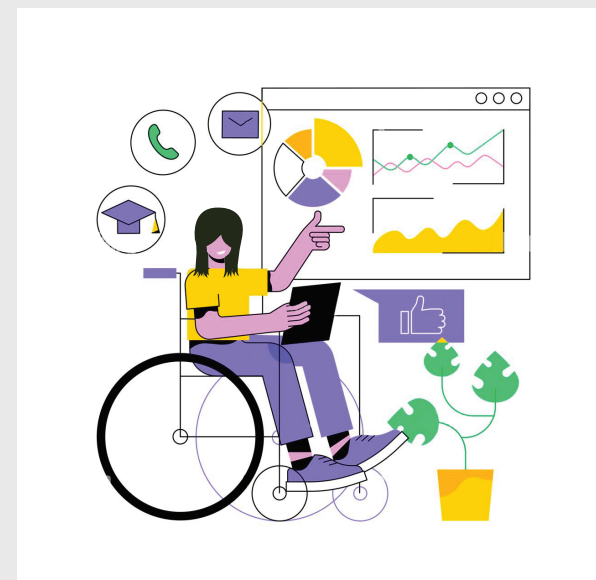
The International Disability Alliance, in partnership with GDI Hub and AT2030, is carrying out a project titled 'Positioning OPDs as Equal Partners on AT' from January 2023 to March 2024. As part of this project, the IDA-GDI Hub Fellowship Program has two objectives: to support the operational capacity of IDA members in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, and to build the capacities of individual disability activists as contributors to the disability rights movement. Five IDA-GDI Hub Assistive Technology (AT) User Fellows began their fellowships in July 2023. [Read more](#)



# CRPD jurisprudence on Assistive Technologies through Concluding Observations: An analysis from Global South perspectives

## CRPD Jurisprudence on assistive technology:

States parties have several obligations with regard to assistive technologies under the CRPD under Article 4, including undertaking and promotion of research and development of or new technologies, incorporating information and communications technologies, mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies that are suitable for persons with disabilities. It also prioritizes technologies at an affordable cost. States are also to provide accessible information to persons with disabilities about mobility aids, devices, and assistive technologies, including new technologies, as well as other forms of assistance, support services and facilities. This obligation is further elaborated in other Articles of the Convention, which may explain why the CRPD Committee has not focused observations around assistive technology related to this Article. [Read more](#)



# AT Fellow's reflection corner

A key component of IDA-GDI Hub's AT Fellowship is to offer fellows exposure to global and regional discussions and opportunities to engage with a variety of stakeholders. The AT Fellow's Reflection Corner is a space for fellows to share their thoughts and insights as they work on varied projects through the course of their fellowship. In this issue of the AT Digest, Nayem Molla, Bangladesh, and Banya Ojok, Uganda, share their reflections. [Read more](#)



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*Nayem Molla speaking at the AT Scale reception.*



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