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## Side event to the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

### Making the SDGs inclusive for persons with disabilities: How can we work together to improve access to Assistive Technology?



**Date:** Wednesday, 13 June

**Time:** 08:15 - 09:30 am

A light breakfast will be provided from 7.45 am outside the conference room

**Venue:** Conference Room 7,  
UN Headquarters

**Hosted by:** Permanent Missions of the  
United Kingdom and the Republic of  
Ecuador

**Co-Sponsored by:** UNICEF, WHO,  
International Disability Alliance, Global  
Disability Innovation Hub

Hosted by the Permanent Missions of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ecuador and co-sponsored by UNICEF, WHO, the Global Disability Innovation Hub and the International Disability Alliance, the event will explore plans to radically disrupt the market for Assistive Technologies (AT) so more people are able to access the appropriate AT they need to participate fully in society. We will hear from a distinguished panel of high-level speakers, including governments, bilateral and multilateral donors, civil society and the private sector, how we can work together, share recent thinking, and explore plans to radically disrupt the market to revolutionise access for the 2 billion people who will need them by 2050.

It is estimated that globally 90% of the one billion people in need do not have access to assistive technologies; delivering the Global Goals' promise of Leaving No One Behind and fulfilling the aim of the CRPD will not be possible unless we commit to a unified approach to bridge this gap.

#### Key Speakers

- Lord Chris Holmes of Richmond, GDI Hub Chair and Chair of the UK APPG on AT
- Anna Wechsberg, Director of Policy, UK Department for International Development
- Rocío González, Ecuador's First Lady, President of the Interinstitutional Committee "Toda una Vida"
- Volmir Raimondi, President of the Latin-American Blind Union
- Dr Nata Menabde, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations
- Ann Cody, Special Advisor and International Disability Rights Team Leader, U.S. State Department
- Kristoffer Gandrup Marino, Chief of Innovation, Supply Division, UNICEF
- Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft



Simultaneous ASL interpretation will be provided