

## INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY ALLIANCE AS CO-HOST OF GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT

*What does the co-hosting of International Disability Alliance, an Alliance of organisations of persons with disabilities, mean for the Global Disability Summit and the rights of persons with disabilities?*



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### WHAT IS THE GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT?

On 24 July 2018, the UK Department for International Development (UK DFID), along with co-hosts the International Disability Alliance and the Government of Kenya will host the first-ever Global Disability Summit in London, UK.

DFID's vision for disability inclusion is: *'to ensure people with disabilities are consistently and systematically included in international development and humanitarian assistance'*. The Summit will galvanise the global effort to address disability inclusion in the poorest countries in the world and act as the start point for major change on this neglected issue

#### **The objectives of the Summit will be to:**

- raise global attention and focus on a neglected area;
- bring in new voices and approaches to broaden engagement;
- mobilise new global and national commitments on disability; and,
- showcase best practice and evidence from across the world.

### WHO IS THE INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY ALLIANCE?

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) is an alliance of eight global and six regional organisations of persons with disabilities. IDA are invested in ensuring that the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals are inclusive and in line with CRPD. IDA support organisations of persons with disabilities worldwide to take part in UN and international human rights processes and use international accountability mechanisms.

With member organisations globally, IDA represents the estimated one billion people worldwide with disabilities. This is the world's largest and most frequently overlooked marginalised group.

### WHY IS IDA CO-HOSTING THE GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT?

In line with the principle of *'nothing about us, without us'*, the International Disability Alliance (IDA) agreed to co-host the Summit to ensure that people with disabilities are central to the planning and delivery of the summit.

As co-host IDA has been instrumental in ensuring the design of the programme, the accessibility of the venue and the diversity of participants is in line with international standards. IDA is also coordinating the participation of representatives of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (DPOs)

from the Global South. IDA undertook a very detailed nomination and review process to identify a diverse group of DPO representatives from the Global South at the event. Over 70 DPOs from the global south, representing a range of disability consistencies, and from all the world's regions, will be attending the Summit. There will also be representation from the most marginalised groups.

## WHAT HAS BEEN THE ROLE OF IDA AND DPOS?

IDA has used their representative role of an global Alliance of organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) to consult and embed the voice of people with disabilities in the design and delivery of the summit to ensure it complies with the UN CRPD.

IDA is facilitating a [Civil Society Reference Group](#) to the Summit. This group is ensuring the active support and involvement in the summit by a broad range of civil society organisations and foundations. The current membership of the civil society reference group is: IDA; Bond Disability and Development Group, International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), Disability Rights Fund, Disability Rights UK, and representatives of the UK Disability Movement.

IDA, through its Members, has also joined the thematic working groups that DFID has set up in preparation for the Summit. The participation of IDA alongside civil society organisations will ensure the voice of DPOs and civil society to the Summit. The groups have participation of DPOs, NGOs, bilateral and multi-lateral agencies, Foundations & the private sector.

## OUR RIGHTS, OUR VOICES: THE CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM, 23 JULY

In consultation with the Civil Society Reference Group, IDA will be hosting a Civil Society Forum, as an addition to the Summit, to leverage the opportunity to amplify the voice and participation of persons with disabilities, through their individual participation and that of representative organizations (DPOs).

The Forum is an opportunity to highlight current issues relevant to the global disability movement and realization of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, that will not specifically be addressed at the Summit. The Forum will also set the stage for the more in-depth dialogue at the Summit on specific thematic areas.

The Forum will take place Monday, 23 July 2018, one day prior to the Global Disability Summit in the same venue. All attendees to the Summit are encouraged to attend the Forum as the discussions will influence the overall outcomes of the event.

## GLOBAL CONSULTATION

The Civil Society Reference Group conducted an Online Global Consultation with Civil Society to inform the discussions at the Forum and capture what civil society sees as most important to inform the outcomes of the overall Summit. Responses to this survey will also feed into the Statement IDA will share on behalf of Civil Society during the Opening of the Global Disability Summit day on 24 July.

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