1. About the International Disability Alliance (IDA)

The International Disability Alliance is the permanent co-host of the Global Disability Summit. IDA brings together over 1,100 organisations of persons with disabilities and their families from across eight global and six regional networks. IDA has the mandate to promote the rights of persons with disabilities across the United Nations’ efforts to advance human rights and sustainable development. IDA also supports organisations of persons with disabilities to hold their governments to account and advocate for change locally, nationally and internationally.

With member organisations around the world, IDA represents the estimated one billion people worldwide living with disabilities. This is the world’s largest – and most frequently overlooked – marginalised group. IDA, with its unique composition as a network of the foremost international disability rights organisations, is the most authoritative representation of persons with disabilities on the global level and acknowledged as such by the United Nations system both in New York and Geneva.

More information is available on www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org

2. About the Global Disability Summit

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is an international mechanism created in 2017 following conversations between several governments and IDA. The GDS is mandated to promote investment in disability inclusive development and humanitarian action, with an intentional focus on developing countries. It offers a unique and concrete mechanism for collecting ambitious and wide-spread commitments, critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities.

The GDS is not a 2-day disability conference held every 3 years but a unique gathering with an underpinning mechanism that is tasked to advance investments in financial and human resources
to support disability inclusive development and humanitarian action. A substantive added value of the GDS mechanism to other existing mechanisms is its ability to bring together a wide variety of stakeholders from governments, international agencies, civil society organisations, OPDs, as well as academia, private corporations, and local councils, through extensive consultations. It gives them space to discuss, question, experience and reflect on how international advocacy and grand commitments adopted by governments can translate into the daily lives of people with disabilities all over the world.

This leads into the most important practical outcome of the GDS mechanism, which is the submission of commitments by stakeholders. Ahead of each Summit, the permanent and country co-hosts mobilise their networks to submit commitments for this GDS cycle.

**Commitments are political and financial pledges towards disability inclusion and can be submitted by a wide variety of stakeholders who do not otherwise have the space to formally drive innovative change towards disability inclusive development and humanitarian action.**

### 2.1 The Global Disability Summit 2018

On July 2018, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), along with IDA and the Government of Kenya, hosted the first Global Disability Summit in London. This historical summit brought together more than 600 world leaders from national governments, multilaterals, regional and national CSOs including organizations of Persons with disabilities, the private sector, people from the research and academia and more to galvanize their commitments to make disability inclusion a reality in all aspects of life.

The summit achieved an important milestone in disability inclusive international development and humanitarian actions and resulted in 171 sets of commitments to sustain real change for people with disabilities. Commitments entered by all stakeholders can be viewed here.

Following a self-reporting survey in 2019, the [GDS: One Year on Report](#) indicated that 10% of commitments were already complete and work was underway on 74% of commitments.

A second report was released in 2020. The [GDS: +2 Years Progress on implementation of Commitments](#) provides critical information on the status of the implementation of commitments, and highlights examples and case studies which can be used both for advocacy purposes and as a monitoring tool for Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), governments and agencies wanting to see change in the international development sphere.

### 2.2 The Global Disability Summit 2022

The second Summit was hosted by the Government of Norway, the Government of Ghana and IDA. It was held virtually on the 16th and 17th of February 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic but still managed to build upon the results achieved at GDS2018 and take the mechanism higher and further. More than 7,000 participants including over 100 global leaders (and over 50
representatives of States) attended the Summit and it galvanised 1,412 new commitments made by over 190 stakeholder groups that promised to change the lives of people with disabilities.

The virtual 2-day Summit announced new policies, funding, and ground-breaking initiatives to support people with disabilities in education, health care, the job market, and gender rights. There were also pledges to ensure the voice of OPDs was heard, and that there was meaningful consultation with them when vital decisions were taken. Meaningful OPD participations was a theme that resonated strongly through the two days at the Summit and many of the side events, which was reinforced by the launch of the GDS discussion paper on OPD engagement.

A GDS Report was also launched in April 2022, to investigate and analyse the commitments received at GDS2022, highlight some good examples of commitments received in line with the CRPD and underline the emerging trends and issues that can be improved as we look ahead at GDS2025.

In February 2023, to mark the one-year anniversary of GDS2022, the GDS Secretariat launched a reporting exercise to monitor progress on commitments submitted at GDS2022. The reporting is a voluntary exercise, and the wealth of data collected through it will need to be monitored and analysed, to be then published in a third report on GDS Commitments.

### 3. Services required

The wealth of data collected through the GDS reporting requires additional analyses in order to complete the third report of the Global Disability summit second-year progress report by September 2023. IDA and the GDS Secretariat are seeking support from an experienced researcher to conduct qualitative and quantitative data analyses of the existing dataset, and to contribute to the writing of the full consolidated report of the first year GDS2022 progress report.

IDA seeks an interested consultant for the following set of tasks:

**COMPONENT 1 – Data collection and analyses (August 2023)**

**Tasks of the consultant:**

1. Conduct relevant analyses of the data collected via the online platform.
2. Based on the draw data, draw some key findings and recommendations from the survey, parameters will be defined upon contracting the consultant
3. Identified three case-studies / best practices among the organizations who submitted commitments, to be presented as clear examples.

**Deliverables:**

- A brief summary of the findings and recommendations from the survey to be available in presentable format as preliminary findings of the survey.
• A draft narrative of at least 3 case studies of progress on commitments implementation from selected actors (One Government, one Multilateral, one CSO)

COMPONENT 2 – Final Consolidated Report (September 2023)

Tasks of the consultant:
4. In consultation with the GDS secretariat prepare a first draft and the final consolidated GDS progress Report.
5. Receive and implement changes to the report as provided by GDS secretariat and the GDS leadership.
6. Support (as needed) the final proofreading, publication, and dissemination of the report.

Deliverables:
• Define the report outline
• Draft the GDS2022 first progress report
• Respond to and implement changes provided by reviewers of the draft report
• Completed, fully edited final report

Timeline: The final second year progress Report of the GDS commitments should be published by 30 September 2023. This means the draft report should be submitted no later than around 10 September 2023, allowing enough time for review, and implementing adjustments.

COMPONENT 3 – Presentation and dissemination of the report (October – December 2023)
The consultant should make themselves available to present the main findings of the report in approximately 3 webinars, adding to 3 hours of their time.

Qualifications:
• A degree in economics, public policy, disability studies, human rights, international development, or equivalent in a relevant field
• Strong research experience and knowledge of data management
• Advance knowledge and experience with qualitative and quantitative data collection and data analyses
• Familiar with SPSS or other analyses software; familiarity with articulating research findings and dissemination (e.g. data visualizations)
• Commitment to a rights-based approach, and demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the rights of persons with disabilities
• Excellent written skills and capacity to produce a high-quality written research report in English
Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Individuals interested in pursuing a PhD are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Contract duration**: Tentative contract duration is from 01 August 2023 to 30 September 2023, with expected number of days of work 10-20

**Contracting and Remuneration**:  
- Payment and financial compensation will be subject to location and experience.  
- A consultancy contract (as per Swiss law) will be signed between the selected consultant and IDA.  
- Applicants are invited to submit a copy of their passport and commercial/consultant registration/tax numbers. Only applicants with valid commercial and/or consultant registration and/or tax numbers will be considered.  
- Payments will be made in several installments and upon successful completion of the deliverables and submission of invoices.

**To Apply:**  
The interested consultant should submit a letter of interest, CV, and financial offer indicating the total fees for estimated working days during the specified timeline latest by **July 21, 2023** to consultancy@ida-secretariat.org with the subject “Consultancy application – GDS2022 + 1 report’.

**Note: Only Shortlisted Candidates Will Be Contacted**

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