I. What is the Global Disability Summit

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is an international mechanism created in 2017 following conversations between several governments and the International Disability Alliance (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 measurable commitments, critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities. 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.

Every three years, the GDS mechanism culminates in a two-day conference. A gathering of stakeholders (Governments, UN and multilateral agencies, private sector, and civil society), to hold high level discussions and present commitments in the form of thematic panels, high-level presentations, and more broadly conversations around the pre-identified priorities of the Summit.

More information on the Global Disability Summit can be found here.

II. GDS2025

The Global Disability Summit 2025 will be co-hosted by the International Disability Alliance, the government of Germany and the government of Jordan.
GDS2025 will happen in **Berlin, Germany, on April 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2025**. The event will have in-person and remote attendance and will tentatively run from 9 AM to 6 PM CET on both days.

While the agenda and thematic priorities for the conference are yet to be determined, we anticipate having a main room with high-level discussions, thematic panels, and presentations of concrete pledges, throughout the day.

**III. CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

No GDS would be complete without the Civil Society Forum that takes place just before GDS. The [Civil Society Reference Group](#), in consultation with other relevant partners, hosts the Civil Society Forum to leverage the opportunity to amplify the voices and participation of persons with disabilities, through their individual participation and that of representative OPDs. The Forums provide an opportunity to highlight current issues relevant to the global disability movement and the realization of the [UN CRPD](#) that will not specifically be addressed at the Summit. The Forums also set the stage for the more in-depth dialogue at the Summit on specific thematic areas. The Civil Society Forum will be held as a full day in person event, at the same location of the GDS, **on April 1, 2025.**

**IV. SERVICES REQUIRED**

To this extent, we are looking for 10 International Sign Language Interpreters for the days of the Summit.

This call is open for all [WASLI Accredited and Pre-accredited International Sign Interpreters](#).

Non accredited International Sign Interpreters can apply by providing sufficient evidence on exposure to the international conferences and a personal recommendation by WASLI Accredited Interpreter.

**V. HOW TO APPLY**

All interested candidates should send an email with official quotation (with daily fees indicated) to tenders@ida-secretariat.org with subject "GDS2025 international sign language interpreters", **by 30 September 2024.**

*Please note that we will be able to provide more detailed information closer to the dates of the event.*