Ramping up representation:

promoting participation of youth with disabilities in pandemic recovery efforts

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Virtual format:

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) will support with accessibility and inclusion of all participants by providing synchronic language interpretation services, International Sign (IS), and communication access real-time translation (CART).

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There is growing evidence that young persons with disabilities throughout the world are disproportionately isolated within their own communities. These youth are less likely than their peers to achieve the same educational, employment and personal outcomes as is seen with their non-disabled peers, especially in the Global South. Challenges posed by the COVID19 pandemic and related prevention measures have threatened to increase these barriers.

Innovations by youth with disabilities and organizations led by youth with disabilities have kept up a sense of community. Youth with disabilities emerged as leaders to promote inclusion, accessibility and access to basic needs and services to their communities having leveraged opportunities including those presented by technology.