

Thematic Pre-Summit on Disability Inclusion in the Health Sector under the auspices of the Global Disability Summit 2022

Invitation to the 12 January 2022, 15.00 to 17.00 CET

On behalf of the Government of Norway, the Government of Ghana, and the International Disability Alliance, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, we have the pleasure of inviting you to a Thematic Pre-Summit on Disability Inclusion in the Health Sector under the auspices of the Global Disability Summit 2022. The Thematic Pre-Summit will be held virtually on 12 January 2022.

The objective of the Pre-Summit is to galvanize recognition that disability inclusion is fundamental to the success of achieving health and wellbeing for all. This recognition is essential to build momentum and to catalyse the political prioritization needed for heads of states and governments, ministers, heads of agencies and international organizations, the private sector, and civil society leaders to make concrete commitments on disability inclusion in the health sector leading up to the Global Disability Summit on 16–17 February 2022

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Ensuring that persons with disabilities receive the quality health services that they need is necessary to achieving health and wellbeing for all, considering that more than 1 billion people, or 15 percent of the world's population, experience disability, and 46 percent of those are above 60 years.

Currently, persons with disabilities in all their diversity face discrimination and barriers preventing them from receiving quality, rights-based health services. Disability inclusion in the health sector aims to address such barriers and to promote the health and well-being of persons with disabilities and their families.

Everyone will ultimately benefit from disability inclusion in the health sector – addressing barriers experienced by persons with disabilities contributes to universality, people-centredness, and non-discrimination in health services and public health promotion.

Member States, health sector partners and civil society are invited to attend this Thematic Pre-Summit to be held 15.00–17.00 (CET) on 12 January 2022. For registration and programme details, please register [here](#). For any questions regarding the content, please contact ciezaa@who.int.

We look forward to your participation at this Thematic Pre-Summit, as part of the programme of events for the Global Disability Summit 2022.

Yours sincerely