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Global Disability **Youth** Summit

**List of sessions, moderators and speakers**

**LAUNCH OF THE GDS YOUTH – 00:00 CET (6:00 PM 13th February EST 3 PM Vancouver, 6 PM EST, Lima, Ciudad de Mexico, Quito, New York, Toronto, 8 PM Brasilia, Buenos Aires, 11 PM GMT, Bamako, Accra, 00:00 Cairo, Geneva, Niamey, Paris, Stockholm, Oslo)**

## English & Spanish, CART & ISI

**Moderator**: **Anne Leblanc,** ABRACA representative, Brazil

* **Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance
* **Rosangela Berman Bieler**, Global Disability Adviser, UNICEF
* **Marit Sørheim**, upcoming Atlas Alliance Director (Video)
* **Guler Koca**, IDA Youth Project Assistant

**Performance**: **Polyana Silva**, ABRACA & Vidas Negras de Pessoas com Deficiência Importa

**Call for Action** – Preamble and Action 1 – Increase decent work and easing employment opportunities (Video)

* **Iqbal Mohammad**, IDA Youth Committee Representative

**Call for Action** – Action 2 – Make technology and assistive devices accessible, gender- and age-sensitive

* **Asaid Albahadli**, drawings from the artist (Video)
* **Gagan Chhabra**, Atlas Alliance (Video)

**Call for Action** – Action 3 – Facilitate awareness-raising on disability rights, inclusion and human rights-based approaches to youth with disabilities.

**PACIFIC REGION: 1:00 AM CET (07:00 AM Bangkok, 11:00 AM Canberra, 12:00 AM Suva, 1:00 PM Tonga)**

## English, Chinese & Mongolian, CART & ISI

* **Climate Change and Youth with Disabilities**

**Moderator & Housekeeping**: **Shirley Liu**, Australia, WFD & IDA Youth Committee

**Fiji traditional dancing** (video)

**Fiji Traditional Deaf Dancers – Interviews** (video)

**Rainbow Theatre group** - Video documentary

**Visual Vernacular by Haley Martin** (video)

* **Aisyah Ardani,** Indonesia, BINTARI
* **Beia Tangai,** Kiribati, PDF Youth Committee
* **Melvina Voua**, People with Disability Solomon Islands Office, Solomon Islands
* **Áine Kelly-Costello**, New Zealand, IDA Youth Caucus (video)
* **Krishneer Sen**, Fiji, WFD Youth Section (video)
* **William Tukala**, Tonga, PDF and IDA Youth Caucus (video)

**Call for Action** – Action 4 – Ensure access to information, communications and services for all (Video)

**PACIFIC REGION: 3:00 AM CET (09:00 AM Hanoi, 10:00 AM Perth, Beijing & Ulaanbaatar, 1:00 PM Canberra)**

## English, Chinese & Mongolian, CART & ISI

* **ROUND TABLE: Stigma and Discrimination as a Barrier to Education**

**Moderator**: **Christelle Nguyen**, Vietnam, UNICEF

* **Kavya Mukhija**, India, writer, poet, disability rights advocate
* **Markus Operiano**, Philippines, UNICEF Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities Youth Council, IDA Youth Caucus
* **Survya Sahetapy**, Indonesia, Handai Tuli, IDA Youth Caucus
* **Temuulen Nasanbat**, Mongolia, Independent Living Centre

**Call for Action** – Action 5 – Access the right to recreation and support sustainable friendships (Video)

**ASIA REGION - 5:00 AM CET (9:00 AM Pakistan, 9:30 AM India, 10:00 AM Bangladesh, 11:00 AM Indonesia, 12 PM Manila)**

## English & Bahasa, CART & ISI

* **Deinstitutionalization, inhuman and degrading treatment**

**Moderator**: **Waqar Puri**, Pakistan, TCI

* **Agus Hidayat**, Indonesia, TCI and IDA Youth Committee
* **Baek Hyounggyu**, Bangladesh, WFD Regional Secretariat
* **Umi Asaka**, Japan, ENIL Japan
* **Amulya**, Udayan Care & Leena Prasad, co-speaker
* **Sumeera Gunasekara**, Generation Never Give Up Network Sri Lanka and Nimmu Kumari, co-speaker

**Call for Action** – Action 6 – Address the effects of climate change

**ASIA REGION - 7:00 AM CET (11:00 AM Pakistan, 11:30 AM India, 12:00 PM Bangladesh, 1:00 PM Indonesia, 2:00 PM Manila)**

## English & Bahasa, CART & ISI

* **ROUND TABLE: Transitioning Employment for Youth with Disabilities**

**Moderator**: **Rejaul Karim Siddiquee**, Bangladesh, IDA

* **Rohit Changundi**, India, Youth4jobs and Meera Shenoy, co-speaker
* **Niluka Gunawardena**
* **Nir Shrestha**, Blind Youth Association Nepal, Kathmandu Chapter
* **Shrutilata Singh**, India, Deafbind, Sense International India and Asha Patwal, co-speaker

**Call for Action** – Action 7 – Make humanitarian action inclusive

**EUROPE – MENA REGION – 9:00 AM CET & Cairo (10:00 AM Beirut, 11:00 AM Iraq & Qatar, 1:00 PM Islamabad, 2:00 PM Bangladesh, 3:00 PM Jakarta, 4:00 PM Beijing, Manila, 5:00 PM** **Tokyo, Seoul, 7 PM Canberra, Melbourne)**

## English, French & Arabic, CART & ISI

* **Humanitarian Crisis:**

**Welcome**: **Guler Koca**, IDA

**Moderator**: **Ali Al Barakat Ahmed Khalid**, Iraq, IDA Youth Caucus

**Video** – Ahmed Khalid Ali AL-Barakat, Brief Introduction of the Call for Action

* **Ahmed Abdalla**, Sudan, Blind students committee at University of Khartoum & IDA Youth Caucus
* **Esma Gumberidze**, Georgia, EDF
* **Saja Muhammad Qassem**,Iraq, IADO
* **Mamoun Mezaal**, Syria
* **Nazar Barjas**,Iraq, Sanger Organisation of Persons with Disabilities and IDA Youth Caucus (Video)

Closing remarks: **Ali Al Barakat Ahmed Khalid**, Iraq, IDA Youth Caucus

* **Employability:**

**Moderator**: **Guler Koca**, IDA

* **Nora Eklöv**, Sweden, Journalist and ENIL Youth Network board member
* **Samy Rochdi**, France, 100%Handinamique
* **Mehdi Benmoussa**, Morocco, AOPD and IDA Youth Committee
* **Saleh Nasser**, Jordan, UNICEF

**Call for Action** – Action 8 – Ensure quality, inclusive education for everyone

**Closing remarks**: **Guler Koca**, IDA

**ROUND TABLE: Youth with disabilities and Mental Health**

**Welcome remarks**: **Guler Koca**, IDA

**Moderator**: **Kamil Goungor**, Greece, ENIL and IDA Youth Committee

* **Antonio Ferreira**, Beyond, UK
* **Hannah Hodgson**, Diana Award, UK
* **Clementine Willow Doevendan**, Netherlands, ENIL Youth Network
* **Dominique de Marné**, Germany, Mental Health Advocate
* **Sarah Abu Ali**, Jordan

Closing remarks: **Kamil Goungor** and **Guler Koca**

**Call for Action** – Action 9 – Include all youth with disabilities, of all genders, through an intersectional approach

**AFRICA REGION - 1:00 PM CET (7:00 AM Lima, Quito, 9:00 AM Brasilia & Buenos Aires, 1.00 PM Niamey, 2.00 PM South Africa, 3.00 PM Kenya & Uganda, 5.30 India, 7:00 PM Jakarta)**

## English, French & Spanish, CART & ISI

* **Access to Information and Communication and Infrastructure**

**Welcome**: **Sarah Musau**, Unicef

**Opening remarks**: **Roy Sasaka**, CEO of National Youth Council, Kenya

**Moderator**: **Jackline Njeri**, Kenya, GCC

* **Dookhoo Soovan Sharma**, Mauritius
* **Joseph Owino**, Kenya, Chairperson Mount Kenya University Special Needs Association
* **Mashukura Habibu**, Tanzania, IDA Youth Caucus
* **Jackson Loiboku Lekatap**, Kenya, IDA Youth Caucus

**Closing remarks**: **Jackline Njeri**, Kenya, GCC

* **Political participation**

**Welcome and moderator**: **Ashura Michael**, Kenya, IDA

**Opening remarks**: **Hon. Mwaura Isaac Maigua**, Kenya

**Video** – **DVP Ford Foundation**

* **Chidi Olujie**, Nigeria
* **Valeria Adzatia**, Ghana
* **Saeed Yosuf**, Somalia, YODRIO
* **Blessings Mwalwanda**, Malawi

**Closing remarks**: **Hon. Mwaura Isaac Maigua**, Kenya

**Performance: Paul Mugambi**, Kenya

**Film showing** [EDF & CBM GDI](https://youtu.be/36jwHDRtmGg)

* **ROUND TABLE: Climate change**

**Welcome and moderator**: **Sarah Musau**, Kenya, UNICEF

**Opening remarks**: **Bernard Chirra**, Kenya

**Moderator**: **Cantol Pondja**, Mozambique, Forum of Mozambique Association for Disabled Persons and ADF

* **Aneth Gerana**, Tanzania
* **Ify Philipa Peterkin**, Nigeria
* **Sylvain Obedi**, DRC, IDA Youth Caucus
* **Benedicta Oyedayo**, Nigeria

**Poster card interlude**: **Ashura Michael**, Kenya, IDA

**Closing remarks**: **Sarah Musau**, Kenya, UNICEF

**Performance**: **Paul Mugambi**, Kenya

**AMERICAS REGION – 5:00 PM CET (8:00 AM Vancouver, 11:00 AM EST, Lima, Quito & Toronto, 1:00 PM Brasilia & Buenos Aires, 3:00 PM Cape Verde, 4:00 PM GMT, Bamako, Accra)**

## English, Spanish & Portuguese, CART & ISI

* **Stress-free recreation for everyone**

**Moderator**: **Daniel Palacios**, El Salvador, RIADIS

* **Gabriel Heredia**, Argentina, IIDI / META
* **Amelia O'Hare**, USA, Lake Shore Foundation
* **Andrea Toc**, Guatemala, “Las Lémuras” (Inclusive Theatre Group)
* **Nefertiti Matos Olivares**, USA, DICAPTA Foundation
* **ROUND TABLE: Gaps and challenges for the participation of young persons with disabilities**

**Moderators**: **Antonio Palma**, Guatemala, RIADIS and IDA Youth Committee and

**Aylin Fidel**, Dominican Republic, LAT Youth Network of RIADIS

* **Irene Cuevas**, Argentina, IIDI/META
* **Zipporah Ntinnie**, Kenya, Mobility Taruesh, IDA Youth Committee
* **Natalia Pesso**, Panama, IDA Youth Caucus
* [**Abbas Karimi**](https://www.unhcr.org/abbas-karimi.html), Global Youth Advisory Council for refugees
* **Milica Veljkovic**, Serbia, Impact 21

**Closing remarks**: **Marisol Moreno**, UNICEF

**CLOSURE OF THE GDS YOUTH - 8:30 PM CET (11:30 AM Vancouver, 2:30 PM EST, Lima & Quito, 4:30 PM Buenos Aires & Brasilia, 7:30 AM +1 Fiji)**

**Moderator**: **Matias Ferreyra**, ULAC Chair

* **Juan Angel**, Chair of RIADIS
* **Bjoerg Sandkjaer**, Deputy-Minister of International Development, Norway (Video)
* **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (Video)
* **Diene Keita**, UNFPA Deputy-Executive Director
* **Pascal Bijleveld**, CEO ATscale

**Call for Action**

* **Antonio Palma**, IDA Youth Committee
* **Aida Tesfai**, Youth Mental Health Norway
* **Parmi Dheensa**, IncludeMeToo

**Cultural**:UNICEF Uganda “It’s about Ability” [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwl46xGYUtc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwl46xGYUtc)

**Closing remarks**: **Jose Vieira**, GDS Secretariat

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