



The 2025 Global Disability Summit



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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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About this booklet



This booklet is from:

- The Federal Republic of Germany.
- The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- The International Disability Alliance.



We are running the next **Global Disability Summit (GDS)**.

The **Global Disability Summit (GDS)** is an event that asks countries around the world to do more to include people with disabilities.



The next GDS will be on April 2 and 3, 2025.



This booklet is about the **objectives** of the next GDS.

Objectives are the main things we want to make happen.

About the Global Disability Summit (GDS)



The GDS is an event that happens every 3 years.



It brings together many different people, organisations and governments from countries around the world.



Most importantly, it brings together people with disabilities and organisations led by them with governments and other organisations.



At the GDS, countries have the chance to:

- Learn about including people with disabilities in all parts of life.
- Meet organisations that are led by people with disabilities.

Why do we need the GDS?



Most countries do not do enough to include people with disabilities.



This needs to change.



By including people with disabilities more, countries will be better for everyone.



The GDS asks countries to support and include people with disabilities more.



We will ask countries to make promises about what they will do to include people with disabilities.

We call these promises **commitments**.

The next Global Disability Summit (GDS)

The next GDS will:



- Be hosted by:
 - The Federal Republic of Germany.
 - The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
 - The International Disability Alliance.



- Take place on April 2 and 3, 2025



- Happen in the city of Berlin, in Germany.



- Be an in-person event, but anyone can also join online if they want to.

At the next GDS, we want to:



- Speak up about the **rights** of people with disabilities.

Rights are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe and the right to education.



- Ask countries from around the world to include people with disabilities more.



To make sure this happens, the next GDS will focus on 7 things:

1. Including people with all disabilities in the GDS



We want to make sure people with disabilities are included in the GDS event.

We will do this by:



- Writing commitments with the help of organisations led by people with disabilities.



- Making sure people with disabilities can give and understand talks at the GDS.



- Working with organisations led by people with disabilities to decide what we should focus on at the GDS that will take place in 2025.



- Helping organisations led by people with disabilities talk to and work with countries at the GDS.

2. Showing governments and countries how



Often, countries say they will support and include people with disabilities, but they do not know how to do this.

We want to show people who make important decisions for countries:



- How they can support and include people with disabilities.



- Why it is bad for people with disabilities to not be included and not have their rights.

At the next GDS, we will show people who make important decisions for countries:



- Good ways of supporting and including people with disabilities.



- Unhelpful ways of supporting and including people with disabilities, so they know not to do them.



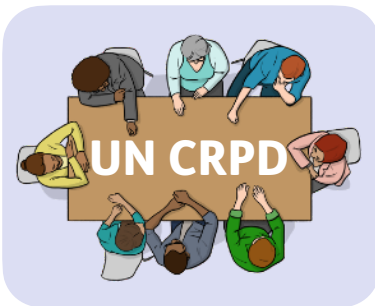
- How to check that their **policies** about supporting people with disabilities are being followed.

Policies are the ways an organisation does things.

3. Rights



We want to make it clear that when people with disabilities are treated unfairly, they are not getting their rights.



We will have discussions about the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)**.



The **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)** is an agreement between lots of different countries.



The agreement says the rights of people with disabilities must be respected.

At the next GDS, we will:



- Help countries understand the UN CRPD.



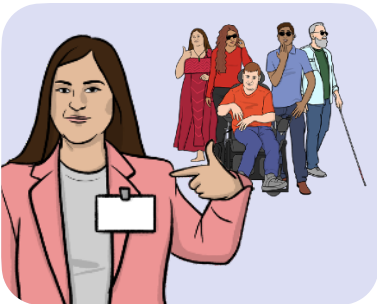
- Help countries know what kind of commitments and policies can support the UN CRPD.

4. Taking responsibility

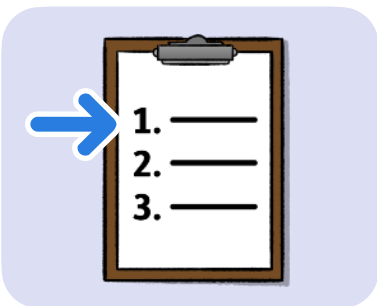


Taking responsibility means doing what you have to do.

Countries must see supporting and including people with disabilities as:



- A responsibility.



- A **priority**.

A **priority** is something important that should be focused on first.



At the next GDS, we want countries to take responsibility by making strong commitments, and then following them.

5. Including people with disabilities in development



Development is when a country makes life better for the people who live there.



Sometimes, countries help other countries with development. This is called **development cooperation**.

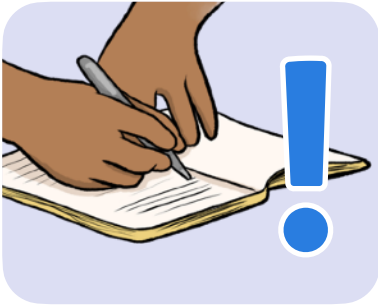


We want countries to think about and include people with disabilities in development.



By doing this, countries will make sure that development is fair and good for people with disabilities.

At the next GDS, we will:



- Write a document about why including people with disabilities in development is important.



- Make sure including people with disabilities in development is part of discussions in the future.



- Ask countries to think about people with disabilities during development cooperation.

6. Money



Making sure people with disabilities are supported and included costs money.



Some countries have less money than others.



This means they find it harder to spend money on supporting people with disabilities.

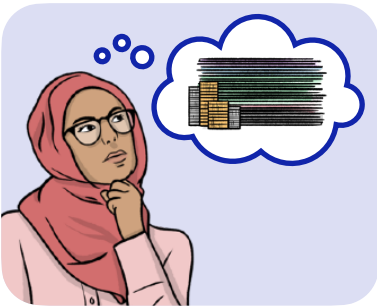
At the next GDS, we will:



- Help countries work together to support and include people with disabilities.

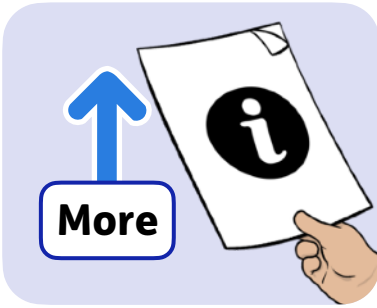


- Show countries that they need money to support and include people with disabilities.



- Help countries understand how they can use the money they already have to better support and include people with disabilities.

7. Information



To be able to support and include people with disabilities, we need more information about them.



This helps us to learn more about the needs of people with disabilities.



At the next GDS, we will focus on good ways of collecting and using information.

We also need information to:



- Find out where the UN CRPD is not being followed.

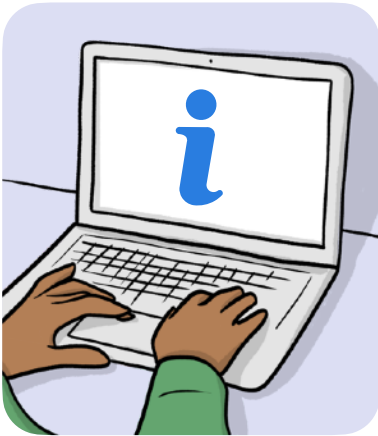


- Find out which countries need money to spend on supporting people with disabilities.

We will get this information from:



- A report called the **Global Disability Inclusion Report**.

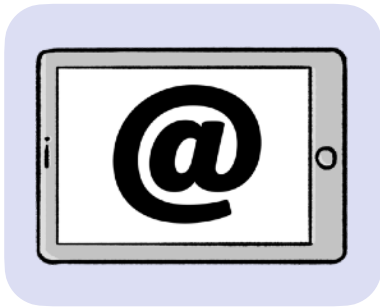


- The new **Disability Data Hub**, which will be shared at the next GDS.

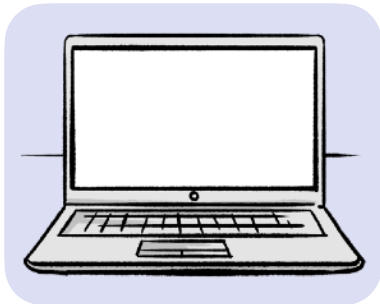
The **Disability Data Hub** is a way of collecting, keeping and sharing information about people with disabilities.

Find out more

To find out more about the GDS, you can:



- Email: summit@ida-secretariat.org



- Visit the GDS website:
www.globaldisabilitysummit.org