GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT 2025
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Co-hosted by the Governments of Germany and Jordan, and the International Disability Alliance (IDA)

WHEN & WHO
April 2-3, 2025, in Berlin, Germany. Leaders of states and governments, organizations of persons with disabilities, international organizations, businesses, and non-governmental organizations.

WHY
The main goal of the GDS is to increase the commitment of world leaders to disability inclusive development. Disability inclusion is still not a priority in most countries of the world and largely underfunded. It is time for change, to recognize that disability inclusion is not a charitable act, but a fundamental human right - both a duty and a quality feature of modern organizations and societies. Disability inclusive structures benefit societies as a whole and contribute to their wellbeing, resilience, and sustainable development.

WHAT
• The GDS aims to galvanize global efforts to achieve disability inclusion around the world. It brings together a wide range of high-level stakeholders to engage and discuss the progress on disability inclusion: governments, multilateral agencies, the private sector, academia, and civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities and foundations.

• The GDS provides a mechanism for commitments that mobilize investment in financial and human resources to support disability inclusive development and humanitarian action. The best of these, as well as good practices and evidence from around the world, will be showcased to a global audience in Berlin in order to inspire change. Throughout 2024, stakeholders are mobilized to submit commitments, i.e. political and/or financial pledges towards disability inclusion. Commitments can be submitted from June 2024 onward.

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