



# GDS commitments

Answers to your questions



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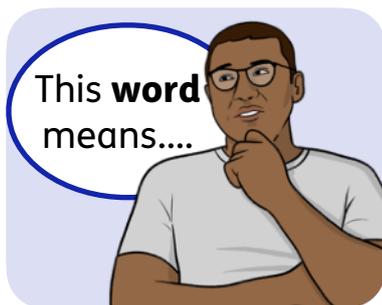
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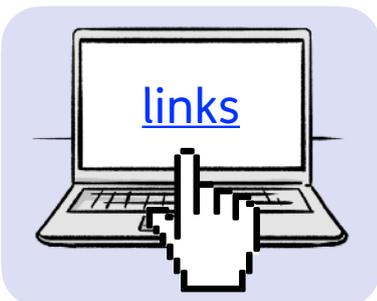
This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



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.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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# About this booklet



The International Disability Alliance, the Government of Germany and the Government of Jordan have written this booklet.



This booklet will answer questions people have asked about our **GDS commitments**.



**GDS** stands for **Global Disability Summit**. This is an event that asks countries around the world to do more to include people with disabilities.



The **GDS commitments** are promises that people or groups make to respect 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 be respected.

# Answers to your questions

## What are the GDS commitments?



GDS commitments let people, organisations and countries say exactly what they will do to protect the rights of people with disabilities.



The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** sets out the rights of people with disabilities around the world.



The CRPD is an agreement that countries around the world made about the rights of people with disabilities.

## Why are the GDS commitments important?

The GDS commitments give people and organisations a chance to show that:



- They are following the law.

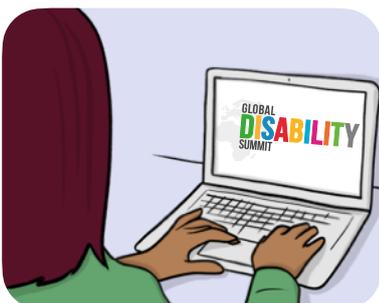


- They will do things to help people with disabilities.

## Are there rules for making GDS commitments?



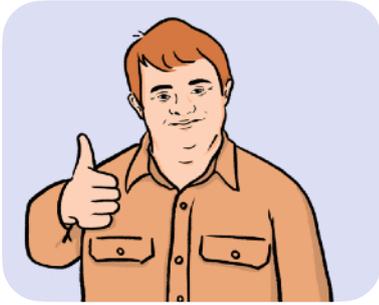
We have a guide that explains what people must do when they make a commitment.



If you are making a commitment for the first time, you need to sign up on our online platform.



You can visit the online platform here:  
[gds.idata.tools/home/guidance](https://gds.idata.tools/home/guidance)



This makes sure that the  
commitments are true and fair.

## How do I make a commitment?

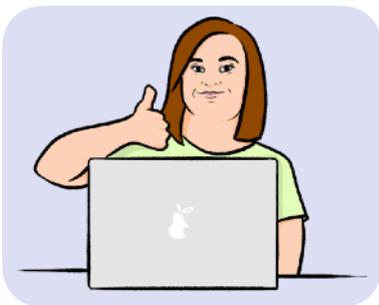
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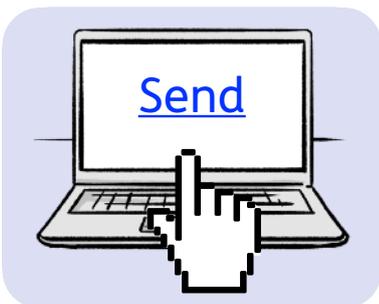
- Read our guide and think of something you want your government or organization to do.



- Write down what you will do, when you will do it, and what difference it will make for people.



- Sign up on the online platform, or sign in if you have used it before.



- Send in your commitment for the Global Disability Summit 2025.

## I sent in commitments during GDS2022 or GDS2018. How can I change them?



You can add new commitments or change old ones on the online platform.

## Can I work with others to make a commitment?



Countries and groups from around the world should work with **Organisations of People with Disabilities** to make commitments.



**Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs)** are groups that support people with disabilities. They are run by people with disabilities.



You can talk to everyone making commitments on the website.



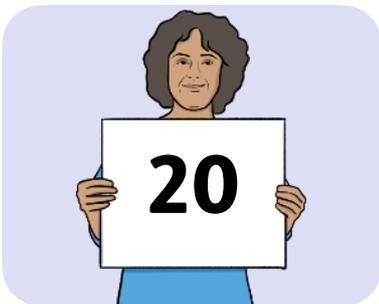
You can also ask people to work with you on our website.

### **When will my commitments be shown to the public?**



The website will show the commitments on 3rd April 2025.

### **Will my commitment be shown at the Global Disability Summit?**

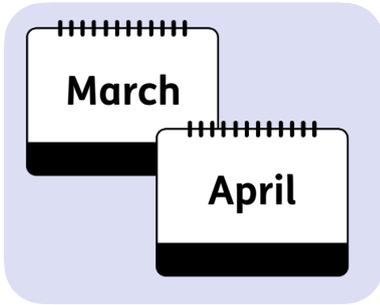


The GDS group will pick the top 20 commitments.



The best commitments will be shown at the Summit.

## What happens after I send in my commitment? How do I say how I am doing?



You can say how you are doing once a year in March and April.



The GDS group will look at what you say and write a report about it.

# Find out more



You can look at our website here:  
[www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/](http://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/)