



Asia Regional Disability Summit
February 14 and 15, 2025
Bangkok, Thailand

Friday, 14 February 2025 (Day #1)			
Annotated Program			
Time	Title	Speakers	Objectives / guiding questions
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Registration and refreshments		
10.00 am – 10.30am	Opening Remarks	(Mr.) PT Lim, ASEAN Disability Forum Chair (Mr.) Peter Baur, Commissioner GDS (Ms.) June Kunugi, Regional Director, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office Moderator: IDA	Up to 5 minutes each.
10.30 am – 11.00 am	An overview of the Global Disability Summit (GDS)	IDA/GDS Secretariat (Dr.) Alexander Gorsdorf (BMZ)	Provide initial background to what the GDS is, contextualize the sessions over the course of the two days



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11.00 am – 12.30 pm	Plenary Session 1: Disability Inclusive Development, Digital Inclusion and International Cooperation	(Dr) Victor Zhuang Kuansong (on digital inclusion) (Dr) Nantanoot (Apple) Suwannawut (on digital inclusion as a user) (Mr.) Mike Kim (on international cooperation) (Ms.) Reena Lee (on international co-operation & digital inclusion) Mr. Tolhas Damanik (on disability inclusive development) Moderator: (Ms.) Risnawati Utami	To be discussed: financing, digital technologies and policies, etc..



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12.30 pm– 2.00 pm	Lunch Break		
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Plenary Session 2: Gender issues (equality, inclusion of women and girls)	(Ms.) Saowalak Thongkuay (on Women with Disability Movement) (Ms.) Maria Qureshi on Women with Disability Movement) (Ms.) Nurul Qoiriah (on GEDSA - Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion) (Ms) Anna Mallard, Policy Officer, DFAT (Ms) Mitsue Uemura, UNICEF Moderator: Ms Maroua Ben Said	
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break		



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4.00 pm – 5.30pm	Plenary Session 3: Poverty alleviation and disability inclusive social protection	(Mr.) Abner Manlapaz (Dr.) Alisa Sivathorn (Mr.) Murali Padmanabhan, WFP (Mr.) Max Simpson General Secretariat of the National Social Protection Council of Cambodia Ms. Lisa-Marie Ouedraogo-Wasi, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF Cambodia Moderator: (Ms) Amba Salelkar, IDA	
7:00pm – 9.00 pm	Welcome Reception Dinner & Networking Session hosted by KOICA		Welcome address by KOICA



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Saturday February 15, 2025 (Day #2)			
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Time	Title	Speakers	Objectives / guiding questions
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Plenary Session 4: Inclusive Employment	(Ms.) Jacqueline De Costà (Mr.) Somchai Rungslip Mr. Agus Putro, GIZ Indonesia Moderator: (Mr.) Dong Ho Kim	
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Coffee Break		
11.00 am – 12.30pm	Plenary Session 5: Climate change and disability inclusive disaster risk reduction	(Ms.) Maulani A Rotinsulu (Mr.) Talal Waheed, UNDRR (Ms.) Barkha Henry Ms. Rachel Harvey, UNICEF Moderator: Dulamsuren Jigid	



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12.30 – 2.00pm	Lunch Break		
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Plenary Session 6: Access to health and SHRH, including in the aftermath of COVID-19	(Mr.) Miguel Musngi, , ASEAN Secretariat (Mr.) Wong Yoon Loong (Dr.) Zaw Moe Aung, Leprosy Mission, Myanmar (Ms.) Metta Thipavong Moderator: Imed Ouertani, IDA	
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Panel Discussion: Driving regional change - translating GDS commitments into actions (GDS as a way to implement the	(Ms.) Cai Cai, UNESCAP (Mr.) PT Lim, ASEAN Disability Forum HE Ung Sambath, Secretary General of DAC, MoSVY, Cambodia	



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	CRPD in Asia and reflect on the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities)	(Mr.) Waqar Puri, TCI-Global Secretariat (Ms.) Panwasa Srikuna (Ja) UNICEF Thailand Young People Advisory Board Moderator: (Ms.) Didi Malai, Council for the Welfare of People with Different Abilities (MKOKU) of Brunei	
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Coffee break		
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Closing (potential presentation of outcome document)	(Ms.) Nguyen Hong Ha from ASEAN Disability Forum (Mr.) Myo-Zin Nyunt, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF	



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		(Mr.) PT Lim, ASEAN Disability Forum	

Speakers List with full titles:

Plenary Session 1: Disability Inclusive Development, Digital Inclusion and International Cooperation

1. Dr. Victor Zhuang Kuansong, Assistant Professor, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
2. Dr. Nantanoot (Apple) Suwannawut, Director of International Cooperation Section, Department of Employment of Persons with Disabilities (DEP)
3. (Mr.) Mike Kim, Secretary General, Disabled People international Asia Pacific (on international cooperation)
4. (Ms.) Reena Lee, Director, Rehabilitation International Korea
5. (Mr.) Tolhas Damanik, Disability Rights Advisor – General Election Network for Disability Access (AGENDA).
6. Moderator: (Ms.) Risnawati Utami, Executive Director of OHANA Indonesia

Plenary Session 2: Gender issues (equality and inclusion of women and girls with disabilities)

1. (Ms.) Saowalak Thongkuay, ASEAN Disability Forum



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2. (Ms.) Maria Qureshi, Executive Director, National Forum of Women with Disabilities, Pakistan
3. (Ms) Nurul Qoiriah, Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and Victim Rights Director, ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking (ACT)
4. (Ms.) Anna Mallard, Strategic Budget and Investment, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Branch, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia
5. (Ms.) Mitsue Uemura, Regional Education Advisor, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office. UNICEF
6. Moderator: (Ms.) Maroua Ben Said, Senior Humanitarian Officer, IDA

Plenary Session 3: Poverty alleviation and disability inclusive social protection

1. (Mr.) Abner Manlapaz, Member of the Board, Life Haven Center for Independent Living, Philippines & Senior Associate, Center for Inclusive Policy
2. (Dr.) Alisa Sivathorn, Disability Inclusion and Empowerment Specialist, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH)
3. (Mr.) Murali Padmanabhan, WFP
4. (Mr.) Max Simpson, Founder and CEO, STEPS, Bangkok.
5. National Social Protection Council, Cambodia
6. (Ms.) Lisa-Marie Ouedraogo-Wasi, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF Cambodia
7. Moderator: (Ms) Amba Salelkar, Senior Manager, Programs & Impact, International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Plenary Session 4: Inclusive Employment

1. (Ms) Jacqueline DeCosta. Head, Client Support and Fulfilment Enterprise Bizlink Centre, Singapore
2. (Mr.) Somchai Rungslip, Community Development Department Manager. of the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)., Bangkok.
3. Mr. Agus Putro, GIZ Indonesia
4. Moderator: (Mr.) Dong Ho Kim, Chairman, the Policy Committee of the Korea Federation of Disability Organizations (KOFDO) & President, Disability Mainstreaming Policy Forum (DMPF)



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Plenary Session 5: Climate change and disability inclusive disaster risk reduction

1. (Ms) Maulani A Rotinsulu, ASEAN Disability Forum, General Secretary Indonesia Association of Women with Disabilities (HWDI), Founder/Chief of Advisory, National Coalition of Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (POKJA), Working Group Coordinator on Climate Change in ASEAN.
2. (Mr.) Talal Waheed, Disability Advisor. UNDRR Regional Office for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok
3. (Ms.) Barkha Henry, Deputy Regional Director, Diakonia Asia Regional Office
4. (Ms.) Rachel Harvey, Regional Adviser, Child Protection, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific
5. Moderator: Dulamsuren Jigjid, Executive Director at Culture Center for the Deaf, Mongolia

Plenary Session 6: Access to health and SRHR, including in the aftermath of COVID-19

1. (Mr.) Miguel Musngi, Assistant Director, ASEAN Secretariat
2. (Mr.) Wong Yoon Loong, President, Malaysian Confederation of the Disabled (MCD)
3. (Dr.) Zaw Moe Aung, Executive Director, The Leprosy Mission
4. (Ms.) Metta Thipavong, Helping People Move On, Laos
5. Moderator: (Mr.) Imed Ouertani, Senior Officer, Movement Strengthening and Support, International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Panel Discussion: Driving Regional Change - Translating GDS commitments into actions

1. (Ms.) Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division. United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
2. (Mr.) PT Lim, ADF Chair
3. HE Ung Sambath, Secretary General of DAC, MoSVY, Cambodia
4. (Mr.) Waqar Puri, Director of Programs and Operations, TCI-Global Secretariat
5. (Ms.) Panwasa Srikuna (Ja), UNICEF Thailand Young People Advisory Board
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