



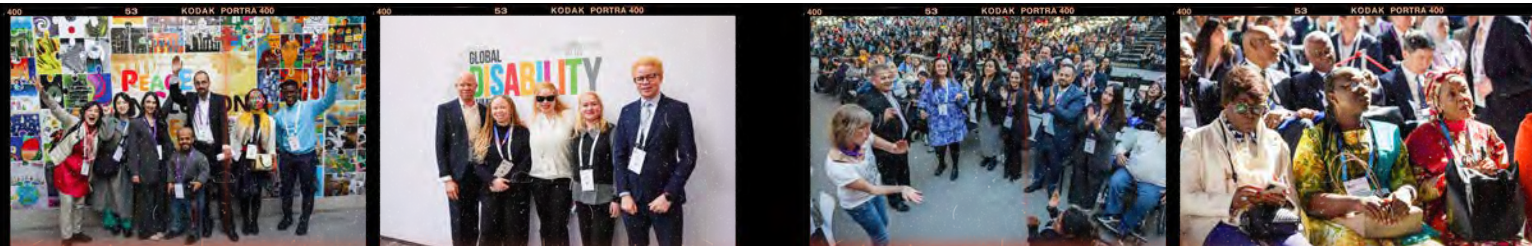
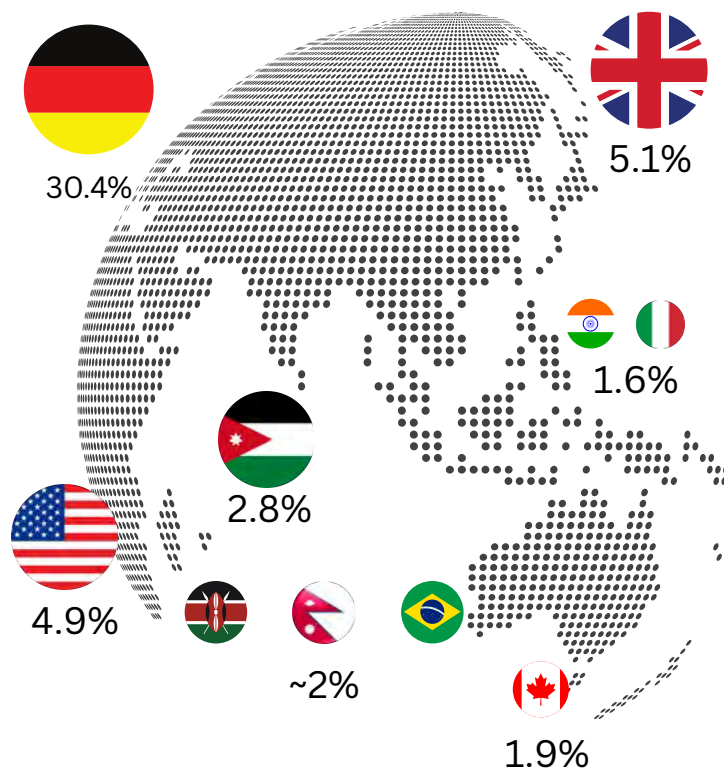
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT 2025

At a glance



4,700 ATTENDEES FROM 160 COUNTRIES

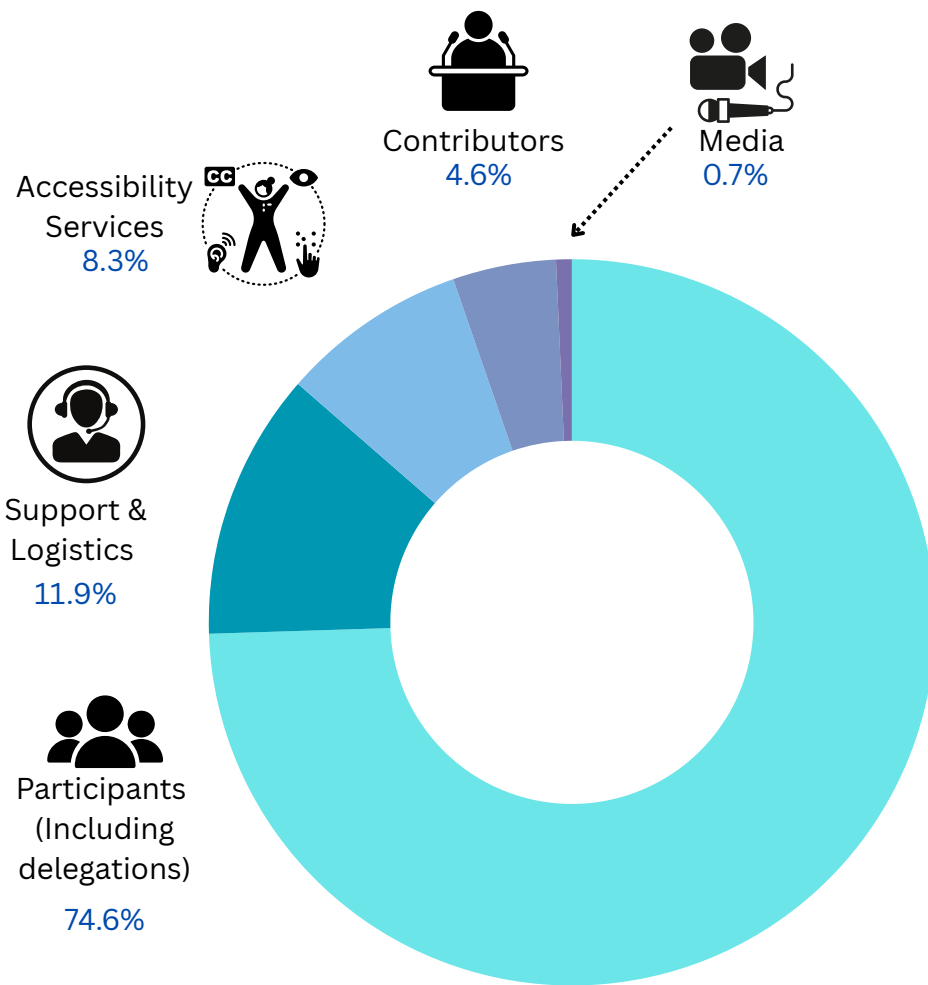
The Global Disability Summit 2025 brought together over 4,700 participants from more than 160 countries over two days, including government delegations, OPDs, activists, allies, media, and volunteers. The host country, Germany, led participation with 727 attendees (30.4%), followed by the UK (121, 5.1%), USA (116, 4.9%), Jordan (67, 2.8%), Kenya and Nepal (49 each, 2.0%), Brazil (48, 2.0%), Canada (46, 1.9%), and India and Italy (39 each, 1.6%).



CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

Held on 1 April 2025, the Civil Society Forum brought together **2,031 participants** from across the globe. Organized a day before the Global Disability Summit, it served as a vital platform for Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), civil society actors, and allies to strategize, share priorities, and amplify voices ahead of the main Summit discussions.





GDS 2025 welcomed a diverse audience. Participants and delegations made up 74.5% of attendees, including youth with disabilities, Indigenous groups, and people from conflict-affected areas. Organizing and support teams including cohost staff, crew, volunteers, and Delegation Accreditation Officers accounted for 11.9%. Accessibility service providers made up 8.3%, contributors such as speakers and exhibitors 4.6%, and media representatives 0.7%

ACCESSIBILITY



Sign Language Users
88



Closed Caption Users
284



Easy Read Users
249



Audio Description Users
215



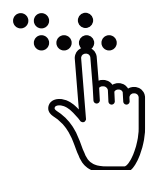
Induction Loop Users
58



Wheelchair Users
238



Guide Dogs
13



Visually Impaired
113

FUNDING INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

OPD REPRESENTATION AT GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT 2025

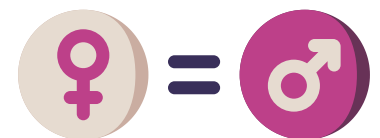


Thanks to the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), IDA and its members were able to facilitate the meaningful participation of OPDs across Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific, and conflict-affected regions in both the Civil Society Forum and the Global Disability Summit 2025. **This included 269 participants at the CSF and 289 at the Summit itself.** Nearly half (49%) of these participants were women with disabilities, reflecting the co-hosts' continued commitment to gender-balanced representation. This support ensured strong geographic and demographic diversity and helped elevate the voices of grassroots leaders, youth, and marginalized communities—reinforcing the principle of 'nothing about us without us' at the highest level of global dialogue and actively shaping the conversations and outcomes of the Summit.

Diversity of Funded OPDs



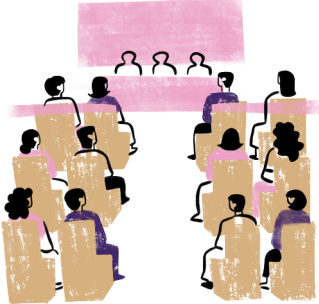
Representation from 130 countries



Nearly equal representation of men and women

THE PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

60+ Sessions



GDS 2025 featured over 60 sessions, including main sessions shaped by the co-hosts after two years of global consultations with OPDs and other stakeholders. These sessions reflected the priorities of the disability movement and addressed the Summit's core themes.

24 Side Events

The side events were 60-minute sessions selected from open applications, engaging the GDS audience on key topics. These events prioritized multi-stakeholder collaboration, especially with OPDs, and focused on CRPD implementation and the core pillars of the GDS 2025.



24 Fireside Chats

Informal, small-group discussions of up to 30 participants, designed to foster open dialogue on GDS themes. These sessions encouraged personal exchange, connection-building, and the co-creation of inclusive solutions.



32 Exhibition Booths

A dynamic networking space where civil society, the private sector, academia, and others showcased inclusive innovations and initiatives to a global audience.



AMMAN-BERLIN DECLARATION

The Amman–Berlin Declaration on Global Disability Inclusion is one of the most significant outcomes of GDS 2025. It marks a milestone in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, with strong commitments to disability-inclusive development cooperation and humanitarian action. The Declaration emphasizes the meaningful engagement of OPDs and aims to foster impactful partnerships.

As of May 2025, the Declaration **received 99 endorsements** from governments and development organizations. The map below highlights the **74 countries** that have endorsed the Declaration so far, reflecting a truly global movement for disability inclusion.



A key feature of the Declaration is the **“15 percent for the 15 percent”** target. Endorsing actors commit to strive to ensure that at least 15 percent of their international development programs being implemented at the country level pursue disability inclusion as an objective. This target seeks to establish, for the first time, a quantifiable benchmark for disability inclusion at a global scale – with the goal of achieving it by the 4th Global Disability Summit in 2028.



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