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Introduction

The Global Disability Summit ([GDS](#)) represents a pivotal opportunity to advance disability inclusion on a global scale. The active involvement and participation of civil society, particularly Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), is crucial to ensuring the Summit's success.

Background to GDS

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is a unique global mechanism that aims to improve the lives of persons with disabilities, especially from the Global South. It was created in 2017 to convene global, regional, and national stakeholders that share the same goal and vision for disability inclusive development and humanitarian action.

The Role of OPDs

Importance of OPDs

Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) are critical as they provide direct representation and advocacy for persons with disabilities. They ensure that the voices and experiences of persons with disabilities are at the forefront of discussions, decision-making, and policy formulation. OPDs bring authenticity and credibility to the dialogue, as they are driven persons with disabilities themselves. OPDs are essential in driving systemic transformational change towards an inclusive and equitable society. Their representative character, strategic advocacy efforts, rights-based approach, and collaborative partnerships distinguish them as key actors in advancing disability rights globally. By amplifying the voices and aspirations of persons with disabilities, OPDs contribute to shaping a world where diversity is celebrated, barriers are dismantled, and everyone can enjoy their rights and benefits from inclusive development.

Active Participation:

To maximize their impact, OPDs should be involved in every phase of the GDS, including:

- **Planning:** OPDs should be part of the core planning committees to help shape the agenda, ensuring it reflects the most pressing issues and priorities of the disability community. OPDs also play a key role in planning and delivering the Civil Society Forum (CSF), through the Civil Society Reference Group (CSRG).
- **Delivery:** Before the Summit OPDs should be involved in moderating informative and consultative workshops, informing and participating in panels during Regional Summits, in the drafting and submission of commitments, in advocating for participation in the Summit. During the Summit, OPDs should lead and co-host key sessions, workshops, and panels, providing firsthand insights and driving the discussions.
- **Follow-Up:** Post-summit, OPDs should be engaged in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of commitments made, ensuring accountability and sustained action.

According to this, the International Disability Alliance ([IDA](#)) and the GDS Secretariat are launching this survey to select up to 200 representatives of OPDs to participate in the next Global Disability Summit, in Berlin in 2025. Selected participants will be funded to attend the Global Disability Summit and the Civil Society Forum and will travel to Berlin from April 1 to April 3 2025.

Those selected will be given the opportunity to represent their organization at this global event. They will be given guidance on how to ensure they prepare to represent their networks or constituencies, its perspectives and priorities. They will also have guidance on how to effectively participate and network, how to bring benefits back to the work of their organization. Selected OPDs representatives will be contacted by IDA's logistic team to arrange travels. VISA applications will be supported. Decisions on what costs will be covered will follow GIZ cost eligibility criteria and IDA's Reasonable Accommodation Policy.

NOMINATION FORM

Section 1 About you

1. Your First Name: *
2. Your Last Name: *
3. Your email address: *
4. Share here your Twitter or LinkedIn account if you would like. (open box)
5. Gender (How do you identify?) *
 - a. Female
 - b. Male
 - c. Other
 - d. Prefer not to say
6. What is your age? *
 - a. 18 and under
 - b. Between 19 and 35
 - c. Between 36 and 55
 - d. Between 56 and 64
 - e. Between 65 and 74
 - f. 75 and over
 - g. I prefer not to say
7. Do you consider yourself to be *
 - a. A person with intellectual disability
 - b. An autistic person
 - c. A person with deafblindness
 - d. A person with psychosocial disability

- e. A person who is blind or partially sighted
 - f. A person with physical impairments
 - g. A deaf person
 - h. A person who is hard of hearing or has other hearing impairments
 - i. A person with a disability not yet mentioned
 - j. I prefer not to say
8. If you answered, "A person with another disability not yet mentioned", please describe (empty box) *
9. Do you identify as an indigenous person and/or a person from an ethnic or racial minority? *
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not sure
 - d. I prefer not to say
10. What is your country of origin? (empty box) *
11. At the event, simultaneous translation will be provided from English into German, Arabic, International Sign, German Sign Language and Arabic Sign Language. Would you need language interpretation in a different language? (YES / NO) *
- 11.a If you answered YES to the question above, what language would you need interpretation in? (empty box) *
12. Do you often attend meetings with a personal assistant, guide-interpreter, support person, etc.?(YES / NO) *
- 12.a Will you bring your own personal assistant, guide-interpreter, etc. (IDA will cover for the cost) or do you need IDA to find one for you? *
- a. I will bring my own personal assistant
 - b. I need IDA to help me in finding a personal assistant, guide-interpreter, etc.
13. Do you have any other accessibility requirements you would like IDA to know about? (open box) *

Section 2 About your organization

14. Do you represent an Organization of People with Disability (OPD)? (YES/NO) *
15. What is the name of the Organization of Persons with Disabilities that you represent? *
16. Do you know if your organization is a member of IDA, or a member of a member of IDA? (This information is purely for data tracking purposes. You can find a full list of IDA members and associated members [here](#)) (YES/NO)

- 16.a What is the name of the IDA member (if you know)
17. Does your organization have a website or social media profile? (open box)
18. What is the Country or Region that your Organization works in? (open box) *
19. If you are not a representative of an Organization of Persons with Disabilities, are you:*
- a. A self – advocate
 - b. A representative of an organization of parents or family of persons with disabilities
 - c. A representative of a non-formal registered organization or grassroots network
 - d. Other (please specify)

Section 3 About your experience:

20. What is your experience advancing disability rights nationally or regionally? *
21. Can you let us know what you would bring to the GDS, and why you think you should be selected?*
22. Do you have any thematic experience on the following topics (you can select up to 3) *
- a. Inclusive employment
 - b. Inclusive Humanitarian Action, including situations of war and conflict
 - c. Inclusive education
 - d. Health equity
 - e. Inclusion in digital information or communication
 - f. Community Inclusion and Deinstitutionalization
 - g. Inclusive climate action
 - h. Accessible infrastructure
 - i. Social protection
 - j. The role of the Private Sector in Advancing Social Inclusion
 - k. Inclusive Tourism
 - l. Financing for Disability Inclusive Development
23. Can you tell us more about your experience with the topics you selected? *
24. Would you like to share any additional information not yet covered in this application?