



The Global Disability Summit 2025

How you can get involved



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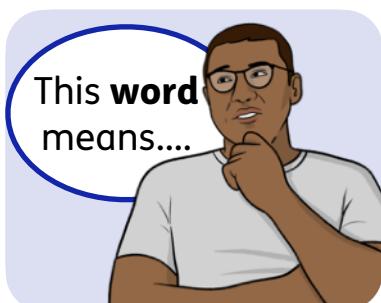
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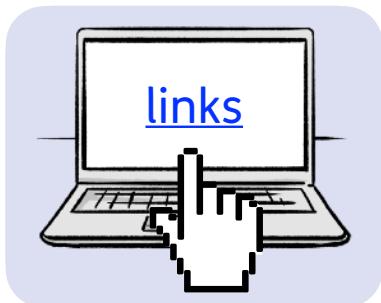
This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



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



This booklet is about the **Global Disability Summit (GDS)** 2025.

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is an event that asks countries around the world to do more to include people with disabilities.



The GDS brings together many different people and organisations from around the world.



This includes governments and organisations of people with disabilities (OPDs).



The GDS takes place every 3 years.

We want to help people know how to:



- Support and talk about GDS 2025.



- Make their country's government and businesses aware of GDS 2025.

This booklet will:



- Tell you about the goals of GDS 2025.



- Explain what you could talk about when you speak up about GDS 2025.



- Give you some ways to make sure your country's government and businesses are aware of GDS 2025.

Goals for GDS 2025



There are 7 main goals for GDS 2025.

Goal 1



GDS 2025 will focus on what people with disabilities say is important to them.

Goal 2



Plans will be made about how the lives of people with disabilities can be better.

Goal 3



GDS 2025 will focus on how people with disabilities should have their **rights** respected.

Rights are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe and the right to be respected.



We will talk about how people with disabilities can sometimes have their rights taken away.



We will ask organisations to promise to follow the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.

The **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is an agreement that countries around the world made about the rights of people with disabilities.

Goal 4



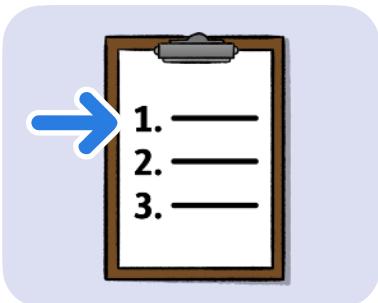
We want countries to **take responsibility** by promising to deal with issues that stop people with disabilities from being included.

Taking responsibility means doing what you have to do.

Countries must see supporting and including people with disabilities as:



- A responsibility.



- A priority.

A **priority** is something important that should be focused on first.

Goal 5



We want countries to include people with disabilities in their **international development work**.

International development work is when a country supports another country with improving the lives of people who live there.



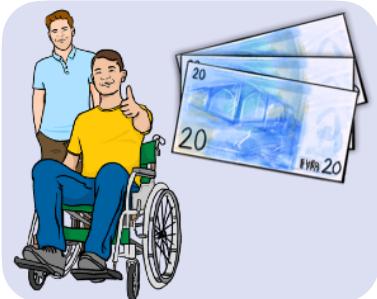
When countries support other countries, we want them to also think about improving the lives of people with disabilities who live there.



By doing this, countries will make sure that international development is fair and good for people with disabilities.

Goal 6

We will talk about how important it is that countries:



- Spend enough money on supporting people with disabilities.



- Use enough of their **resources** to support disabilities.

Resources are things that help us get work done, like materials or people's time and skills.



We want to make sure that countries have enough money to make important changes for people with disabilities.

Goal 7

We will:



- Collect new information.



- Use the information we collect to help make plans.



We will use this information to help countries and organisations make good choices that meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Talking about GDS 2025



When you speak up about GDS 2025, you can talk about what is planned for GDS 2025.



You can talk about how at GDS 2025 we will:

- Ask governments and businesses to spend more money on treating people with disabilities fairly.



This includes making services easier to use, and schools and workplaces better.



- Get governments and organisations to promise to make new plans to help people with disabilities.

You can also talk about how at GDS 2025 we will:

- Give training and support to OPDs.

This includes helping people with disabilities to understand and speak up for their rights.



- Work with businesses to make sure people with disabilities are included in the workplace.



- Speak up about making sure people with disabilities have their say in plans that will affect their lives in the future.



- Speak up about the importance of collecting and using information about people with disabilities.



- Help countries and organisations know how to use information to change the lives of people with disabilities.



Talking to governments about GDS 2025



You may want to make sure your country's government is aware of GDS 2025.



You may want them to take part in GDS 2025.

When you talk to your government about taking part in GDS 2025, you could talk about:



- The rights of people with disabilities
 - people with disabilities have the right to be included in their country and its services.



- Making OPDs a part of every step of new plans that affect the lives of people with disabilities.

You could also talk about:



- How promises made at GDS 2025 must be kept.



- The importance of spending money on programs that include people with disabilities.



- New ideas and how money can be spent to make the lives of people with disabilities better.



- The importance of working with OPDs, businesses and international groups.



- Making sure that plans for people with disabilities have enough money.



- Checking if the plans are working.



- Taking a lead role in disability inclusion.

By taking part in GDS 2025, governments are showing they want to include people with disabilities.

Talking to businesses about GDS 2025



You may also want to make sure your country's businesses are aware of GDS 2025.



You may want them to be more involved in including people with disabilities and respecting their rights.



You could talk to businesses in your country about the reasons why they should include people with disabilities.

You could talk to them about reasons like:

- They can lose money by not hiring people with disabilities.



- They can miss out on workers with good skills by not hiring people with disabilities.



- By working with people with disabilities they will get better at serving customers with disabilities and understanding their needs.



- When a business is known for treating everyone fairly, people may be more likely to use their services.



- People who work in places where everyone is included usually stay at their jobs for longer.



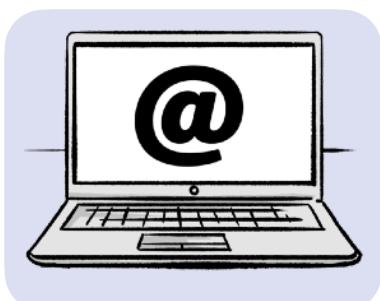
How to get involved

To make sure your country is taking part in GDS 2025, you can follow these steps:



1. Find out which government departments in your country are taking part in the GDS.

If you are not sure, ask the department that manages issues to do with people with disabilities.



2. You can also email us to find out which departments in your country are taking part in the GDS:
summit@ida-secretariat.org



3. When you know which departments are taking part, you can ask for a meeting with them.

You can find more information about that here:

[Guidance Note for commitment submission](#)



4. Talk to groups that help people with disabilities and contact your government together.



5. Talk to politicians who are interested in the rights of people with disabilities.



6. Look at what your country has already promised to do. You can see this on our website:

www.gds.idata.tools/home



7. Get up to date news about the GDS by signing up for our monthly newsletter here:

www.globaldisabilitysummit.org

Get in touch



For more information, or to ask any questions, please email:

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