The Global Disability Summit 2022

Our report
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About this report

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is an event that looks at:

- The **rights** of people with disabilities.

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

- Including persons with disabilities in choices that affect them.

This report explains:

- What happened at the Global Disability Summit.

- What will happen next.
About the Global Disability Summit


It was started by the UK Government and the International Disability Alliance (IDA).

The International Disability Alliance is an organisation that speaks up for persons with disabilities around the world.

The GDS wanted to help countries to:

• Improve the lives of persons with disabilities.

• Include persons with disabilities when making choices that affect them.
Organisations at the GDS make commitments to support persons with disabilities.

Commitments are promises.

Countries and organisations make commitments to:

• Spend money on including persons with disabilities.

• Write new laws that give rights and support to persons with disabilities.
The Global Disability Summit 2022

More than 7000 people came to the Global Disability Summit in 2022. It took place online, over 2 days.

The event included:

- Meetings for countries and organisations from different parts of the world.
- A meeting for young people.
- Many other events about the rights of persons with disabilities.
People talked about new projects and money to support people with disabilities with:

- **Education** - this means learning. It can include schools, colleges and universities.

- **Health care.**

- **Jobs.**

- **Rights for women.**
Commitments

There were 1412 new commitments, from over 190 groups.
This is a lot more than in other years.

We have looked at the commitments, to check if they:

- Will affect new laws.

- Mean countries and organisations from around the world will work together.

- Include ways to check how they affect the lives of people with disabilities.

- Include different groups of people with disabilities, like women, young people or older people.
We have also looked at the commitments to check if they:

• Involve spending more money.

• Listen to organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs).

It is important to check that countries and organisations keep to their commitments.
What could have been better

The Global Disability Summit 2022 went well.

But we did not hear from companies about how they will support the rights of people with disabilities.

We did not hear enough from some groups of people with disabilities.

These groups are often not listened to, so it is important to hear what they have to say.
The next Global Disability Summit

The next Global Disability Summit (GDS) will be run by:

- The Government of Germany.

- The Government of Jordan.

- The International Disability Alliance (IDA).

We will involve people with disabilities.
We will think about how to:

• Include people with disabilities when we make choices that affect them.

• Check that countries and organisations keep to their commitments.
Find out more

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