

Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum

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"Virtual CPC: How NHRIs and Parliaments can Protect and Promote Disability Rights in the Commonwealth" 2nd December 12.00 -1.30 pm GMT

To book a place <https://www.cpahq.org/events/virtual-cpc-workshops/>

CPA Facilitator: Senator Floyd Morris, Member of the Senate of Jamaica and representative of Jamaica on the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Opening Remarks: Hon. Dennitah Ghati, HSC, Member of the National Assembly of Kenya and Chairperson of the CPwD network

Caroline Waters, OBE, Deputy Chair of the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission

Hon. Eugene Mussolini Member of the Rwandan Chamber of Deputies for Persons with Disabilities

Bonface Massah, Commissioner, Malawi Human Rights Commission

Richard Rieser, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum

20 mins Q&A Session between panellists and attendees

Closing Remarks from the Chair.

The CDPF following A MEETING WITH Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretary General Stephen Twigg, CDPF were invited to contribute to the above meeting and contribute an article to a forthcoming CPA publication. The CPA has a Commonwealth Network of Parliamentarians with Disabilities and we are committed to working closely with them on our joint aim of Full Implementation of UNCRPD.

CDPF is supporting the 2022 Global Summit on Disability. Register below to take part in these virtual events.



The Menu of Commitments is Now Available [HERE!](#)

Register now for the Global Disability Summit 2022!

- [Youth Summit](#), 14 February 2022
- [Civil Society Forum](#), 15 February 2022
- [Global Disability Summit](#), 16-17 February 2022

Objectives

The Global Disability Summits have four main objectives:

Raise global attention and focus on neglected areas and inclusive sustainable development

Strengthen the capacity of organisations of persons with disabilities in the Global South and their engagement with governments

Mobilise targeted and concrete commitments on disability inclusion and inclusive development

Showcase best practice and evidence from across the world on disability inclusive development, and progress made from the GDS in 2018.

Our Story

The Global Disability Summits result in new, ambitious and wide-spread commitments that are critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities.

The [Global Disability Summit Secretariat](#) was established to monitor the implementation of the commitments made at the first Global Disability Summit in 2018 (GDS18). Housed within the [International Disability Alliance](#), the GDS Secretariat works to provide substantive inputs and coordination of the organization of the Global Disability Summits.

The Secretariat has established an accountability mechanism to follow the implementation of [commitments](#), supporting stakeholders to achieve the promises they made. We are working with Governments in planning their future Summits, and coordinating the participation of organisations of persons with disabilities in the preparation of the Summits and mechanisms that feed into it.

What is the Global Disability Summit?

The Global Disability Summit offers a concrete mechanism for collecting new, ambitious and wide-spread commitments which are critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities. The first [Global Disability held in 2018 \(GDS18\)](#) was a historic event for disability inclusion, co-hosted by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Government of Kenya and the International Disability Alliance (IDA). The GDS18 inspired unprecedented engagement and generated commitments to action that will help deliver Agenda 2030's vision to 'Leave No One Behind' as well as existing obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

What's happened since?

Since the GDS18, we have been working hard to ensure that we put an accountability mechanism in place to monitor the commitments made at GDS18 and also plan for future Summits, such as the one being held in Norway in February 2022.

- We publish annual reports to monitor the implementation of the commitments and check in with stakeholders on how they're getting on with their commitments. [Check out our 2020 Report here](#).
- We have also helped to deliver a number of national consultations to assess progress made against [national commitments](#) adopted in 2018, discuss thematic priorities, and plan events, discussions and training for the run-up to the main GDS event in Norway in February 2022.

What's next?

The International Disability Alliance and the Government Norway will host the [second Global Disability Summit on 15 - 17 February 2022 \(GDS22\)](#). The summit will be mainly virtual.

Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum Virtual General Assembly 2022

All affiliate organisations in membership before 21st January 2022 will be able to elect delegates to the CDPF Virtual General Assembly by 31st January 2022.

We urge there to be a gender balance of delegates from our full membership organisation who have 2 delegates.

Disabled Associate Organisations will have one delegate. We urge that positive action in favour of women delegates is exercised.

For delegates from Full Member and Disabled Associates please remember we would like younger delegates to build a younger leadership.

All affiliates will receive a formal request for delegates.

Approval of rule changes in February

This will be followed by a call for nomination for post holders on the Executive in February With regional hustings and electronic election statements circulated March Members of General Assembly will then vote in March. In April we will have two virtual meetings at different times, for all delegates to contribute to the future work plan.

This will be followed by a formal General Assembly to approve elections, accounts and future work plan. After this the New Executive will meet , co-opt other members and operationalise the work plan.

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