**Commitment to Global Disability Summit 3 2025 from Commonwealth Disabled People Forum**

**“Commonwealth Disability Inclusion Action Plan - Action Points**

We recognise the UNCRPD prohibits discrimination based on disability. It represents a paradigm shift from the traditional, charity, medical model to a social, human rights model of disability, recognizing people with disabilities as equal rights holders. To this end the 56 Commonwealth Governments and the Commonwealth Secretariat will:

A. Within two years of this agreement CHOGM agree to hold a meeting of Commonwealth Ministers with responsibility for Disability to consider and share experiences on its implementation with a view to this becoming a regular Commonwealth event;

B. Gather disaggregated statistics in line with the Washington Group questions and protocols in Census, Household Surveys and other statistical activities;

C. Collaborate in setting up a Commonwealth Country Dashboard on progress on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and implementation of the UNCRPD;

D. The Commonwealth Secretariat will support country members and civil society organizations in the reporting requirements to the UN CRPD Committee in Geneva;

E. For ongoing collaboration in expertise and financial assistance between member countries, especially between those more economically developed and the rest to develop implementation of the UNCRPD and disability equality;

F. Ensure that reasonable accommodations over access to buildings, access to information and accommodation is increasingly built into the planning of Commonwealth events;

G. Over time, develop a pool of Disability Equality Trainers and Access Auditors, within and between Commonwealth countries to facilitate Disability Equality Training and Access Audits of buildings and infra-structure;

H. Develop the capacity in collaboration with Disabled Persons’ Organisations (DPOs) to run systematic Disability Equality Training for Government Ministers, Members of Parliament, Civil Servants, Advisors and Non-Governmental Organizations;

I. Run all Development Plans through the requirements of the UNCRPD and the need for disability equality;

J. To increase the number and seniority of persons with disabilities employed in the Governments and the Commonwealth Secretariat;

K. Work with the private sector to develop cheap and effective assistive devices and technology and ensure its distribution to those who would benefit most;

L. Develop inter-country training and exchange of technicians who are able to develop the necessary competency to utilize such devices;

M. To implement the UNCRPD; the Commonwealth should give priority to collaborating in developing Inclusive Education, Health Care, Work opportunities for persons with disabilities and supporting measures that will enable persons with disabilities to take part in elections and stand for office;

N. Set up a Commonwealth Disability Advisory Committee with representation from DPOs in the Regions, CDPF, Reps of State Parties, Commonwealth UNCRPD Committee Members and others relevant.

O. Recognising that persons with disabilities are at significantly more risk in climate emergency events and humanitarian situation, agree to prioritise their support and inclusion in climate emergency preparation measures and support in other humanitarian situations.

P. Support the organisation and involvement of Women with disabilities and Youth with disabilities and other underrepresented groups of people with disabilities such as indigenous people, neurodiverse individuals, those with mental health conditions and those with cognitive impairments.

We will campaign to get this Disability Inclusion Action Plan agreed at CHOGM 2026 in June 2026 in Antigua Barbuda by the Commonwealth Heads of Government”

Supported by following National Umbrella OPDs/DPOS

**Australia** Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, People with Disabilities Australia **Bangladesh** National Grassroots Disability Org., Women with Disabilities Development Foundation, **Barbados** Council of the Disabled, **Belize** Assembly for Persons with Diverse Abilities, **Botswana** Federation of the Disabled, **Cameroon** Platform Inclusive Society for Persons with Disabilities, **Canada** Council of Canadians with Disabilities, **Dominica** Association Persons with Disabilities, **Fiji** Disabled People’s Federation , Fédération Nationale des Associations des et pour Personnes Handicapées du **Gabon,** **Gambia** Federation of the Disabled, **Ghana** Federation of Disability Organisations, **Guyana** Council of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities, **India** National Centre Employment Disabled People, **Jamaica** Combined Disabilities Association, United Disabled Persons of **Kenya,** **Kiribati** Te Teo Matoa , **Lesotho** National Federation of Org. of the Disabled, Federation of Disability Orgs. in **Malawi, Malaysian** Confederation of the Disabled, **Maldives** Association of Persons with Disabilities, **Malta** Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, Federation of Disabled People’s Organisations **Mauritius** , **Mozambiquian** Association of Disabled People, National Federation of People with Disabilities in **Namibia**, **Nauru** Persons with Disabilities Organisation, **New Zealand**Disabled People’s Organisations (DPO) Coalition, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities of **Nigeria,** **Pakistan** Special Talent Exchange Program, **Papua New Guinea** Assembly of Disabled Persons, National Union Disabilities Organizations in **Rwanda,** National Council of and for People with Disabilities **St Lucia**, **St Vincent and the Grenadines** Voice of the Disabled, **Samoa** Nuanua Ol Alofa, **Sierra Leone** Union on Disability Issues, People with Disabilities **Solomon Islands,** Disabled Persons **South Africa**, **Sri Lanka** Disability Organisations Joint Front, Federation of Disabled Persons in **Swaziland**, **Tanzanian** Federation of Disabled Persons Organisations SHIVYAWATA, Naunau O’E Alamaite **Tonga** Association, **Trinidad and Tobago** Chapter of Disabled Peoples’ International, **Tuvalu** Fusi Alofa Association, National Union of Disabled Persons of **Uganda,** **UK** Reclaiming Our Futures Alliance, **Zambia** Federation of Disability Organisations. With a further 50 Associates in 49 countries and 2 overseas territories.

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