GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT

Thematic Pre-Summit

Disability Inclusion in the Health Sector

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

FEMI OKE//

Moderator

Femi Oke is an award winning international journalist, broadcaster, professional moderator and co-founder of the diverse moderators bureau "Moderate The Panel."

YANNIS VARDAKASTANIS//

President, International Disability Alliance

Yannis Vardakastanis is the President of both the National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece and the European Disability Forum. Throughout his life, he has been an active disability rights campaigner and has held a number of key positions.

HONORABLE MR. JONAS GAHR STØRE//

Prime Minister, Norway

Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre is the Prime Minister of Norway. He has been the leader of the Labour Party since 2014. Støre was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2012, and from 1998 to 2000, he served as Chief of Staff at the World Health Organization. He is an advocate for strengthening inclusion of persons with disabilities.

DR. TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS//

Director-General, World Health Organization

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected WHO Director-General by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017. He worked as a field-level malariologist, before heading a regional health service and later serving in Ethiopia's federal government for over a decade as Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

DR. NATALIA KANEM//

Under-Secretary-General, United Nations & Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund

Dr. Kanem has more than 30 years of leadership experience in the fields of preventive medicine, public and reproductive health, social justice and philanthropy. She started her research career with the Johns Hopkins and Columbia University schools of medicine and public health.

ASHURA MICHAEL//

Youth Fellow, International Disability Alliance - UNICEF

Ashura Michael is a young deaf woman from Kenya and a gender and human rights activist. She is currently an Inclusive Livelihood Fellow at the World Federation of the Deaf and serves as a mentor for young persons with disabilities.

OLGA RUNCIMAN//

Co-founder, Danish Hearing Voices Network

Olga Runciman is an experienced psychologist with a demonstrated history of working in the mental health care industry. She graduated from Open Dialogue UK and is skilled in psychiatry, healthcare, medicine, organizational development, and training.

DR. TOM SHAKESPEARE//

Professor of Disability Research, LSHTM

Tom Shakespeare is a social scientist, and author of multiple books on disability. He was a technical officer at the World Health Organization, where he co-authored the World Report on Disability (2011). He has been involved in the disability rights movement for more than 30 years, and is chair of Light for the World.

VICKY FORD MP//

Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Vicky Ford was appointed Minister for Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in September 2021. Previously she was the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families at the Department for Education from February 2020 to September 2021. Vicky was first elected as the Conservative MP for Chelmsford in 2017.

HONORABLE NITZAN HOROWITZ//

Minister for Health, Israel

Nitzan Horowitz is an Israeli politician and former journalist serving as Minister of Health for Israel since 2021. He is currently the leader of Meretz, a social-democratic and green political party in Israel, and is committed to achieving the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities.

THE SHALVA BAND//

The Shalva Band is comprised of eight talented musicians with disabilities who perform to the highest musical standards. Inspiring crowds throughout Israel and around the world with its musical repertoire and charm, the band is one of Shalva's most celebrated inclusion programs. Joining live for the event:
Dina Samteh, Sara Samuels, and Shai Ben Shushan.

ROBERT MARDINI//

Director-General, International Committee of the Red Cross

Robert Mardini is a civil engineer by training, serving as the Director-General of the ICRC. As chair of the board of directors, he steers the organization's global humanitarian activities in over 100 countries to protect and assist people affected by conflict and violence. Previously, he was ICRC's Permanent Observer to the UN.

CHRISTOPHER AGBEGA//

NCD Alliance, Ghana

Christopher Agbega is a project manager at the Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations. He lives with Hereditary Motor Sensory Neuropathy and is also an advocate and peer trainer for the Ghana NCD Alliance. He is also a member of the Global Advisory Committee of NCD Alliance "Our Views, Our Voices initiative."

JANE M. BARRATT//

Secretary General, International Federation on Ageing

Population ageing and disability across the life course have been Jane Barratt's passion across an adventurous career that traverses public and private sectors and many disciplines. Among other positions, she is a member of Vision Academy and Director, Baycrest Health Sciences.

DOMINIC HASLAM//

Chair, International Disability and Development Consortium

Dom Haslam is the Director of Policy and Program Strategy at Sightsavers. He contributed to the setup of SDG focused campaigns including Beyond 2015 and Action/2015—seeking to build civil societies influence over the post-2015 agenda.

DR. JUAN PABLO URIBE//

Global Director, Health, Nutrition & Population and the Global Financing Facility, World Bank

Dr. Juan Pablo Uribe, MD, is the Director of the Global Financing Facility for Women Children and Adolescents. He was also the CEO of Healthcare Providers for United Healthcare for Chile and Peru and served as Minister of Health and Social Protection of Colombia.

DR. ABOUBACAR KAMPO//

Director of Health Programs, UNICEF

Dr. Aboubacar Kampo has worked as a surgeon in Africa and Asia. He also served as UNICEF Representative in Afghanistan and Cote d'Ivoire and has held senior leadership positions across various international NGOs and UN agencies over the last 14 years.

JENNY LAY-FLURRIE//

Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft

Jenny Lay-Flurrie chaired the Disability Employee Resource Group—bringing together employee disability communities to form one overarching group representing disabilities at Microsoft. Her goal is to enable all people to be successful and emphasize disability inclusion, representation, accessibility of services and devices.

DR. VLADIMIR CUK//

Executive Director, International Disability Alliance

Dr. Vladimir Cuk has over 20 years of a progressive and diverse career in implementing the rights of persons with disabilities. In his role with IDA, Vladimir serves as the standing cochair of the GLAD donor coordination mechanism and a cohost of the Global Disability Summit mechanism. He received his PhD in Disability Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

HONORABLE MR. KWAKU AGYEMANG-MANU//

Minister of Health, Ghana

Mr. Kwaku Agyemang-Manu is a member of the New Patriotic Party and the member of parliament for Dormaa Central Constituency in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana. He also was the acting CEO of the National Health Authority in 2006.

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