

Annual Report

2024



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Foreword

Message from our Chair, Mary Keogh



Celebrating our progress, protecting human rights in a changed landscape.

I was honoured to be elected Chair of the network in 2024, along with three new board members elected and our four members remaining. I know that the work ahead of us to follow in the footsteps of the previous Chair, Dom Haslam, and long-term board members, Ruth Faber and Monika Brenes and others who finished their term is going to be a big undertaking. I am very grateful for Angélique Hardy, IDDC coordinator who coordinates all of the network's activities and holds the institutional knowledge to help with such significant transitions in governance. Geneviève Piron who is the other member of our secretariat team is also an important support with our administration and finance.

IDDC is a strong and vibrant network with its members working on a diversity of areas, all of which are integral to building a peaceful, inclusive society for all. In most recent months I have had an opportunity to speak to members in a one-on-one capacity to hear the views of what we are getting right and also what we need to do better. This has been a humbling experience to hear from members about all of the work you do.

I hope you enjoy reading about the work in 2024, which was a very busy year for the network and its members. Some of the key highlights included being active in 18 major events, including COSP17 and the COP29 conference, where IDDC attained observer status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We also advocated for inclusive education and health systems, collaborating with partners like UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

The network has had much success in developing and promoting joint statements with global partners on inclusive education, health, and climate action, as well as strategic contributions to global disability summits and forums. We are especially proud of the launch of the IDDC report on Safeguarding, Mental Health and Psychosocial Disability. Our ten dedicated task groups are the heart and soul of the network and had a busy year working across priority areas like child rights, inclusive health, safeguarding, livelihoods, and UN advocacy.

In line with our 2022 Global Disability Summit commitments, we have also made good progress in strengthening engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), particularly in the Global South, through capacity-building and resource sharing. We will continue to look at ways to strengthen and sustain our partnership work with OPDs.

2025 will be a busy year with the network engaging in the Global Disability Summit alongside our partner the International Disability Alliance. The beginning of this year has signalled big disruptions ahead in international cooperation and multilateralism with commitments to diversity, equality and inclusion under severe threat. We as a network have a strong role to play in building solidarity and working together as a network and with our partners and allies to hold governments to account for their commitments to disability inclusive development and humanitarian action. We are ready to engage.

Mary Keogh

Mary Keogh
Chair, IDDC

IDDC in numbers

 **36** members working with partners in over 150 countries

 **5** publications

 **4** policy statements

18 major events 

8 consultation processes 

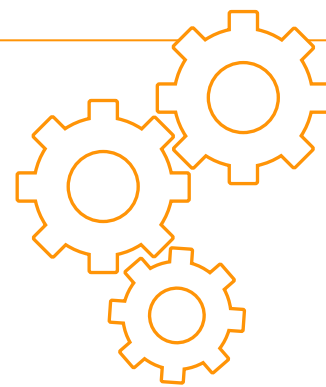
2  calls to action ongoing

10  dedicated task groups

One  new official relation with a United Nations Agency

- **36 members** operating in over 150 countries globally, demonstrating the breadth and reach of our network in advocating for disability inclusion.
- **One new task group** focusing on child rights expanding further the network's expertise.
- **Five publications** contributing to the body of knowledge on disability and development.
- Circulation of **four policy statements** and contribution to eight consultation processes, reflecting our active engagement in shaping policies for disability inclusion.
- Organisation of and participation in **eighteen major events**, including twelve learning sessions for members, facilitating dialogue, learning, and advocacy on disability inclusion.
- Engagement in **two calls for action**, on the participation of persons with disabilities in climate negotiations and inclusive education, mobilising stakeholders towards concerted efforts for disability inclusion.
- **Granting of the observer status** with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, recognising our contribution and engagement in disability-inclusive climate action.
- Co-chairing of **three Global Action on Disability Network working groups:** Disability-Inclusive Climate Action, Inclusive Education, and Inclusive Health, underlining our leadership in these critical areas.
- **Fourteen commitments** made at the 2022 Global Disability Summit, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to tangible actions for change.
- Successful hosting of a workshop on inclusive and sustainable economic empowerment, drawing over **70 participants** from 40+ organisations, highlighting the importance of inclusive dialogue.

Our task groups



IDDC comprises ten task groups, each dedicated to a specific area of disability inclusion within international development and humanitarian action.

These groups work collaboratively towards the realisation of a world where no person with disabilities is left behind, in alignment with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Child Rights Task Group

Purpose: To advance the inclusion of children with disabilities in policies and programmes and promote their full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with other children.

Objectives:

- Advocate for the inclusion of children with disabilities in development efforts, and prioritisation of the rights of children with disabilities in key global initiatives, both within development and in humanitarian.
- Work with people with disabilities and Organisations of People with Disabilities to support the inclusion of children with disabilities and parents' groups.
- Promote the collection of accurate data by Governments on children with disabilities.

Community-Based Inclusive Development Task Group

Purpose: To promote a bottom-up approach for realising the UNCRPD and the inclusive development agenda, ensuring community inclusion of persons with disabilities through sustainable support systems.

Objectives:

- Lead initiatives like the Community2030 to foster collaboration among key stakeholders in disability inclusion.
- Highlight promising practices that contribute to achieving community support which are gender transformative, age sensitive, and disability inclusive.

Climate Action Task Group

Purpose: To advocate for disability-inclusive climate action, bringing together members active in or interested in climate issues to influence policy and share best practices for mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Objectives:

- Share knowledge and experiences about climate crisis impact and inclusive climate action.
- Advocate for inclusive climate action, coordinating with global disability and climate action networks.
- Influence those involved in the wider climate action discussion and response to recognise the need for the full participation, engagement and representation of the disability movement in climate policies, practices and action.

European Union Task Group

Purpose: To advocate for the systematic application of the EU's commitments regarding disability rights in its external action, influencing policies and legislative proposals to ensure they are inclusive of persons with disabilities.

Objectives:

- Monitor and influence the EU's implementation of the CRPD, particularly in its external actions.
- Collaborate with the European Disability Forum to strengthen disability rights and inclusion within EU policies and programs.

Our task groups

Inclusive Education Task Group

Purpose: To accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4 by promoting inclusive and equitable quality education for all, especially learners with disabilities.

Objectives:

- Influence global education debates, policies, strategies, and financing for disability-inclusive education.
- Share knowledge and best practices, encouraging collaboration and providing technical advice to stakeholders to promote disability inclusive education.

Inclusive Health Task Group

Purpose: To advocate for disability mainstreaming in health systems towards achieving universal health coverage and health equity for persons with disabilities.

Objectives:

- Formalise partnerships with global health organizations like WHO to advance disability inclusion in healthcare.
- Provide technical inputs and support to inclusive health programmes, promoting health equity for persons with disabilities.

Inclusive Safeguarding Task Group

Purpose: To promote disability-inclusive safeguarding policies, procedures, and programmes, ensuring the protection of children and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and harm.

Objectives:

- Engage with influential actors and build capacity in the sector on inclusive safeguarding practices.
- Share learnings, tools, and best practices to encourage inclusive safeguarding within IDDC and more widely.

Livelihoods Task Group

Purpose: To exchange knowledge on livelihood programming and influence policy where possible, with a focus on in-country programming experiences.

Objectives:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange sessions on financial inclusion and employment for persons with disabilities.
- Contribute resources and representation to inclusive employment initiatives within the GLAD working group.

OPD Partnership Task Group

Purpose: To foster dialogue about the meaningful engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) in international cooperation work.

Objectives:

- Create opportunities for exchange and sharing of resources about meaningful engagement of OPDs.
- Advocate for improved engagement of OPDs in international cooperation within and beyond IDDC.

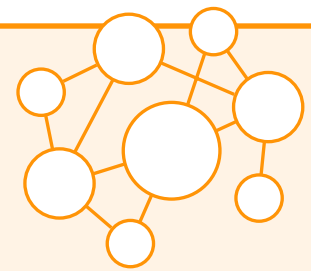
United Nations Task Group

Purpose: To influence UN international development and humanitarian policies and processes to be more inclusive of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations.

Objectives:

- Coordinate with UN and civil society partners to influence relevant processes and policies for disability inclusion.
- Engage in key UN events and processes to advocate for the inclusion of disability rights in international development and humanitarian action.

Global Action on Disability Network: a multilateral approach to disability inclusion



In 2024, the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network continued to embody the spirit of collaboration and shared ambition that lies at the heart of achieving truly inclusive international development and humanitarian action.

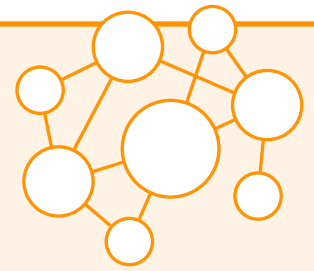
As a coordination body of bilateral and multilateral donors, agencies, public and private foundations, and key coalitions from the disability movement, the GLAD Network's ethos is to ensure that the promise of leaving no one behind is not just an aspirational goal but a practical reality in global development initiatives.

This year, with the International Disability Alliance, the US Agency for International Development and the United States Government as co-chairs, the network has grown to encompass 49 members and 3 advisors creating a unique platform for exchange, advocacy and collective action.

The IDDC's role in the Steering Committee but also in co-chairing three of GLAD's Working Groups – the Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Working Group, the Inclusive Education Working Group, and the Inclusive Health Working Group – underscores our commitment to steering the conversation and actions towards more inclusive practices across these critical areas of development.



The Conference of State Parties



The Conference of State Parties (COSP) is a pivotal mechanism within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

This annual conference serves as a forum for State Parties to the convention to discuss and exchange experiences and strategies for implementing the CRPD's provisions. The COSP aims to enhance the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities across the globe, by promoting full and equal participation in society. It facilitates collaborative efforts among member states, civil society organisations, and disability rights advocates to monitor, promote and ensure the comprehensive realisation of the convention's goals.

The conference is crucial for reviewing progress, setting future priorities and fostering international cooperation to address challenges in the protection of disability rights. Through its resolutions, decisions and action plans, the COSP contributes significantly to advancing the inclusion and rights of persons with disabilities worldwide.



Summit of the Future

The Summit was a high-level event, hosted in September 2024 to forge a new international consensus on how we deliver a better present and safeguard the future.

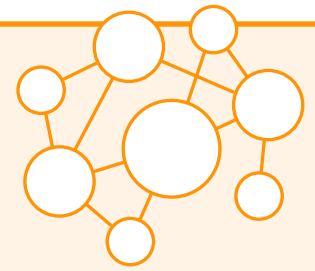
The Summit of the Future aimed to:

- Accelerate efforts to meet our existing international commitments, and
- Take concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Effective global cooperation is increasingly critical to our survival but difficult to achieve in an atmosphere of mistrust, using outdated structures that no longer reflect today's political and economic realities.

In September 2024, world leaders convened at the United Nations to adopt the Pact for the Future, an action-oriented document focusing on:

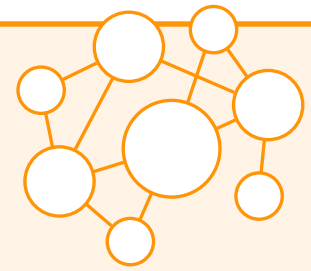
- Sustainable development and financing for development;
- International peace and security;
- Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation;
- Youth and future generations; and
- Transforming global governance.



To mark the Summit of the Future and pave the way for transformative actions ahead of the Global Disability Summit 2025, the United Nations Global Disability Fund, the International Disability Alliance and IDDC organised the high-level meeting “Shaping an Inclusive Future: The rights of persons with disabilities”. The event brought together Member States, philanthropists, the private sector, civil society and organisations of persons with disabilities to discuss the future of development, humanitarian response and climate action, to exchange on innovative approaches and identify concrete actions to accelerate disability inclusion and create a more equitable world.



UN Climate Change Conference



UN Climate Change Conferences (or Conference Of the Parties – COP) take place every year, and are the world’s only multilateral decision-making forum on climate change. In 2024, COP29 took place in Baku, Azerbaijan.

COPs bring together world leaders and negotiators from the member states (or Parties) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to further global progress, with business leaders, young people, climate scientists, Indigenous Peoples, and civil society sharing insights and best practices to strengthen global, collective and inclusive climate action. In November 2024, IDDC officially received observer status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Non-governmental organisations admitted by COP as UNFCCC observers have formed themselves into loose groups with diverse but broadly clustered interests or perspectives called “constituencies”. There are currently nine recognised constituencies each with their own focal points facilitating the exchange of information between the secretariat and the 3,000+ admitted observer NGOs. IDDC and its partners advocate for the creation of a disability constituency that would give persons with disabilities equal opportunities to participate and inform climate debates and policies.

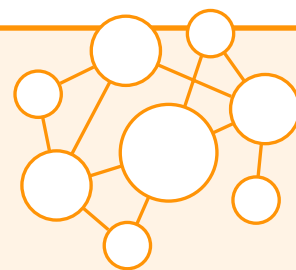


Community 2030

The Community 2030 partnership works towards ensuring that the Post 2030 Agenda includes community-based support systems and services as an essential function of development.

Community 2030 proposes to advocate globally, regionally and nationally for the inclusion of persons with disabilities and their human rights in the care agenda. It also proposes to progressively create a care and support agenda that recognises the diversity of needs of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities across the life cycle.

To this end, it will work on the three dimensions of support and care (provide support and care, receive support and care, and self-support/self-care), addressing persons with disabilities and women of all ages.



From Global Disability Summit 2022 to Global Disability Summit 2025

Global Disability Summit 2022: IDDC's commitments and progress

In response to our pledges at the 2022 Global Disability Summit, IDDC has undertaken a range of initiatives across various sectors, demonstrating our commitment to advancing disability inclusion globally. Below, we have highlighted progress against a selection of our [fourteen commitments](#).

Strengthening engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, particularly in the Global South

Specific commitment

To deepen collaboration and engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, ensuring their meaningful participation in development and humanitarian actions.

Actions taken

IDDC continued to enhance engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities. Whereas 2023 ended with the publication of the [IDDC Guidance Note](#) on Organisation of Persons with Disabilities' Engagement, 2024 focused on its dissemination and use within and beyond IDDC structures. The Guidance Note was presented at the IDDC General Assembly 2024 and shared as a good practice for inclusion in international cooperation at different forums, including the European Network on Independent Living's Freedom Drive in Brussels in September and the European Regional Disability Summit in Berlin in December.

Inclusive education

Specific commitment

To advocate for inclusive education systems that accommodate all learners, with a particular focus on children with disabilities, ensuring access to quality education.

Actions taken

IDDC has supported policy advocacy at national and international levels, in particular via the Global Action on Disability Network, contributed to disseminate inclusive education resources such as the UNICEF newly released Child Functioning Module – Teacher Version and the Inclusive Education Module, and participated in global forums to promote the funding and implementation of inclusive education practices.

From Global Disability Summit 2022 to Global Disability Summit 2025

Inclusive health

Specific commitment

To advocate for the promotion of disability inclusion as a precondition for the achievement of universal health coverage.

Actions taken

IDDC has continued promoting the implementation of the World Health Assembly Resolution 74.8 on the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities, in particular through our project collaboration agreement with the World Health Organisation. IDDC supported the development and implementation of the World Health Organisation's Disability Inclusion Guide for action, and participated in consultations and global forums to promote inclusive health.

Overarching goals

Specific commitment

To advocate with multilateral organisations, in particular the European Union and the United Nations, for the full implementation of and accountability for their respective strategies on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Actions taken

IDDC joined forces with the European Disability Forum to raise awareness on disability inclusion in different policy areas related to EU external action among the European institutions after the 2024 elections. At the United Nations' level, IDDC continued contributing to the civil society coordination mechanism for the 17th Conference of State Parties and engaging with the UN Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities and the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Global Disability Summit 2025: Mobilising the network

With the third Global Disability Summit taking place on 2 and 3 April 2025, IDDC and its members have been mobilising throughout 2024 to support our partner, the International Disability Alliance, in organising the event co-hosted together with the Government of Germany, and the Government of Jordan.

Coordination across the network and with our partners is unfolding at all levels to advocate for concrete and robust commitments. As member of the Civil Society Reference Group, IDDC contributes to the organisation of the Civil Society Forum that takes place on the eve of the Global Disability Summit 2025. The Civil Society Forum is organised to give space to the disability community to unify their voice, share experience and create partnerships ahead of the Summit.

Whereas Regional Disability Summits pave the way to the Global Disability Summit, IDDC had the honour to participate in several Regional Disability Summits. At the African Regional

Disability Summit, we spoke on a panel assessing the 2018 and 2022 commitments from an African perspective to shape desirable commitments for 2025. At the European Regional Disability Summit, we joined the panel on the challenges and opportunities related to regional inclusive development and exchanged on the collaboration between non-governmental organisations and organisations of persons with disabilities in the context of international cooperation. At the Latin America Regional Disability Summit, IDDC contributed to a panel focusing on policies and strategies to guarantee equitable access to quality education for people with disabilities. IDDC members and their OPD partners also actively participated in the Regional Disability Summits.



Our strategic priorities and task groups highlights



Our strategic framework

Adopted in 2023, the IDDC Strategic Framework 2023+ identifies three priorities to guide our work.

- 1 The first priority recognises the importance of the Agenda 2030 and any future framework as an important vehicle for global development.



- 2 The second priority speaks to where we feel we can positively impact disability rights at national, global and international levels.



- 3 The third priority sets us on a track to unpack our relationship with the broader disability rights movement and how IDDC can fully embrace the call for 'nothing about us without us'.



- ✓ Underpinning all these priorities is a commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and General Comment 7.



Priority 1

Support disability inclusiveness in the sustainable development goals



The Climate Action Task Group

- Attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) for the first time and shared the IDDC participation badges with representatives of organisations of persons with disabilities via the International Disability Alliance and the Disability Caucus Coordination.
- Contributed to the Call for Action for establishing a disability constituency within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Endorsed two policy briefs written in collaboration with the informal Disability Caucus, the International Disability Alliance, and the Global Action on Disability Network Climate Action working group:
 - Integrating Disability Rights into Climate Action Now! The briefing can be found on the [IDDC's website](#).
 - Making COP29 Disability Inclusive. The paper can be found on the [GLAD Network's website](#).

The Community-Based Inclusive Development Task Group

- Developed a "Community 2030 and CBR/CBID" explanatory document to be used by the organisations for a better dissemination and understanding of the Community2030 initiative.

The Inclusive Education Task Group

- Developed recommendations for strengthening the draft Pact for the Future with a focus on inclusive education.
- Issued a joint statement from IDDC, IDA and GCE calling on world leaders to appropriately consider inclusive education as a key element in global plans for a peaceful, sustainable and inclusive future for all. The statement can be found on [IDDC's website](#).
- Continued promoting the Call to Action on Disability Inclusive Education with different governments and through the Global Action on Disability Network's working group on inclusive education. The call to action and its recommendations have been included in the [outcome document](#) of the Disability Inclusion Conference hosted by UNESCO and the International Paralympic Committee in August, which called for greater investments for disability inclusion.
- Through the Global Action on Disability Network, developed a joint statement with the International Disability Alliance for the [Conference on Education Data and Statistics](#) on inclusive education data.

Support disability inclusiveness in the sustainable development goals

The Inclusive Health Task Group

- Engaged in Summit of the Future processes to help secure stronger mainstreaming of disability inclusion and attention to health within the final outcome documents.
- Held a joint information session on International Universal Health Coverage Day in December 2024, with presentations from WHO's Disability team, the [UHC2030](#) platform, Sightsavers and the Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organizations ([Shivyawata](#)).

The United Nations Task Group

- Coordinated with the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to provide feedback from a civil society and development perspective.
- Influenced relevant UN processes in New York and Geneva as they relate to IDDC's strategic objectives.
- Presented an IDDC statement at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

- Participated in United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee meetings and influenced Member States and Committee Members where relevant.
- Coordinated with IDDC members to prepare for the 17th session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the civil society forum to influence Member States.
- Influenced background papers, presenters, and themes of the 17th session of the Conference of States Parties.
- Contributed to consultations for the 2024 High-level Political Forum and the Summit of the Future via the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities.
- Coordinated IDDC members' engagement at the Summit of the Future and the African Regional Pre-Summit.
- Co-organised the event "Shaping an Inclusive Future: the rights of persons with disabilities" at Summit of the Future.

Priority 2

Influence the implementation of disability rights at various levels



The Child Rights Task Group

- Contributed a submission to the call around children's rights to access to justice and effective remedies for achieving this launched by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Climate Action Task Group

- Organised a learning session on the Planetary Health approach.
- Partnered with the BOND Disability and Development Group's Climate Working Group to help spotlight the effects of climate change on disability rights and emerging practices that strengthen disability inclusion in climate action through the development of a comprehensive report. The findings of the report shall be published and disseminated in 2025.

The European Union Task Group

- Co-signed a statement with 53 civil society organisations in response to the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and in preparation of the EU's next Strategic Agenda (2024-2029) and new MFF beyond 2027. The statement urges the European institutions not to reduce spending on sustainable development and climate action. You can read the statement on [IDDC's website](#).
- Endorsed a joint Statement Calling on Incoming EU Leadership to Prioritise Equality and Non-Discrimination. The statement can be found on [IDDC's website](#).
- Drafted a briefing in plain language on the European Union's approach to international cooperation, economic interests and human development and other core values. You can read the statement on [IDDC's website](#).

- Developed, together with the European Disability Forum, three toolkits for the newly elected members of the European Parliament sitting in the [Committee on Development](#) (DEVE), the [Committee on Foreign Affairs](#) (AFET) and the [Sub-Committee on Human Rights](#) (DROI). The toolkits aim at providing a brief background and some concrete suggestions of how the different Committees can support in promoting and advancing the rights of persons with disabilities and disability inclusion in different policy areas related to EU external action.
- Drafted questions for the parliamentary confirmation hearings of the Commissioners-designate having international cooperation as part of their portfolio. The questions were sent to members of the European Parliament sitting in the DEVE, AFET and DROI committees.

The Inclusive Education Task Group

- Convened a spotlight session with UNICEF on the newly released Child Functioning Module – Teacher Version and the Inclusive Education Module.
- Convened a learning session with speakers from the Disability Inclusive Development Consortium, who shared the Consortium's experience with preparing schools to welcome learners with disabilities.
- Joined a workshop organised by Cambridge University, the World Bank, UNICEF to develop joint recommendations on inclusive education for the Global Disability Summit 2025. You can view the recommendations on the [Inclusive Education Initiative's website](#).
- Launched work on developing a short briefing on Universal Design for Learning to further add to knowledge sharing and building the capacity of members on disability inclusive education.

Influence the implementation of disability rights at various levels

The Inclusive Health Task Group

- This year saw important progress in delivering on IDDC's collaborative agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) by supporting WHO to raise the profile of its Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities and implementation of the accompanying Disability Inclusion Guide for Action, which aims to support governments to implement the report's recommendations.
- Participated in consultations with WHO on the development of the Guide for Action.
- Supported the Guide for Action implementation at the national level in Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya.
- Co-organised and co-hosted two side-events at the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, a main agenda session on health equity for persons with disabilities of the World Health Summit in Berlin, and a concurrent session at the Global Health Practitioners Conference (CORE Group) in Nairobi.
- Secured strong recognition and commitments on health equity for persons with disabilities in the WHO Fourteenth Global Programme of Work 2025-28 (GPW14) adopted by WHO Member States at the WHA in May 2024.
- Engaged in discussions on rehabilitation and access to assistive technologies at the World Health Summit.
- Facilitated a dialogue on disability inclusion between the WHO disability, health ageing and noncommunicable diseases (NCD) teams and the NCD Alliance (NCDA).
- Developed a briefing on health equity for persons with disabilities and noncommunicable diseases.
- Submitted responses to a consultation on a new USAID global health development policy, and to a World Bank IDA21 draft replenishment report consultation to advocate for greater commitment by bilateral, multilateral and private donors to disability-inclusive health systems and services.

The Inclusive Safeguarding Task Group

- Published a report on Safeguarding, mental health and psychosocial disability.
- Organised a learning session on 'What works in inclusive safeguarding: some key lessons for practitioners'.

The Livelihood Task Group

- Organised the IDDC General Assembly workshop on the economic empowerment of persons with disabilities. The event focused on three dimensions of economic empowerment in the Global South: 'Vocational training, entrepreneurship and self-employment'; 'Financial services inclusion and social protection'; and 'Formal sector, value chains and rural economic empowerment'. The event brought together representatives from programmes, international organisations and governments. You can read more on the workshop and its outcomes on [IDDC's website](#).

Cross task group activities

- **Community-Based Inclusive Development and Inclusive Health Task Groups:** Submitted responses to the call on the human rights perspective on care and support launched by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- **Climate Action and Inclusive Health:** Produced the briefing 'Promoting health equity for persons with disabilities within action on climate change and health' following the adoption of the first World Health Assembly resolution on climate change and health in May 2024. The briefing outlines key points in relation to health equity for persons with disabilities and how they intersect with climate change, alongside key calls for Member States and the World Health Organisation. The briefing can be found on [IDDC's website](#).

Priority 3

Prioritise meaningful participation of persons with disabilities and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities



The Child Rights Task Group

- Created a list of resources around child and youth participation.

The OPD Partnership Task Group

- Launched the Guidance Note on Meaningful Engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities within the IDDC network. The guidance note can be downloaded from [IDDC's website](#).
- Promoted the guidance note and the inclusive process used to design it in external forums, such as the European Regional Disability Summit and the European Network on Independent Living's Freedom Drive.

- Mapped IDDC task groups' engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities aiming at understanding the diversity of our partners and identifying any OPD voices missing in our work. The mapping exercise highlighted that IDDC task groups engaged with 28 different OPDs in 2024, including OPDs representing every global region, OPDs at the local, national, regional, and global levels, and OPDs representing almost every impairment group as well as women-led OPDs and youth led OPDs.
- Collected good examples of meaningful engagement of OPDs in projects.



Highlight:

IDDC report on Safeguarding, mental health and psychosocial disability



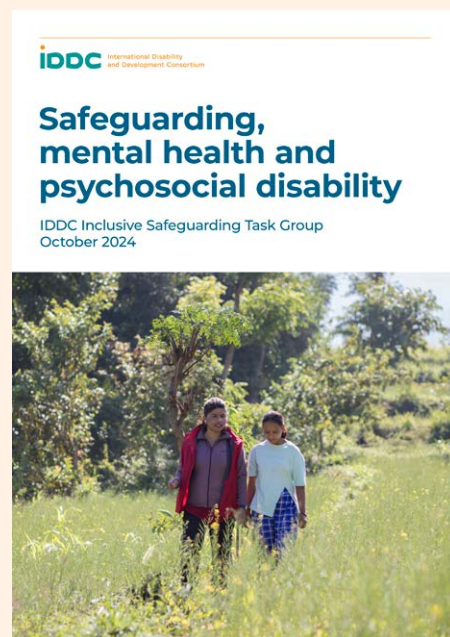
In October 2024, IDDC released a report focusing on the intersection between safeguarding, mental health and/or psychosocial disability.

People with mental health conditions and/or psychosocial disabilities have a right to participate in public life. It is therefore important to consider the steps required to ensure that programmes, operations and safeguarding mechanisms create a safe and accessible environment which promotes their involvement.

This paper considers what humanitarian and development organisations need to do to safeguard the mental health of everyone who comes into contact with them, including project participants and staff. It is aimed at international development and humanitarian workers who are involved in safeguarding, mental health or disability inclusion, who would like to think more about how our approach and our practice can encompass the overlap between these fields.

There are steps that organisations can take to help ensure that people with mental health conditions and/or psychosocial disabilities are not harmed as a result of the organisation's actions or failure to act. The areas covered are programming and operations, staff care and management, and safeguarding mechanisms.

The paper has been developed by the Inclusive Safeguarding Task Group of the International Disability and Development Consortium, in consultation with mental health advocates, representatives of mental health-focused organisations and NGOs implementing mental health programming in Nairobi in December 2022. These meetings were convened by Basic Needs Basic Rights Kenya, Edwin Mburu of Mentally Unsilenced and CBM Global Disability Inclusion. The participants included, amongst others, people with direct experience of living with mental health conditions.



About us



IDDC is a global network of civil society organisations gathering around a common vision: a world that leaves no persons with disabilities behind.

For the past 30 years, this vision has driven our action, and our mission is to promote disability-inclusive international development and humanitarian action in the Global South.

Composition of the Board

Executive Board

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Karen Heinicke-Motsch, Vice Chair
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Elie Bagbila
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Secretariat

Angélique Hardy, Coordinator
Geneviève Piron, Finance and Administration

IDDC member organisations

The full membership in 2024 is shown on the next page.

As a network, IDDC is fully committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and applies its principles in our actions.

Partners

International Disability Alliance
WeThe15



Membership

The Global Action on Disability Network



Official relations

World Health Organisation
United Nations Economic and Social Council
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Financial perspectives

In 2024, the network was fully supported by its membership fees and accounts were audited by Boekhoudkantoor Bladrand Comm. V.

IDDC member organisations



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