

2022 Global Disability Summit – Australian Commitments

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overarching Commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reduce discrimination and stigmatisation by promoting attitudinal change in communities and across all development cooperation, and addressing intersectionalities – increase consultation and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities and organisations of persons with disabilities in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national policies and systems, and in international cooperation • Gender as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | Disability-inclusion and rights policy (1) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia will develop a successor policy to its <i>Development for All 2015-2020: Strategy for strengthening disability-inclusive development in Australia's aid program (extended to 2021)</i>.</p> <p>The policy will outline Australia's commitment to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people with disabilities, including through its development cooperation program. The policy will consider intersectionality, exploring the opportunities and challenges that arise from an intersection of identities, including gender and age; and will be underpinned by our core principle of supporting an active and central role for people with disabilities.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | Formal consultations on the policy will commence in 2022. |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – bring regional stakeholders together to reaffirm commitment to, and mobilise support for, disability inclusion in the Pacific • Enhance meaningful engagement with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDS Pacific Satellite Summit (2) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia, with New Zealand, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Pacific Disability Forum, will host a Global Disability Summit - Pacific Satellite Summit on 16 February 2022.</p> <p>The Summit will convene Pacific Island governments, international organisations, development partners, and organisations of people with disabilities to advance disability inclusion in the region, with attention to diversity in participation. A key outcome will be a regional statement outlining priorities and reaffirming commitment to the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Australia will work with regional partners to take forward the Summit outcomes in a participatory and inclusive manner.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>The Pacific Satellite Summit will be held on 16 February 2022. Outcomes will be progressed over 2022, and beyond as relevant.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – scope and establish multi-stakeholder coordination mechanism to strengthen disability inclusion • Gender as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Coordination Mechanism in the Pacific (3) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia will fund a scoping study into establishing a regional body of key partners to enhance and coordinate support for increased inclusion of persons with disabilities in development and humanitarian action. The study will assess the value and purpose of establishing such a body, and clarify objectives, scope, membership and alignment with existing global and/or regional coordinating mechanisms, including those related to gender equality and other cross-cutting commitments and issues. The study will include inclusive consultations.</p> <p>Australia will use the study to consult with regional partners and inform a decision on future support for such a mechanism.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>The study will commence in 2022.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure and enhance meaningful engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – increase funding to support OPD priorities – support OPD technical and organisational capacity development – promote underrepresented groups and address intersectionality • Gender as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased funding to support OPD priorities (4) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia will increase its multi-year core funding to the Pacific Disability Forum and International Disability Alliance to support OPD priorities. Core funding supports PDF and IDA to deliver on their strategic objectives and provides the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed. This is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic where circumstances can continue to change rapidly and negatively impact on persons in vulnerable situations. Attention will be given to strategies to advance gender equality and persons facing intersectional discrimination.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>The new partnerships will commence in 2022.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Health • Gender as a cross-cutting commitment |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen disability inclusion in health security investments (5) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Recognising the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and other health emergencies on people with disabilities, especially women and girls, Australia commits to strengthen the mainstreaming of disability inclusion across our health security programming. In particular we will focus on working in partnership with, or supporting, organisations of people with disabilities, with attention to diversity; addressing barriers to accessing information and services (e.g. screening, vaccinations, and prevention and control measures); and contributing to the evidence base on disability within the health security sector.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>Efforts are already underway through Australia’s current health security investments. Progress on this commitment will continue under any future health security programming supported by Australia.</p> |

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| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing disability and social inclusion through Australia’s strategic partnerships (6) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia commits to advancing disability inclusion in its new strategic partnerships, including with UN system entities, development banks, and relevant international organisations. Australia commits to working with partners to implement the <i>UN Disability Inclusion Strategy</i>, the <i>Charter of Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action</i>, and/or other relevant organisational strategies consistent with the <i>UN CRPD</i>. This commitment includes partnering to engage women and girls with disabilities in policy development and implementation, as well as the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs and operations. Where possible, Australia will seek to embed an intersectional approach.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>A number of multi-year strategic partnerships will commence in 2022.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – address multiple and intersecting discrimination in the health sector – strengthen inclusive health systems that provide access to general health care and specialised services and programmes related to disability specific health requirements – build capacities on disability inclusive health in the health workforce and in service delivery • Gender as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening disability inclusion within sexual and reproductive health investments supported by Australia (7) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia will work with partners in six Pacific island countries to address barriers people with disabilities face in accessing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services. We will work with UNFPA, in partnership with Women Enabled International, the Pacific Disability Forum and local organisations of people with disabilities, to help ensure SRH and rights policies, procedures, training, guidance manuals and information, education and communication tools are disability inclusive and consistent with international good practice to drive systemic service improvements, particularly for young people. This will include strengthening the capacity of local organisations through training on disability-inclusive service provision.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>Work to strengthen disability inclusion in partner SRH policies, procedures, training, guidance manuals, and tools is expected to be completed in 2022. We expect national governments to roll out updated policies, procedures and tools over the following 2-3 years.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion in situations of conflict and crisis, including from climate change |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Inclusion at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction September 2022 (8) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>As co-host of the 2022 Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR), Australia will ensure a strong focus on disability-inclusion. We will integrate disability inclusion in the content and delivery of sessions, plenaries and outcomes documents; in addition to targeting specific issues and needs of people with disabilities, including women and girls, through spotlight sessions on key inclusion issues. We will engage with people with disabilities, in their diversity, in the planning and ensure their participation in substantive discussions. The conference will be fully accessible.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>Conference will take place in September 2022</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive livelihoods and social protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inclusive public employment program, livelihoods and social protection • Strengthening engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – support OPD technical and organisational capacity development • Gender equality as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive social protection (9) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia commits to disability inclusion in our support for social protection programs. We will support the design and delivery of comprehensively accessible programs that remove barriers to people with disabilities accessing income support, whilst also addressing the additional costs related to disability. Australia will promote income security, skills training and disability-specific support to enable economic participation and protection against poverty. We will engage OPDs in program planning, design, implementation and evaluation and provide support to strengthen their skills and knowledge to confidently contribute to discussions with governments and other duty bearers and provide technical input on issues that affect them.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>Activities to deliver this commitment will be developed in 2022 under a new AUD 18 million partnership for social protection, and through other support and partnerships facilitated by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade staff. Activities will take place from 2022 to 2024 and will be shaped by early discussions with OPDs.</p> |

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| Commitment theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities • Inclusive education • Inclusive livelihoods and social protection • Inclusive health • Gender equality as a cross-cutting theme |
| Name of Commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the implementation of Timor-Leste’s National Action Plan for People with Disabilities 2021-2030 (10) |
| Commitment Details (max 100 words) | <p>Australia will support the Government of Timor-Leste and Timorese organisations of people with disabilities to implement the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities 2021-2030. This will include supporting the involvement of peak organisations such as Asosiasaun Defisiensiia Timor-Leste and Ra’es Hadomi Timor Oan in overseeing and advocating for implementation of the plan by relevant ministries. Australia will also support relevant ministries to implement a number of specific commitments under the plan, including on advancing gender equality, inclusive education, inclusive social protection and inclusive health.</p> |
| Timeframe and/or implementation plan | <p>As per the timeframes set out in the Timor-Leste National Action Plan for People with Disabilities 2021-2030.</p> |