**Global Disability Forum – Join the conference**

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**Pacific Satellite Summit – Be a part of the conversation**

Australia and New Zealand, with Pacific regional partners the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) will co-host the Pacific Satellite Summit on 16 February 2022 in the lead up to the Global Disability Summit.

You are invited to join the Pacific Satellite Summit:

* Wednesday 16th February 1-3pm Fiji time
* The Summit will be held virtually. Register your attendance via this [link](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3-Aj23b0QaqUeN8GBa-wSw).
* More information including the agenda available [here](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/pages/the-regional-summits).

The Pacific Satellite Summit will bring together key regional disability inclusion stakeholders including governments, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), multilateral organisations, civil society organisations and others to advance disability inclusion in the Pacific region.

The key objectives of the Pacific Satellite Summit are as follows:

* Elevate the Pacific voice at the Global Disability Summit.
* Ensure people with disabilities and their representative organisations are actively involved, including in advancing disability inclusion in the Pacific.
* Reaffirm commitment to, and mobilise support for, disability inclusion in the Pacific.

People with disabilities in the Pacific are over-represented among those living in poverty – a situation exacerbated by the impacts of COVID-19 – and under-represented in social, economic and public life, including in national decision-making. A fundamental element of the Summit is the opportunity to hear from people with disabilities and their representative organisations, ensuring their continued engagement as leaders, participants, and decision-makers in disability inclusive development.

Like the Global Disability Summit, the Pacific Satellite Summit, provides the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to, and mobilise support for, disability inclusion in the region. We encourage all participants to consider what commitments they can bring to the Pacific Satellite Summit to advance disability inclusion and bring about real change for persons with disabilities in the Pacific.

**Global Disability Summit – Register now**

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The Global Disability Summit (GDS) is a once in four-year event, through which governments, international organisations, multilateral agencies, OPDs and other stakeholders convene to discuss and commit to concrete goals that advance disability inclusive development in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development principle of ‘leave no one behind’. The theme for the 2022 GDS is Promoting Equality: Lasting Change for Persons with Disabilities through Joint Action.

The Government of Norway, the Government of Ghana, and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) will co-host the 2022 GDS, which will be a virtual event on 16-17 February 2022, 14.00-17.00 (Central European Time). To enable meaningful global participation across time zones, a number of satellite summits will take place in the lead up to the main Global Disability Summit. The Pacific Satellite Summit will ensure a Pacific voice within global discussion on disability-inclusive development.

Register to attend the GDS [here](https://registration.tappin.no/register/globaldisabilitysummit) and to receive link to recording.

For more information on the GDS as well as all the parallel and side events, see [here](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/pages/your-master-guide-to-the-global-disability-summit-2022).

**Global Disability Summit Side Events**

The GDS is a crucial opportunity for organisations to share their work and commitments to making a disability inclusive future for all. There will be over 90 side events for the GDS (including ones at times we in Australia are generally awake).

Side events on Wednesday 16th February [here](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/pages/side-events-agenda-for-16-february-2022).

Side events on Thursday 17th February [here](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/pages/side-events-agenda-for-17-february-2022).

(And a world clock converter [here](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter-classic.html) to easily work out what time they will be held in your time zone.)

**#CommitToChange now**

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The GDS could be a game-changing moment for progress on building a disability-inclusive future. But to realise this vision, governments, policy-makers and organisations around the world need to [Commit to Change](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/pages/submit-or-update-a-commitment) and come together to create a more inclusive society.

Everyone can play a part to help influence decision-makers and raise awareness of disability inclusion by using our [**#CommitToChange** Social Media Toolkit](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/resources/committochange-social-media-toolkit) which includes a selection of template posts and materials.

ADDC will be sharing our commitments next week. Watch your social media for more!

**Coming next week**

We will be covering the GDS and the PSS in our next Bulletin coming to your inboxes next week. As always if you would like to contribute to the Bulletin, email Linda here.

For a more inclusive world together,

Kerryn Clarke

Linda Munoz