

## Follow-up on the Global Disability Summit Commitments

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*Advancing the CRPD through Localization*

### Logistical Information

Date: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | Time: 14:00-15:15 CET

Venue: Online – [Register here to receive the link](#)

Reasonable Accommodations: English, French, and Spanish language interpretation will be available, along with live captioning in English

### Background

With **more than half of all persons with disabilities and older persons living in cities and towns today**, localization is more critical than ever to accelerate the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), particularly its Article 9 on Accessibility, and ensure that no one is left behind.

To celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and building on the Commitments made by local and regional governments (LRGs) during the 2025 Global Disability Summit (GDS), this **event is the kick off to an initiative** that aims to strengthen the capacity of LRGs to deliver and report on their GDS Commitments, expand knowledge of the Commitments' mechanisms and of the Resilient and Inclusive Cities Hub (RICH) to other LRGs. This initiative will guide the preparations of the 2026 UCLG World Congress and **prepare LRGs to engage actively in the fourth GDS that will be hosted by the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Qatar Ministry of Social Development and Family in 2028**. It also seeks to ensure that the Outcome Document of the UCLG World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Governments strategically includes accessibility as a cross-cutting priority.

The **implementation of the GDS 2025 Commitments made by LRGs is critical to advancing human rights and renewing commitments to equality, care and trust—through locally rooted and equitable public policies and programs**. This initiative will support LRGs to advance and share their progress on GDS Commitments, enhance their collaboration with Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), and benefit from the knowledge generated through RICH.

The **outcomes of the event will culminate in a comprehensive report** on the

progress of LRGs toward the GDS Commitments—informing UCLG’s continued engagement and advocacy ahead of the Fourth Global Disability Summit.

## Objectives of the Session

1. **Reflect** on the outcomes from the 1st LRG delegation participation at the GDS
2. **Take stock** of LRGs’ challenges and progress in implementing their 2025 GDS Commitments.
3. **Present** the process for developing the Universal Guidelines on the Local Inclusion Agenda (UGLIA).
4. **Discuss** advancements of the Resilient and Inclusive Cities Hub (RICH) & the World Urban Forum (WUF) 13.
5. **Strengthen** partnerships and prepare LRGs for meaningful & visible participation in the fourth GDS (2028).
6. **Support** the integration of accessibility as a cross-cutting priority in the 2026 UCLG World Congress

## Agenda

5 min	<b>Opening &amp; Technical Remarks</b>	BMZ & UCLG
15 min	<b>Overview of Road to GDS and LRGs Delegation at 3rd GDS</b>	IDA and City leaders
30 min	<b>Where are we now: Taking Stock of LRG Commitments</b>	City leaders & UCLG Sections
6 min	<b>Towards an equitable Local Social Covenant</b>	UCLG
6 min	<b>From Commitments to Action: UGLIA</b>	VNG & UCLG
6 min	<b>Advancements of RICH &amp; WUF 13</b>	Global Disability Fund & UN Habitat
5 min	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Next Steps</b>	UN Special Rapporteur on Disability & UCLG

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