

GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT ARGENTINA 2019

Update Report from Civil Society

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Introduction and information about the Summit

Background

The Global Disability Summit, held in London in July 2018, was a successful advocacy event, attended by over 850 delegates representing a broad range of stakeholders.

The International Disability Alliance-IDA led and organized a Civil Society Forum one day before the Summit. IDA, alongside the Governments of Kenya and the UK, worked closely to galvanize commitments, and secured participation from the highest level of Governments and UN agencies. A variety of commitments were made during the Summit, which has led to a domino of events, including countries adopting action plans on disability, commitments to implementing OECD DAC marker on disability and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) organizing workshops with government officials. IDA also created the pre-conditions to ensure that UK DPOs are further engaging and communicating with the UK Government.

A number of countries have expressed an interest in conducting a follow up Summit. And after receiving the official interest from the Government of Argentina in hosting a follow up Summit focused on the Latin America region, on October 2018, during the IDA Board meeting held in Athens,

IDA Board approved the co-organization of IDA of the follow up Summit in Latin America, giving the mandate to its regional member- RIADIS (The Latin American Network of non Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families) to be in charge of the co-organization of this summit, as a continuous advocacy and strengthening efforts towards the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and 2030 Agenda for all persons with disabilities across the world, in particular for low and middle income countries.

Global Disability Summit, Argentina 2019- Follow up Summit in Latin America

The Government of Argentina Republic, the International Disability Alliance - IDA - and the Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families - RIADIS -, are co-organizing the "Global Disability Summit, Argentina 2019", which will take place in Buenos Aires, between June 6 and 8, 2019.

This edition is the follow up to the first "Global Disability Summit", held in London in 2018; and seeks to strengthen the commitment of Latin America and the world to ensure the full inclusion of persons with disabilities and guarantee its rights, freedoms and human dignity.

The objectives of the Summit are:

- Raise global attention and focus on a neglected area;
- Bring in new voices and approaches to broaden engagement;
- Mobilize new global and national commitments on disability; and,
- Showcase best practice and evidence from across the world.

The Summit represents an opportunity to reflect in the different discussion panels about the formulation and strengthening of public policies and also good practices, panels in which the main voice will be that of persons with disabilities.

Event details

Tecnopolis will host the Global Disability Summit - Argentina 2019, where the accessibility conditions will be guaranteed in the entire venue. Making this the most accessible event of the region.

Participants

The event will be hosted by leaders of organizations of persons with disabilities and their families from Latin America and the global community.

We will bring together high level representatives of governments, organizations of persons with disabilities, civil society organizations, international organizations, international cooperation

agencies, academia and the private sector, with the aim of achieving together a real change for persons with disabilities.

RIADIS is coordinating the participation of representatives of DPOs. The government of Argentina is coordinating invitations for all other groups.

Role of organizations of persons with disabilities and their families

RIADIS is facilitating and coordinating the commitment of organizations of persons with disabilities and their families from Argentina and Latin America with the Summit, ensuring that the voice of persons with disabilities is central in the design of the Summit. In this way, the Civil Society Reference Group (CSRG) was formed with the active participation of leaders of organizations of persons with disabilities and their families, recognized in the region. The group undertook an online consultation process on the themes and priorities of the Summit on March 25 in three languages, spanish, english and portuguese, and is working on several thematic axes that will sustain the commitments that will catalyze the change throughout the Summit.

The Civil Society Reference Group is permanently providing of strategic information and direction during the planning of the Summit that has allowed to revise and prioritize the selected themes on the agendas agreed with the Government of Argentina; also shares information among the different networks and organizations involved in the Summit; and will ensure the compliance of the objectives of each discussion panel, within both the Civil Society Forum and the Summit, as well as co-organizing the side events of the Summit.

The Government of Argentina –ANDIS, IDA - RIADIS and the Civil Society Reference Group have approved the agendas for the civil society forum and the summit, taking into consideration the results of the global online consultation, and also approved the list of moderators and speakers for the different themes and working groups.

If you wish to access the questionnaires of the global online consultation, you can access to the following links:

Questionnaire in spanish: <https://goo.gl/forms/MJAf4QOVAVQRjDIG3>

Questionnaire in english: <https://goo.gl/forms/XbKLB44Gnp3ndTz83>

Questionnaire in portuguese: <https://forms.gle/Z3wT9tyFrujxS9A16>

The Civil Society Forum

The Civil Society Forum will take place on June 6, one day prior the Summit, at Tecnopolis, to leverage the opportunity to amplify the voice and participation of persons with disabilities. All attendees to the Summit are encouraged to attend the Forum as the discussions will influence the overall outcomes of the event.

The Program of the Forum will be addressed through the following plenaries:

- Opening Session
- **Plenary 1** Implementation of the CRPD: perspectives from the civil society for its full and effective implementation
- **Plenary 2** The 2030 Agenda: Leave no region and no person with disabilities behind
- **Plenary 3** Right to Inclusive Education
- **Plenary 4** Looking Ahead after the Summit
- Closing Session

Summit

The Summit will take place on June 7 and will be addressed through the following program:

- Opening Session
- **Session 1** Dignity and Respect for All. Equality and non-discrimination
- **Session 2** Children with disabilities
- **Session 3** Women with disabilities
- **Session 4** Inclusive Employment and the routes towards economic empowerment
- **Session 5** Technology and Innovation, and Communication as a transformation of stigma
- **Session 6** Access to Justice
- **Closing Session** Governments' Commitments to guarantee the full and effective participation of DPOs in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of public policies.

Side Events

There will be side events organized at the Forum and the Summit, which will allow the discussion on themes that will not be addressed in both events and that are relevant for the region. The themes for the side events are:

1. Statistics on disability with the Washington Group
2. Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Action and the IASC Guidelines
3. Youths with disabilities
4. Migrants with disabilities: Mexico, Central America and Venezuela
5. Indigenous persons with disabilities
6. Bridging the Gap

Attached we send the Brochure and Agendas designed for the Summit.

For more information

You can make any consultation regarding the Summit by email to:

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For general information you can access to:

Official Summit website: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/cumbreglobaldediscapacidad>

RIADIS webpage: <http://www.riadis.org/noticias/cumbre-global-de-discapacidad-argentina-2019>

IDA webpage: <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/disability-summit-argentina-2019>