



# Financing Disability Inclusion at Scale

Advancing domestic resource mobilization and international cooperation in the CRPD's next decade

## CRPD COSP 2026 Side Event

<p><b>11 June 2026</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am-12:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>In person CR 12</b></p> <p><a href="#">UN web TV live webcast</a></p> <p>Sign language interpretation Closed captioning</p>
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### Background

Twenty years after the adoption of the CRPD, financing remains one of the most decisive conditions for moving from legal harmonization and policy commitments to implementation at scale. While many States have adopted disability laws, policies and action plans, translating these commitments into sustained, adequate and better-coordinated investment remains a major challenge, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Achieving disability inclusion at scale requires both increased disability-specific investment and more inclusive mainstream public expenditure across social protection, education, health, care and support, rehabilitation, assistive technology, infrastructure and other sectors. It also requires stronger expenditure tracking, costing of reforms, cross-sector coordination, and meaningful participation of organizations of persons with disabilities in budget and financing decisions.

The side event will bring together governments, OPDs, UN agencies and financing partners to discuss practical pathways for scaling up disability-inclusive financing. It will draw on evidence from the Global Disability Inclusion Report, country experiences from Cambodia and Jordan, and ongoing efforts to advance the Amman-Berlin Declaration and better align domestic resource mobilization with international cooperation.

### Objective of the side event

The event aims to strengthen dialogue on how governments, donors, UN agencies and disability movements can better align domestic resource mobilization and international financing to accelerate CRPD implementation in the next decade. It will focus on practical ways to increase and improve disability-inclusive financing, strengthen OPD participation in budget processes, and promote more accountable use of domestic and international resources for inclusion.

## Opening remarks

- H.E. Mr. Keo Chhea, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations
- H.E. Waleed Obeidat, Ambassador and Permanent representative of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations (TBC)
- Astrid Harnisch, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany

## Presentations and speakers

- **Overview of domestic and international public financing for disability inclusion**  
Alexandre Cote, Disability Policy and Systems Specialist - UNICEF  
Key findings from analytical work prepared for the Global Disability Inclusion Report, including spending patterns, emerging benchmarks, financing gaps, and implications for policy and budgeting.
- **Innovative financing and the Amman-Berlin Declaration as levers for international public finance for disability inclusion**  
Dr Muhannad Alazzeah, Secretary-General - Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Jordan  
Experience from Jordan, including the inclusive education debt swap with Germany, and reflections on progress in the implementation of the Amman-Berlin Declaration.
- **Monitoring and accountability of domestic and international financing for inclusion**  
HE Sambath UNG, Secretary General of Disability Action Council, Kingdom of Cambodia  
Progress on implementation of the Amman-Berlin Declaration and broader efforts to strengthen disability-inclusive financing and budgeting.
- **From consultation to participation of OPDs in budgeting**  
International Disability Alliance - Speaker TBD  
Practical steps to strengthen OPD participation and accountability in national budgeting and international financing discussions.

## Discussion

### Closing reflections

- **Global Disability Fund**  
Dr Ola Abu Alghaib, Director  
The role of global financing mechanisms and partnerships and strategy of the GDF in supporting disability-inclusive financing in the years ahead.

### Who should attend

Member State delegations, Permanent Missions, UN agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and wider civil society, bilateral and multilateral development partners, international financial institutions, researchers, and practitioners working on disability inclusion, public finance, social policy and international development.