

AI Squared: Optimizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Accessibility and Inclusion (AI)

Side Session Subtheme 2: Leaving no one behind: using AI as a tool for supporting inclusivity to strengthen the participation of persons with disabilities

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Overview of Side Event

Executives from two leading multinational technology firms (Microsoft and Google) examine how AI-based technology solutions are unlocking economic opportunities for people with disabilities. With a focus on how AI can mitigate risks in the labor market and increase employment for people with disabilities, this session will highlight applications of AI in the workplace to demonstrate the scope of possibilities for civil society. Tech executives will profile AI models that increase workplace accessibility, such as speech-to-text, immersive readers, image and speech recognition, and live captions.

Developed in alignment with SGD 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, this session explores how AI-driven accessibility innovations from leading companies are fostering economic inclusion by enhancing workplace communication, accessibility, and task management. Supported by new research from Google and Disability:IN, the session will showcase applications of AI for neurodivergent workers and job seekers around the world.

This side session unites public and private sector perspectives on the possibilities of AI for inclusive economic growth fostered by collaboration between business, national labor ministries, and NGOs around the world.

Speaker Details:

- Panelists:
 - a. Dr. Annette von Kalckreuth, Department Head, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany ([confirmed](#))
 - b. Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft ([confirmed](#))
 - c. David Sneddon, Vice President for Professional Services in EMEA, Google ([confirmed](#))
 - d. Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert on Disability at the European Commission, Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ([confirmed](#))
- Moderator:
 - a. Brian Horn, Chief Operating Officer, Disability:IN ([confirmed](#))

Session Details:

Preferred Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 or Thursday 12 June 2025

Proposed Duration: 75 minutes

Preferred Time: 11:30 am -12:45 pm or 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Session Format: In person side event broadcast via UN Webcast TV and recorded for viewing; on screen captions provided for in-person audience; side event organizers provide ISL and CART with multiple language live translation and transcription services

Session Agenda:

- Opening Remarks & Speaker Introductions (10 minutes)
- Panel Discussion (45 minutes)
- Moderated Q&A with Speakers (20 minutes)