

Strategy for Disability Inclusive Development Debate on 13 December 2018

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of their Strategy for Disability Inclusive Development, published on 3 December, towards meeting the United Kingdom's commitments given at the Global Disability Summit in July.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- Department for International Development, [Strategy for Disability Inclusive Development: 2018–23](#), 3 December 2018

DFID's strategy to achieve its vision for all people with disabilities to be engaged, empowered and able to exercise their rights on an equal basis to others. It identifies four essential outcomes: full recognition of human rights of people with disabilities; full and active participation, representation and leadership of all people with disabilities in society; equal access to opportunities and outcomes for all people with disabilities; and evidence-based understanding of the scale and nature of disability-related exclusion.

- Department for International Development, [Global Disability Summit 2018: Summary of Commitments](#), 3 August 2018; and [Global Disability Summit: Final Summary](#), 22 October 2018

Overview of Global Disability Summit on 24 July 2018 and the commitments made at it by national governments and other organisations. The commitments focused on four central themes of the Summit (ensuring dignity and respect for all, inclusive education, routes to economic empowerment and harnessing technology and innovation), as well as two cross-cutting themes (women and girls with disabilities and conflict and humanitarian contexts) and data disaggregation.

- Department for International Development, [Global Disability Summit: Charter for Change](#), 3 July 2018; and [Global Disability Summit: Government and Organisations Signing the Charter for Change](#), 30 November 2018

Ten point charter described as "the official legacy document" from the Global Disability Summit and details of those who have signed it. The charter contains commitments designed to support the rights of persons with disabilities around the world.

- House of Commons International Development Sub-Committee on the Work of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, [Oral Evidence: ICAI's Review of DFID's Approach to Disability in Development](#), 5 September 2018, HC 1495 of session 2017–19

Evidence from Commissioners from the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) and from DFID about work being undertaken by DFID on disability, including the July 2018 Global Development Summit.

- Independent Commission for Aid Impact, [DFID's Approach to Disability in Development](#), May 2018, and [Government Response](#), 27 June 2018

Results of ICAI rapid review into DFID's work in relation to those with disabilities, including recommendations about mainstreaming disability inclusion, increasing representation of staff at all levels with disabilities in the department and greater engagement with disabled peoples organisations.

- The World Bank, [Disability Inclusion: Context](#), 26 September 2018

Overview of the scale of disabilities globally highlighting that 15 percent of the world's population experience some form of disability and providing details of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals that relate to individuals with disabilities.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Disability Inclusion](#)', 4 December 2018, HCWS1138
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Developing Countries: Disability](#)', 10 September 2018, 169300
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Developing Countries: Disability](#)', 20 April 2018, 135968
- House of Lords, '[Written Question: Developing Countries: Disability](#)', 20 March 2018, HL6272

Press Articles and Comment

- Anne Gulland, '[Aid Agencies Ignoring Plight of Disabled People](#)', *Telegraph* (£), 3 December 2018
- Molly Anders, '[Global Disability Summit Yields 170 New Commitments: But What's Missing?](#)', *Devex*, 25 July 2018
- Sophie Edwards, '[How Disability Inclusive is DFID](#)', *Devex*, 23 July 2018
- Benjamin Kentish, '[UK Aid Risks Not Helping World's Poorest Because Ministers Have Prioritised Boosting Trade](#)', *Independent*, 17 July 2018
- Bond, [Stigma, Disability and Development](#), 19 December 2017

Further Information

- Department for International Development, [Global Disability Summit: Commitments](#), 3 August 2018
- [Debate on 'Disabled People'](#), *HL Hansard*, 28 June 2018, cols 299–336
- House of Commons International Development Committee, [Disability and Development](#), 10 April 2014, HC 947 of session 2013–14 and [Government Response](#), 27 June 2014

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