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Penny Innes – Head of Disability Inclusion, FCDO

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Penny Innes is head of the Disability Inclusion team in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and formerly in the Department for International Development, a post she has held since 2017. She led the team responsible for organising the Global Disability Summit in 2018 and oversaw considerable progress on disability inclusion within DFID.

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Ivar Evensmo - Senior Advisor, NORAD

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Ivar Evensmo served as the Chief Civil Society Advisor in NORAD's technical department from 2004 to 2015; after which he transferred to the Human Rights Section where he worked until retirement in May 2020. He was re-engaged in August 2021 to assist with the preparations for the Global Disability Summit 2022.

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Esther Kyoziira – CEO, NUDIPU

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Esther Kyoziira is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda. She is a female with visual impairment and has worked with the disability movement since 2000. She has previously worked as the Programme Officer for the Disability Rights Fund in Uganda and she also chaired the National Council for Persons with Disabilities from 2008-2012.

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Gaudence Mushimiyana - Co-Founder, UNABU

Gaudence is a woman with disability and a disability rights activist for nearly 20 years. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Rwandan Organization of Women with Disabilities (UNABU), where she is leading efforts to end violence against women and girls with disabilities and ensure inclusive services for survivors. She is also serving on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Disabled Peoples Forum and was recently recognized as a Woman of Courage by the U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda in 2020.

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Albert Mollar - Co-Founder & Executive Director, Access Bangladesh Foundation

Albert Mollar, Ashoka Fellow, is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Access Bangladesh Foundation, a leading organization of persons with disabilities working since 2008 in Bangladesh. He has also worked in the capacity of a consultant at the World Bank, ILO, Leonard Cheshire, American University, Bank Information Centre, ActionAid Bangladesh, Bangladesh Business and Disability Network, and other development agencies.



Risnawati Utami - Founder, OHANA Indonesia and UN CRPD Committee Member

Risnawati Utami is the founder of OHANA Indonesia, a disability-rights organization in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, whose focus is on disability rights and policy advocacy. In 2006, she was awarded a Ford Foundation International Fellowship. She also received the International Advocate Award from the United States International Council on Disabilities (USCID) in 2017. She is also the first Indonesian to have been a member of the Committee of the UN CRPD for the period 2019 – 2022.

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Vivi Yulaswati – Senior Advisor, Minister of National Development, Planning for Social Affairs & Poverty Reduction, Indonesia

Vivi a Senior Advisor to the Minister of National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction. Her main responsibility is to do analysis and advise the minister on social and poverty reduction related issues and strategies. She also Heads the National Secretariate for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She is an expert in designing poverty reduction programs including Community Driven Development, Conditional Cash Transfer, and some subsidy reforms.



Rita Kusi Kyeremaa - Executive Director Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations (GFD)

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Rita is an advocate and social development practitioner with over fourteen (14) years of experience in development work with a particular focus on promoting inclusion, participation and representation of persons with disabilities in the Ghanaian society and around the world. She has contributed to the development of Ghana's Medium Term National Development Plan 2006 - 2022, Ghana's Person with Disabilities Act of 2006, Ghana's Inclusive Education Policy, SDGs, and the African Disability Protocol.

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4. GDS Blog Series: <https://disabilityrightsfund.org/news/events/global-disability-summit-2022/>
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