

EMBRACING DISABILITY- INCLUSION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



The International Disability Alliance (IDA) warmly welcomes the inclusion of paragraph 19 in the Rev 2 draft of the UN Declaration on Future Generations, as follows:

Paragraph 19: The full and equal participation of persons with disabilities of present and future generations in society and all decision-making processes is critical to ensuring that no one is left behind.

This emphasizes the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in society and all decision-making processes and marks a significant milestone in the pursuit of global inclusivity and equality. This statement underscores the critical role that persons with disabilities play in shaping the future. It acknowledges that to create a truly inclusive and equitable society, the voices of persons with disabilities must be heard and integrated into all aspects of societal development and governance. Above all, it gives persons with disabilities around the world the hope for the societal transformation required by the CRPD, redressing the profound social disadvantage of persons with disabilities and ensuring their full and effective participation and inclusion in society.

We note with appreciation the importance of a more disability inclusive 2030 Agenda, and the 2023 Summit Declaration which committed States to *“ensuring that persons with disabilities actively participate in and equally benefit from sustainable development efforts”*, in laying the foundations for the disability-inclusive language in the Declaration on Future Generations.

We encourage all member States to support paragraph 19 of the Rev 2 draft of the UN Declaration on Future Generations, and the International Disability Alliance looks forward to ongoing dialogue and cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities on how to make these words become reality.