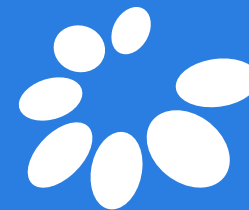


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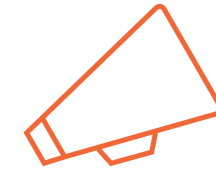
International Disability Alliance Impact Strategy 2025–2030



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Represent. Advocate. Change.

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Change



The International Disability Alliance is the global representative organization of persons with disabilities.

Through authentic OPD leadership and collaboration, the International Disability Alliance scales up inclusion and catalyzes systemic change so all persons with disabilities can thrive in inclusive societies.

Why this strategy is necessary

The most powerful force for change is organizations of persons with disabilities with a global platform, representative legitimacy, and core funding.

This strategy is a promise to **1.3 billion people** that by 2030 their lives will be **better than ever before**.

Our success will be measured in **lives transformed and opportunities unlocked**.

Disability inclusion is within reach. **Together we can transform systems.** We build it: locally, nationally, regionally, globally, and with everyone at the table.

The current reality is that the world is falling short on disability inclusion:

- Despite the widespread ratification of the CRPD, and a high level of political commitments on disability inclusion, national budget spending has remained flat since the 1980s (approximately 2% of GDP in high-income countries, and around 0.5% in middle and low-income countries) and the total of disability-focused ODA amounts to less than a dollar per person with disabilities.
- OPDs remain underfunded, overtasked, and often left out of important conversations. Most OPD budgets are less than \$5,000 per year.

The International Disability Alliance has the convening power, the know-how, and the network to scale-up inclusion. **Our objective by 2030 is to improve the lives of at least 800 million people with disabilities.**

Systems change starts here

IDA is the global OPD, with 25 years of proven leadership and impact.

We have a dual-action model shaping global frameworks and translating them into local solutions.

The lives of persons with disabilities have **been positively changed by IDA through:**

21,000+

OPD-led interventions to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

2,500+

laws and policies influenced to advance disability inclusion.

2,400+

resources developed to empower OPDs



But much **more needs to be done** to realize fully disability-inclusive societies.

Our Purpose



Purpose

To build a future where every person with a disability has the opportunity to learn, earn, and live a decent life of their own choosing.



Mission

To catalyze systems transformation through OPD leadership and ensure accountability.

Strategic objectives

IDA's five key strategic objectives for 2025 – 2030 are:

Increase disability inclusion across all relevant global mechanisms and political forums.

Leverage the potential of organizations of persons with disabilities to pursue and achieve their strategic priorities.

Build the evidence base for systems transformation and effective service delivery.

Drive innovation and impactful solutions to address current demands and persistent challenges faced by persons with disabilities.

Further increase, diversify and democratize IDA's membership, and leverage the strengths of each IDA member to maximize the impact of the global OPD movement.

Cross-cutting priorities:
Gender equality, youth perspective, mainstreaming and localization

- We prioritize a **gender-responsive approach** and a **youth perspective** across all aspects of our work.
- We embed disability inclusion in **mainstream development platforms and programs**, and **advance localization** to ensure that global norms and commitments translate into real improvements in the lives of persons with disabilities.

People-first impact generation

Every activity is tested against one question: *"Does this change lives for persons with disabilities for the better?"*

We measure success in **human outcomes**, for example, **what we want is a world where:**



A child with disabilities goes to an **inclusive school, not an institution**



A woman with disabilities influences **policy change** as a leader of the disability movement



There is **decent work** for all persons with disabilities as a matter of inclusion not charity



An OPD receives **core funding to achieve their objectives**, not fragmented project resources

IDA – unlocking change across the ecosystem

IDA is the systems enabler that makes inclusive solutions possible across actors, sectors, and regions.

What IDA does (strategic objectives)	How IDA does it	What it unlocks across the ecosystem
Increased disability inclusion principles in all relevant global mechanisms and forums.	Strategically influences global norms, policies, standards and investments by OPD lead advocacy, grassroots voices, joint statements, meaningful participation.	Stakeholders (Governments, UN agencies, private sector, NGOs) adopt inclusive language in global frameworks, strengthen political commitments and enhance accountability for disability inclusion.
Leverage OPDs potential to pursue and achieve their strategic priorities.	Unleash OPD potential to achieve their goals through: flexible funding, capacity sharing, and mutual collaboration.	OPDs effectively advocate, implement, and monitor disability-inclusive systems change; OPD peer-to-peer learning and support drives change; OPDs increasingly become the trusted implementing partners of choice across sectors.
Drive innovation and impactful solutions to address current demands and persistent challenges.	Leads coordinated cross-sectoral platforms (e.g., GLAD, GDS, ATscale) to innovate in the areas of financing for disability inclusion, movement strengthening, cross-movement collaboration, systems-transformation and service delivery, that pool expertise, align priorities, and mobilize joint financing in line with OPD-identified needs and priorities.	Donor coordination and harmonization, innovative solutions in financing for disability inclusion, movement strengthening, cross-movement collaboration, systems-transformation and effective service delivery, that are mainstreamed and localized, including pooled funding to leverage impact.
Build the evidence base for systems transformation and effective service delivery.	Transformational advocacy, capacity-sharing, and knowledge and data through participatory research, inclusive monitoring frameworks, and global knowledge, research and innovation partnerships.	Improved evidence-based advocacy and policymaking, OPDs using data to push reform agendas in line with the CRPD.
Further increase, diversify and democratize IDA's membership, and leverage the strengths of each IDA member to maximize the impact of the global OPD movement.	Fosters diverse, democratic and inclusive leadership development and institutional representation, and intergenerational mentorship, with dedicated spaces for women and youth.	New leadership pipelines; greater representation in global, regional, national and local decision-making spaces; meaningful participation in emerging agendas; and stronger collaboration across social justice movements to drive collective impact.

IDA impact architecture map

IDA's Impact Architecture Map shows our multi-level influence, and how IDA's global actions, including advocacy, capacity sharing, and knowledge sharing, unlock wider change across the disability inclusion system. It connects what IDA does, how it does it, and the real-world impact this creates, demonstrating how IDA drives systemic, scalable transformation.

	Global	Regional	National	Local
Advocacy & accountability	UN system, WTO, G7 & G20, global financial architecture, development banks, global climate and digital governance, humanitarian partnership forums; private sector.	Regional frameworks (economic/political/human rights), regional stocktakes across human rights, development, financial architecture, climate and migration strategies.	Engagement in legal, political, and policy advocacy and accountability processes, including State reviews, national plans such as climate action plans, national budgeting and Treasury processes, disaster risk reduction reviews, impact assessments, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), and the IDA Disability Inclusion Index.	Local government/authorities, policy dialogues with OPDs, OPD-led local policy audits, community budget advocacy, municipal-level scorecards.
Partnerships	Global Disability Fund, GDS, GLAD Network, UN, ATscale, DRG, IDDC, gender-equality, inclusive education, philanthropic alliances, climate and humanitarian actors.	IDA regional members (Africa, Europe, Asia, Pacific, Latin-America, Middle-East), regional UN bodies, interregional peer exchanges.	National umbrella OPDs, social movement organizations, think-tanks, government departments/ministries including Development agencies, NHRIs, donor coordination mechanisms.	Grassroots OPDs, community-based organizations, inclusive service providers, cross-movement partnerships, women, youth, and Indigenous-led movements.
Knowledge generation	IDA Disability Inclusion Index, global thematic reports, Disability Rights knowledge hub, Inclusive Data development.	Regional reports on CRPD & SDG implementation, Disability inclusive development & financing, regional research on economic/climate inclusion.	IDA disability inclusion surveys, national reporting for treaty bodies, VNRs, national disability data dashboards, OPD-led impact monitoring.	Local OPD-led impact narratives and analysis, participatory research, citizen-generated data, accessible tech for data collection.
Resource mobilization	Engaging in and co-creating world-leading financing and innovation mechanisms, GLAD; pooled donor models, Disability Funds, mainstreamed funding (climate, health, education, digital), philanthropic collaboration, blended finance.	Regional program grants, regional development banks, multi-country pooled investments, regional OPD support mechanisms.	Budget allocations for inclusion, fundraising campaigns, national trust funds, joint programming with Ministries.	OPD microgrants, subgrants, local fundraising, participatory budgeting, social enterprise models, flexible OPD-managed funds.
Movement strengthening	Capacity sharing, collaborative learning platforms, peer-to-peer learning models, mentoring programmes, cross-regional collaboration, digital tools.	Regional OPD mentorships, support of OPD-led advocacy, facilitate OPD-engagement in regional mechanisms, leadership incubation for youth/women/Indigenous, advocacy accelerators.	OPD mentorships, support to OPD-led national advocacy, organizational strengthening programmes, support to informal & emerging networks, shared infrastructure.	OPD dialogues, peer-to-peer learning, trainings, support to OPD-led localized advocacy, inclusive civic engagement, community-based leadership development.

Feedback loops:

How change happens and informs further action

Result Story 1: From global policy to local action

The Nairobi Declaration (2024), shaped by over 200 OPD representatives, has already influenced G20 discussions and catalyzed inclusive education commitments in Uganda and Nigeria. IDA's role? Convening, facilitating, and funding the platform for OPDs to lead, then helping carry their demands into regional and global forums.

Feedback loop: Outcomes from regional platforms shape the Global Disability Summit 2025 agendas and national-level implementation tracking tools.

Result Story 2: Building OPD power through AT Microgrants

OPDs in Kenya, Peru, Nepal, and Lesotho used IDA microgrants to launch local AT campaigns, train users, influence national AT plans, and gather community feedback on needs.

Feedback loop: These grassroots findings fed into the global AT user report and informed ATscale's global funding strategy.

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Result Story 4: Health equity for women with disabilities – from knowledge to national change

IDA worked with its members in low and mid-income settings in several countries in Africa, South-East Asia, and Central America to develop OPD-led research on health barriers faced by women with disabilities, including, underlying and social determinants of health and SRHR. The data was used to produce an OPD guidance document and set of tools to help convene dialogue with Ministries of Health and trigger changes in national health policy planning.

Feedback loop: OPD-led evidence is shaping national policies and accountability tools, while lessons from country-level engagement feed into a new global initiative on health equity for persons with disabilities.

Result Story 3: Influencing global norms/standards

Through sustained advocacy, IDA ensured disability inclusion across 10 chapters of the Pact for the Future, transforming a near-invisible draft into a globally inclusive agreement. This win was powered by youth activists, OPD consultations, and coordinated lobbying across 15+ missions.

Feedback loop: OPDs are now using the Pact to frame national-level policy dialogues, especially on digital inclusion and social protection.

Thematic Priorities (2025–2030)

IDA's thematic focus areas are chosen based on clear evidence and direct feedback from OPDs around the world. They reflect urgent systemic gaps where inclusive reform is both possible and essential.

For the 2025–2030 period, the International Disability Alliance will advance a focused set of thematic priorities including:

- Humanitarian action
- Financing for development
- Peace and security
- Climate justice
- Inclusive education
- Health equity
- Political participation

Alongside interconnected areas such as:

- Economic empowerment and inclusive trade
- Assistive technology
- Care & support for independent living

Gender equality and youth perspective



IDA advances gender equality by:

- Combating gender-based violence and **promoting the sexual and reproductive rights** of women and girls with disabilities.
- Ensuring **women's leadership** at all levels of the disability movement.
- Supporting **gender-responsive peacebuilding and crisis response**, including in climate and humanitarian action.
- Promoting **economic empowerment** through inclusive work, trade, and social protection.
- Strengthening **community-led leadership by women** with disabilities.



IDA strengthens youth leadership by:

- Championing youth inclusion within the disability movement, ensuring **young persons with disabilities shape decisions and lead change**.
- Targeting **youth-specific barriers** in inclusive education, technology, AI, and health systems.
- Prioritizing **youth inclusion within the disability movement** in climate action, employment, peacebuilding, especially those most marginalized.

Mainstreaming & localization



IDA embeds disability inclusion in mainstream development by:

- Positioning **OPDs as essential stakeholders in global and national development frameworks**, ensuring their systematic inclusion in policies, financing instruments, and accountability mechanisms.
- Driving the use and improvement of **disability-inclusive development markers and indicators**, such as the OECD DAC disability marker and SDG-aligned disability data tools, to make disability visibility a standard in all development efforts.
- Providing **technical assistance** to governments and development actors to operationalize mainstreaming disability inclusion in sectoral strategies and financing, including in education, health, employment, climate, humanitarian response, and digital transformation.



IDA advances localization by:

- Strengthening **national OPDs as development actors**, equipping them with the resources, capacity, and strategic support to influence national policies, implementation plans, and monitoring frameworks.
- Delivering **flexible funding and strategic mentoring to OPDs**, including at national and subnational levels, to enable long-term institutional growth and impact.
- Building **regional ecosystems** of support through peer-to-peer and cross-OPD learning hubs that enable OPDs to co-develop solutions grounded in local knowledge and inclusive community leadership.

Catalytic investment for systemic change

To scale up inclusion, IDA needs investment



Every \$1 invested in IDA delivers a 13-fold return in impact. With a funding target of USD \$40 million investment over five years, IDA will unlock over \$520 million in amplified and leveraged impact across the global disability ecosystem.

This investment will **drive systemic change**, enabling OPDs to influence inclusive laws, policies, and budgets; strengthening accountability and services; and accelerating donor coordination and sustainable financing for disability inclusion worldwide.

IDA's impact strategy needs a **mix of innovative and coordinated funding**: international aid, domestic budgets, private sector investment, and inclusive economic systems, alongside newer approaches like philanthropy, pooled funding, and impact investing.

From investment to lasting returns

Accelerated investment in 2025 means **reshaping global systems for decades to come**, with persons with disabilities leading the way. Delaying investment risks losing momentum.

There are three **key returns** on investment in inclusion:



Transforming how systems work, from global to national, so inclusion becomes the norm, not the exception.



Generating practical, scalable OPD-led solutions that make public services work for everyone.



Building a strong, diverse disability movement that holds the world accountable for the paradigm shift.

These are the returns that IDA will deliver

What 2030 success will look like

Together, we can deliver on the promise of inclusive equality.

By 2030, we will have closed the disability-inclusion gap:

- Disability rights integrated across all major global frameworks and financing agendas.
- Health systems, schools, and labor markets that are inclusive of persons with disabilities.
- Laws not only passed but enforced, with accountability, data, and results.
- Organizations of persons with disabilities at the table, resourced, skilled, and leading change.

We will make sure that disability inclusion moves **from frameworks to impact**, and shift persons with disabilities and their representative organizations **from the margins to the mainstream**.

By 2030 we will create opportunities and preconditions for a decent life for at least 800 million people with disabilities.

We will have **empowered a generation of persons with disabilities** to take their place at the center of economic development, prosperity, and innovation.



Thank You!