

## Agenda overview

All times CET	Topic and Speakers
2:00-2:25pm	<p><b>Opening - Context and objectives</b> of the High-level Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie Morgan, Moderator</li> <li>• Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (<i>recording</i>)</li> <li>• Chief Guest: Dr Arif Alvi, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (<i>recording</i>)</li> <li>• Vladimir Cuk, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance</li> </ul>
2:25-2:45pm	<p><b>Global overview of key achievements in access to Assistive Technology</b> since the first Global Disability Summit and key priorities for the next years</p> <p>Joint presentation by ATscale, WHO, UNICEF, GDI Hub and CHAI</p>
2:45-3:35pm	<p><b>Roundtable 1: Assistive Technology and the Global Disability Summit thematic areas</b></p> <p>Key stakeholders will discuss how AT is essential to success in each of the 5 thematic areas of the Global Disability Summit: Inclusion in situations of crisis and conflict, Inclusive health, Inclusive education, Capacity development of OPDs , and Inclusive livelihoods and social protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President, ICRC</li> <li>• Catalina Devandas, Ambassador of Costa Rica to UNOG; former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Afshan Khan, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF</li> <li>• Shuaib Chalklen, Executive Director, African Disability Forum</li> <li>• Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion, EU Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>



**3:35-3:45pm**

**Assistive Technology as a precursor for inclusive development**

- Paloma Adams-Allen, Deputy Administrator, USAID

**3:45-4:45pm**

**Roundtable 2: Showcasing progress and future plans**

Key decision makers from programme countries, donors, the private sector, civil society and a development partner will discuss where they can show and see progress and their future plans in the lead-up to the Global Disability Summit.

- Charlotte V. McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank
- Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Health, Kenya
- Anurag Hans, Head of Mission for EssilorLuxottica
- Philipp Schulte-Noelle, CEO, Ottobock
- Shona McDonald, Founder/Director, Shonaquip Social Enterprise
- Rebecca Levy, Acting Director, Inclusive Development Hub, USAID

**Q&A**

**4:45-5:00pm**

**Closing - Recap and next steps**

- Gamze Sofuoglu, product manager of mobile applications and accessibility solutions, Turkcell
- Darren Welch, Director of Global Health, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- Jon Lomoy, Board Chair, ATscale



## Speakers

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### **Sophie Morgan (Moderator)**

Broadcaster, Author and Disability Advocate Sophie Morgan is an award-winning disability advocate, TV presenter & social entrepreneur.

After being paralysed in a car crash when she was 18 years old, she is one of the only television presenters with a disability in the world.

Voted as one of the Top 10 most influential people with a disability in the UK, she is determined to channel her adversity into opportunity, and she sees her challenges as a unique chance for creativity and has become the ultimate agent for change.

She fronts the live coverage of all Paralympic sport for Channel 4 and makes award winning current affairs documentaries, travel programs and consumer affairs shows including Dispatches and Unreported World.





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**Amina  
Mohammed,  
Deputy  
Secretary-  
General, United  
Nations**

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Previously, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and efforts to protect the natural environment.

Ms. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ms. Mohammed began her career working on the design of schools and clinics in Nigeria. She served as an advocate focused on increasing access to education and other social services, before moving into the public sector, where she rose to the position of adviser to four successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development.





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**Dr Arif Alvi,  
President of the  
Islamic Republic  
of Pakistan**

Dr. Arif Alvi is a Pakistani politician serving as the 13th and current President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Dr. Arif Alvi's political career commenced with his pro-democracy struggle against the dictatorship of General Ayub Khan. He is a founding member of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He has held the offices of PTI President of Sindh (1997-2001), Central Vice President (2001-2006) and Secretary General (2006-2013). He was elected as member of National Assembly from Karachi in 2013 and 2018 and was instrumental in drafting and the passage of many bills including one on Alternate Dispute Resolution.

He completed his Masters of Science in the field of Prosthodontics from University of Michigan (1975) and in Orthodontics from University of Pacific, San Francisco (1982). He was awarded fellowship 'Diplomatic American Board of Orthodontists (1995). President Dr. Arif Alvi has been a renowned professional and has held many important positions in the field of Dentistry.





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**Vladimir Cuk,  
Executive  
Director,  
International  
Disability  
Alliance**

Dr. Vladimir Cuk has over 20 years of a progressive and diverse career in implementing the rights of persons with disabilities, promoting disability inclusive international development, as well as personal experience of disability. Vladimir started his career in war-torn Yugoslavia by establishing a grassroots organization of young people with disabilities. He continued at the University of Illinois at Chicago as a researcher, and finally serves as the Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance (IDA). In his role with IDA, Vladimir serves as the standing cochair of the GLAD donor coordination mechanism and a cohost of the Global Disability Summit mechanism. He received his PhD in Disability Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Vladimir lives in New York with his wife and daughter.





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**Gilles  
Carbonnier,  
Vice-President  
ICRC**

Prof Gilles Carbonnier is the vice-president of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Since 2007, Dr Carbonnier has been a professor of development economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva), where he also served as director of studies and president of the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action. Prior to joining the Graduate Institute, Dr Carbonnier worked with the ICRC in Iraq, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Sri Lanka, and served as an economic adviser at the ICRC's headquarters. His expertise is in international cooperation, the economic dynamics of armed conflict, and the nexus between natural resources and development.



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**Catalina  
Devandas,  
Ambassador of  
Costa Rica to  
UNOG**

Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar is the Ambassador of Costa Rica to UNOG. She served as the first United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 2014 until 2020.

She has worked extensively on disability rights and inclusive development for the past 20 years, including with the World Bank, the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, and international donor organizations that supported the work of organizations of persons with disabilities to promote the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Devandas Aguilar was previously part of the disability rights movement at national, regional and international level and continues to work closely with organizations of persons with disabilities.





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**Afshan Khan**

Afshan Khan is the UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, and the Special Coordinator for the Refugee and Migrant Response in Europe. She is based in Geneva.

Ms. Khan has been an international public servant for over 30 years. Previously she was the Director of Emergency Programmes for UNICEF, and she has also held other senior positions including Director of Public-Sector Alliances and Resource Mobilization; Associate Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa; and the UNICEF Representative in Jamaica. Ms. Khan has extensive field experience including assignments in Kenya; Mozambique; Democratic Republic of Congo; and Colombia. She also has broad United Nations-wide expertise stemming from assignments with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee for Humanitarian Affairs (IASC) in Geneva; the Executive Office of the Secretary-General; and the United Nations Development Group. From 2012 to 2014 Ms. Khan took leave from the United Nations to become the CEO of Women for Women International. In that role, she was responsible for setting the strategic vision and mobilizing the necessary resources for women rebuilding their lives after war.







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**Shuaib Chalklen,  
African Disability  
Forum**

Shuaib Chalklen of South Africa is the current Executive Director of the African Disability Forum. He previously served as Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2009-2014.

He is a prominent leader who has made extensive contributions to the advancement of persons with disabilities within both regional and global frameworks.

Mr. Chalklen earned a bachelor's degree in social science from the University of Cape Town in 1991. He also studied at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and at the Senior Executive Programme at Harvard University.

He has considerable national and regional experience in the advancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in the global arena. He has assumed numerous positions in the fields of disability, governance and administration at the national, regional and global levels, including: Senior Policy Analyst in the Presidency of South Africa (2006-2007); Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat for the African Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2006); and Director of the Office on the Status of Disabled Persons in the Presidency of South Africa (1996-2001). He has worked closely with the United Nations, the World Bank and other entities of the United Nations system, as well as with bi-lateral donor countries in Europe and other regions. He was recently appointed a Counselor for the World Future Council in Geneva.

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**Inmaculada  
Placencia-  
Porrero, EU  
Commission**

Inmaculada Placencia Porrero is a Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion at Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at the European Commission. Her unit is responsible for the coordination of European policies for persons with disabilities. She works on European disability policies including the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, and the EU implementation of the UNCRPD. Inmaculada holds a degree in Physics and Computer Science and worked in research and development before joining The European Commission in 1991. She has worked on research programmes addressing accessibility as well as assistive technologies and was Deputy Head of Unit for various disability-related units in the Commission. Her work in the "e-Inclusion" unit of the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media addressed accessibility policy. While at the Directorate-General for Justice she contributed to disability-related antidiscrimination legislation. She was responsible for the Task Force for the preparation of the European Accessibility Act and remains responsible since its adoption in 2015. Currently under the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, she is also leading the team working on the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030.





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**USAID Deputy  
Administrator  
Paloma Adams-  
Allen**

Ms. Adams-Allen is the Deputy Administrator for Management and Resources. She was formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American Foundation and, before her time at the IAF, served as Senior Director for global private-sector-partnerships initiatives at Winrock International, at the Organization of American States in several hemispheric development policy, programming, and leadership roles, at the law firm Coudert Brothers and the advocacy organization Caribbean-Central American Action, and at USAID as Deputy Assistant Administrator and Senior Advisor in the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean from 2010 to 2016.

Ms. Adams-Allen attended Brown University and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. She holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.





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**Charlotte V. McClain-Nhlapo, World Bank**

Charlotte V. McClain-Nhlapo is Global Disability Advisor of the World Bank Group. She focuses on working with and supporting operational teams across the institution to ensure that Bank policies, programs and projects take people with disabilities into consideration.

Before joining the World Bank, she served as USAID's coordinator for disability and inclusive development, appointed by U.S. President Barack Obama in 2011 to lead the government's efforts in disability inclusive development, from developing policies and country strategies to technical assistance for program implementation.

Prior to that, she worked as a Senior Operations Officer at the Bank to integrate disability inclusive development into operations in the East Asia Pacific and Africa regions. Earlier in her career, she was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to the South African Human Rights Commission focusing on social and economic rights, disability rights, and child rights. From 1996 to 1998, she also served as a project officer on child protection for UNICEF.

She holds a Master's Degree in international law and administration from the University of Warsaw, Poland, and an LLM from Cornell Law School.

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**Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Health, Kenya**

Dr. Mercy Mwangangi is a Kenyan doctor and the current Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) of the Ministry of Health. She is amongst the top officials in the ministry of health who work tirelessly to contain the Covid-19 pandemic in the country. She holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Nairobi. In 2015, Mercy graduated from the University of Adelaide in Australia with a master's degree in Health Economics and Policy.



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**Anurag Hans, Head of Mission, EssilorLuxottica**

Anurag Hans is the current Head of Mission for EssilorLuxottica. Previously, he worked as a Strategy Consultant on National Policy Advisory for the Malaysia Blue Ocean Strategy Institute (MBOSI). Prior to that, he held senior positions for several companies such as Pepsico, Ernst&Young, ITC limited and TATA infotech.

Anurag Hans holds an MBA (Strategy) from INSEAD, France, a Master's degree (Marketing) from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), India and an Engineering degree from the Delhi Institute of Technology, India. He is a qualified Blue Ocean Strategy and Value Innovation practitioner.





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**Philipp Schulte-Noelle, Ottobock**

Philipp Schulte-Noelle is the Chief Executive Officer of Ottobock. He has been a member of Ottobock's Executive Board and the Management Board since 2018. Before joining Ottobock, Schulte-Noelle initially oversaw corporate business development/mergers and acquisitions at international health care company Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. Most recently he served as Chief Financial Officer and Head of Compliance as well as Chief Human Resources Officer at pharmaceutical and med-tech company Fresenius Kabi AG, based in Germany. Prior to that, Schulte-Noelle acquired relevant experience with private equity firm Permira Beteiligungsberatung GmbH in Frankfurt and as a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs International, an investment bank in London. Schulte-Noelle has a background in business law and holds an MBA from the international graduate business school INSEAD.





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**Shona McDonald,  
Shonaquip**

Shona McDonald is the founder director of Shonaquip, a Hybrid Social Enterprise committed to designing and manufacturing wheelchairs and posture support devices, as well as providing an ecosystem of accessible community-based support services and training to facilitate improved quality of life for hundreds of thousands of children with disabilities living in rural and remote regions in Africa.

As a mother of a child with disability, through her continued work with the persons with disabilities in her community, Shona met many other parents of children with disabilities, who together with their therapists persuaded her to design and manufacture special devices for them. Unsustainable in the long-run, Shona turned Shonaquip into a social business, operating with sales of services and products. She also founded Uhambo Foundation, which operates on 100 percent of the profits from Shonaquip. Shona has won recognition for her work from several organizations, including a Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship Fellowship and the World Economic Forum Social Entrepreneur Award.



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**Rebecca Levy,  
USAID**

Rebecca Levy is the Acting Director, Inclusive Development Hub at USAID. She oversees programs that seek to enable the full participation of marginalized and vulnerable populations, and address the needs of vulnerable children, youth, and families. Rebecca joined USAID in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow. She has served as an Advisor to USAID Administrator Raj Shah, the Director of USAID/Cote d'Ivoire's Economic Growth Office, USAID's Liaison to the African Development Bank, as well as several roles in the Latin American and Caribbean Bureau. Prior to USAID, she worked for CARE in Mali and UNHCR in Ghana. She received a BA in political science from Haverford College and a Masters Degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.





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**Gamze Sofuoğlu,  
product  
manager of  
mobile  
applications and  
accessibility  
solutions,  
Turkcell**

Gamze Sofuoğlu was born blind. She has been passionately struggling to change the perception of people towards disabilities, as well as the perception of disabled people towards their disabilities. She has been working on projects regarding accessibility, history and philosophy of disability, and rights of the disabled community ever since she discovered that disability was more a consequence of social barriers, than a body-related personal issue.

Gamze has been working at Turkcell, world's first digital operator headquartered in Turkey, since 2014. She is the product manager of mobile applications and accessibility solutions for disabled individuals such as audio description and indoor navigation technologies for blind people, instant Sign Language translator for deaf people and educational games for children with autism. The products she leads has a wide international recognition and a great number of awards from prestigious platforms such as GSMA, Meffys and MIT Technology Review.

Gamze graduated from the Department of Psychology in Boğaziçi University and made her Master's degree on Cognitive Psychology at the same university. Her thesis was an investigation on the effect of disability perception on the temporal distribution in lifespan, content and recollective experiences in personally significant autobiographical memories.

Gamze writes articles on disability issues, mentors blind children to support them to be more autonomous and confident in their lives, and provides consultancy for projects on accessibility and disability. She is the cofounder of Smart Cane WeWALK, on one of the most popular radio stations of Turkey.







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**Darren Welch,  
Director of  
Global Health,  
UK Foreign,  
Commonwealth  
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Development  
Office**

Darren Welch is the Director of Global Health, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Darren Welch is Director of Global Health at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. He leads and co-ordinates the Department's work to respond the health impacts of C-19, to build better global preparedness against future pandemics and to deliver on the UK Government's commitment to work towards ending preventable deaths and achieving SDG 3 . Darren's Directorate oversees the UK's ODA investments in the main global health funds and the WHO, supports ACT-A and COVAX, and champions SRHR as part of a comprehensive approach to healthcare that meets the needs of women and girls. In his previous role as Policy Director, Darren oversaw DFID's work on climate and environment. Darren joined the former Department for International Development in 2007 where he had several roles, including running the UK aid programme in Tanzania from 2008-2011. He also spent four years as a senior diplomat at the UK's Representation to the EU, responsible for policy on Trade, Development, Africa, Asia & the Americas. From 2015-16 he led on the humanitarian aspects of resettling 20,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees in the UK.

Earlier in his career Darren worked in the Prime Minister's Performance and Innovation Unit. He is a Board member of the Partnership for Maternal, New-born and Child Health and a Board Director of the Global Innovation Fund.





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**Jon Lomøy,  
Board Chair,  
ATscale**

Mr. Jon Lomøy joined the ATscale Board to become its inaugural Chair in August 2020. He serves in a personal, independent capacity.

During his distinguished career Jon Lomøy held senior positions both within the government of his home country Norway and in multilateral organisations. Until December 2019, Jon Lomøy was the Director General of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), a post to which he was appointed in November 2015. Within Norad, he had previously served as the Director of the Southern Africa Department from 2001 to 2004 and held other senior positions from 1989 to 1996. As Head of the Eastern Africa Division, and Deputy Director and Director of the Africa Department, he was responsible for the management of bilateral development cooperation with Africa and initiated a major reorganisation of the department to decentralise programmes and enhance work on general policy issues.

From 2010 to 2015, Jon Lomøy headed the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate. He led the work on peer reviews, development finance statistics and general development policy, including on the modernisation of ODA.

Mr. Lomøy has also twice served as Ambassador of Norway, to Zambia from 1996 to 2000 and to Tanzania from 2007 to 2010, where he managed one of Norway's largest bilateral aid programmes, with a particular focus on translating global policy initiatives – such as climate change, UN reform and the Partnership for Reduced Maternal and Child Mortality – to country-level activities.

From 2004 to 2007, he was Deputy Director General of the Department for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East in Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was responsible for the overall management of Norway's bilateral assistance programme.

