

# Connecting for Change: Integrating Disability Equity Across Global Health Agendas

Side event of the Seventy-Ninth  
World Health Assembly

**19 May 2026**

12:00 - 13:30 CEST



## Programme

<b>12:00 - 12:05</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>John Coughlan (International Cerebral Palsy Society)</i>
<b>12:05 - 12:15</b>	<b>Framing: disability inclusion as a UHC and reform imperative</b> <i>Sarah Collinson (International Disability and Development Consortium)</i>
<b>12:15 - 12:35</b>	<b>Lived experience across the health system and life course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Pearl Lüthy (Down Syndrome International and Insieme21)</i></li><li>• <i>Joseph Etyang (LVCT Health Organization)</i></li><li>• <i>Smitha Sadasivan (Disability Rights India Foundation)</i></li></ul>
<b>12:35 - 12:55</b>	<b>From equity principles to implementation: country and programme practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Alessandra Aresu (Humanity &amp; Inclusion)</i></li><li>• <i>Patience Ofosuhemaa (Ghana Health Service)</i></li></ul>
<b>12:55 - 13:05</b>	<b>Disability Health Equity Network: creating a global movement for disability inclusion in health</b> <i>Anjela Jenkins (Special Olympics)</i>
<b>13:05 - 13:25</b>	<b>Turning reflection into action: discussion</b> <i>Facilitated discussion with all participants</i>
<b>13:25 - 13:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Kaloyan Kamenov (World Health Organization)</i>