

From Exclusion to Leadership: People with Disabilities Develop an Agenda for Inclusive Climate Action



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Abstract: Persons with disabilities are recognised as being acutely impacted by climate change, particularly in countries that are at the forefront of the climate crisis. At the same time, research indicates that a very limited number of countries include any reference to persons with disabilities in their climate policies and commitments. If climate action is to reach the most affected, it is vital that it includes those most marginalised to meet their needs and draw on their capacities. Our side event will present some recent evidence and recommend measures to make sure that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are at the front and centre of a rights-based response to climate change.

Key speakers:

- Debbie Palmer, Energy, Climate and Environment Director of the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); Kristin Tilley, Australian Ambassador for Climate Change
- Recent report analysing all NDCs and national adaptation and mitigation policies from disability inclusion perspective, as well as evidence collected from the Pacific region, Australia, Bangladesh, and Madagascar
- Interventions by Ian Fry, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change, and Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability Rights.

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