

Climate change poses a major challenge for people with disabilities.

The negative effects of climate change further complicate their living conditions, which are characterised by structural barriers, discrimination and low participation in social life. The increase in poverty in recent years affects people with disabilities in a particular way, as they are disproportionately affected by poverty and fall into poverty situations more easily.

One consequence of climate change is an increase in (internal) displacement, which further worsens the living situation of people with disabilities if, for example, they lose access to education or necessary assistive devices as a result. The health effects of climate change also pose particular risks for people with disabilities, as hardly any healthcare system is inclusive and barrier-free and it is becoming more difficult for them to receive the necessary medical support in line with their needs.

According to the Paris Climate Agreement, measures to combat climate change should be aligned with human rights. This means, among other things, that climate adaptation measures must be inclusive and barrier-free and that people with disabilities must be considered and actively involved in international climate adaptation measures. Special attention must be paid to children and elderly people with disabilities, as they feel the negative effects even more strongly and are exposed to an increased risk.

The conference will therefore look at the consequences of climate change on the lives of people with disabilities, especially children and elderly people with disabilities, and, with a view to German international cooperation, examine the question of how it can counter the negative consequences of climate change and make climate adaptation measures inclusive and barrier-free.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

09.30	Welcome Address
	Greeting <i>Jürgen Dusel, Federal Government Commissioner for Matters concerning Persons with Disabilities (tbc)</i>
9.45	Panel I: Climate change and people with disabilities United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – content, developments and outcomes of COP 28. What does this mean for people with disabilities? <i>N.N.</i>
10.10	Climate change and disability – What risks are people with disabilities exposed to? What role do they play in climate policy and climate adaptation? <i>Prof. Michael Stein, Harvard Law School, Boston, USA</i>
10.35	How do people with disabilities experience the effects of climate change? <i>Nogning Armelle Aimerique, Coordinating Unit of Associations of Persons with Disabilities, Cameroon</i>
10.50	Video message: How does climate change affect children with disabilities?
11.00	Coffee Break
11.30	(Internal) migration as a result of climate change. What impact do the resulting emergency situations have on people with disabilities? <i>Christelle Cazabat, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), Geneva</i>
12.00	Nexus: Climate change, people with disabilities and health <i>Davide Ziveri, Handicap International, Brussels</i>
12.30	Lunch Break
14.15	Panel II: Sustainable, inclusive and accessible implementation of disaster risk reduction, disaster relief and climate adaptation measures Making disaster risk reduction inclusive <i>Jennifer M'Vousama, Handicap International, Lyon</i> Making disaster relief inclusive <i>Christine Wegner-Schneider, Caritas international</i> Inclusive climate adaptation measures <i>Maria Kett, University College London, UK</i> Participation of organisations of people with disabilities <i>Nogning Armelle Aimerique, Coordinating Unit of Associations of Persons with Disabilities, Cameroon</i>

15.15	Coffee Break
15.45	Deepening of the topics in parallel working groups Making disaster risk reduction inclusive. How inclusive is international disaster risk reduction? How can it become more inclusive? <i>Jennifer M'Vousama, Handicap International</i> <i>Konstantin Klammert, German Federal Foreign Office</i> Making disaster relief inclusive. How inclusive is humanitarian aid? How can it become more inclusive? <i>Christine Wegner-Schneider, Caritas international</i> <i>N.N.</i> Inclusive climate adaptation measures. How can they become inclusive? <i>Maria Kett, University College London</i> <i>N.N., BMZ</i>
16.45	Panel discussion: How can Germany contribute internationally to better protection of people with disabilities in the face of climate change and to the inclusive design of climate adaptation measures? <i>Moderation: Tillmann Elliesen</i> <i>N.N., BMZ</i> <i>Susanne Fries-Gaier, German Federal Foreign Office (tbc)</i> <i>Cécile Lecomte, Interessenvertretung Selbstbestimmt Leben e.V.</i> <i>Nogning Armelle Aimerique, Coordinating Unit of Associations of Persons with Disabilities, Cameroon</i> <i>Members of Bundestag (= German Parliament)</i>
17.45	Summary and Farewell

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