

## Health, well-being, and inclusion for all through equitable access to assistive technology

Side Event at the 58 Session of the Commission on Population and Development



**Date and time:** 9 April 2025 from 13:15 to 14:30 (New York Time Zone, UTC-4)

**Venue:** Conference Room 11, UN Building

**Hosted by:** Ireland, United Kingdom, World Health Organization, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNICEF, and co-sponsored by the International Disability Alliance and the International Federation on Ageing

**Live cast:** [Link to webcast](#)

**2.5 billion people globally require at least one assistive product.** This [side event](#) will call on all stakeholders to play their part in addressing the current inequity of access to assistive technology, to ensure that the 1:3 people globally with a functional impairment are not left behind.

**Join us** as we demonstrate the role of assistive technology in equitable population development, showcase assistive technology initiatives working to address the current inequity of access and inspire cross-sectoral and cross-agency collaborative action.

### Speakers and Moderators:

- **Chris Carter**, Deputy Director and Head of the Human Development Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- **David Constantine MBE**, President, International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics and Co-founder, Motivation Charitable Trust
- **Gopal Mitra**, Global Lead on Disability and Development, UNICEF and
- **Chen Zhao**, Youth Advocate, UNICEF China (recording)
- **Amal Abou Rafeh**, Chief, Programme on Ageing Unit, DESA, United Nations
- **Cara Yar Khan**, Senior Advisor, Global Disability Innovation Hub
- **Dr Emem Omokaro**, Director General, National Senior Citizens Centre, Nigeria
- **Kylie Shae**, Team Lead, Access to Assistive Technology, World Health Organization
- **Dónal Cronin**, Deputy Permanent Resident, Ireland's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York



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