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Zero Project launches AI Chatbot to connect experts and organizations with Global Disability Summit Commitments

Developed in collaboration with the International Disability Alliance (IDA), and with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the free tool enables experts and organizations to explore over 800 pledges and identify potential partners.

Vienna, October 19, 2026 — The Zero Project has launched the GDS Commitments Chatbot, a free AI-powered tool designed to assist experts and organizations with aligning their work with the 826 commitments submitted at the Global Disability Summit (GDS) 2025 in Berlin and support collaboration towards their implementation.

The GDS commitments represent pledges from governments, civil society, multilateral organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), private sector companies, and academia. They outline concrete actions, initiatives, and policies across diverse themes and geographic regions.

The new chatbot allows users to search and analyze these commitments using natural language. It can also break down complex commitments into Easy Language on request. It's designed specifically for the disability inclusion sector working across areas such as education, employment, assistive technology, and disaster risk reduction. For example, users can ask which pledges provide direct funding to local OPDs or which focus on inclusive education in Africa.

While contact details remain private, users can submit an expression of interest to connect with a commitment issuer directly through the tool. The International Disability Alliance (IDA) then reviews the request and facilitates introductions between potential partners.

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"The International Disability Alliance welcomes the launch of the GDS Commitments Chatbot. Commitments made at the Global Disability Summit are a shared promise to persons with disabilities, and this tool makes them more accessible, including through Easy Language, and more actionable. By helping organizations of persons with disabilities, governments and other partners find each other and connect around common priorities, it can speed up implementation," says Greta Gamberini, Manager of the Global Disability Summit at IDA.

The GDS Commitments Chatbot is now freely accessible to the public at https://zeroproject.org/tools/artifical-intelligence/gds-commitments-chatbot.

About the International Disability Alliance

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) is a global network of organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), bringing together global and regional OPD networks to advance the rights of persons with disabilities worldwide. Founded in 1999, IDA works to ensure that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are meaningfully included in decisions that affect them, at the United Nations and across international development, humanitarian action and financing. IDA is the permanent host of the Global Disability Summit and supports accountability and implementation of the commitments made at each Summit.

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About the Zero Project

Worldwide, the Zero Project finds and shares solutions that improve the daily lives and legal rights of all persons with disabilities, as intended and encouraged by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The initiative was founded by the non-profit Essl Foundation from Austria and operates in close collaboration with a global, cross-sector network of experts.

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