

## National symposium on International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025

Theme: **Fostering Disability Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress**

Date: **4 December 2025** Time: **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Venue: **BCFCC, Carnival Hall, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

*\*\*Event will be delivered in Bengali with live English Language Interpretation and sign language interpretation*

TIME	Programme Schedule	
09:00	<b>Registration and Morning Snacks</b>	
<b>Inauguration Session</b>		
09:30	Inaugural Remarks on IDPD 2025 Theme	Ms. Kabery Sultana Jyoti
09:35	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Amrita Rejina Rozario, Country Director, Sightsavers Bangladesh
09:40	Premier of an Audio Visual on Understanding Disability	
09:45	Live performance by children with down syndrome	
10.00-10.30	IDPD 2025 theme and Bangladesh context: challenges and way forward	Revisiting the RRPD Act 2013 and National Action Plan (2018-2025) by Ayon Debnath, Sightsavers  Mr. Aminul Arifeen, UNDP Bangladesh
10:30-11:00	Reflections by panel on the theme and presentations  Moderator: Mr. Dr. Nafeesur Rahman, Disability Rights Researcher	Ms. Nasima Akhter, Chair, Equal Bangladesh campaign steering committee  Mr. Mosharraf Hossain, Senior Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court  Ms. Mohua Paul, Cofounder, Access Bangladesh Foundation  Mr. Khandaker Jahurul Alam, Executive Director, CSID

11:00-11:20	Speech by Guest of Honour	Ms. Tessa Murphy Head of Global Campaigns, Sightsavers, UK Mr. James Goldman Deputy High Commissioner of the British High Commission and Development Director Mr. Max Tunon Country Director, ILO Mr. Stefan Liller Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh
11:20-11:25	Speech by Special Guest	Mr. Dr. Mohammad Abu Yusuf Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare
11:25-11:35	Speech by Honourable Chief Guest	H.E. Ms. Sharmeen S. Murshid Hon'ble Advisor, Ministry of Social Welfare Government of Bangladesh
11:35-11:40	Vote of thanks	Mr. Saidul Haque Executive Director, BERDO
11:40-11:50	<b>Crest Handover: Acknowledging the Contributions of the Presenters</b>	

### End of Inaugural Session and Break

### Thematic session 01: Decent Work and Social Protection

11:50-12:50	<p>Moderator: Farjana Reza, ILO</p> <p>Discussant 1: Dr. M. A. Razzaque, Chairman, RAPID</p> <p>Discussant 2: Ms. Syeda Samara Mortada, UNWomen Bangladesh</p>	<p><b>Presentation 1:</b> Disability Insights from Labour Force Survey (DILFS) 2022 Bangladesh Presenter: Ms. Aziza Rahman, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics</p> <p><b>Presentation 2:</b> Improved Disability Assessment &amp; Compensations for Workers Presenter: Mr. Saad Gilani, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO</p> <p><b>Presentation 3:</b> Building Inclusive Pathways to Decent Work and Livelihoods for Persons with Disabilities in Chattogram, Bangladesh</p>
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		<p>Presenter: Dr. Md. Arifur Rahman, Chief Executive Director, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4:</b> To facilitate a disability-inclusive workforce in Bangladesh</p> <p>Presenter: Arup Ratan Chowdhury, Program Manager, Bangladesh Business &amp; Disability Network (BBDN)</p>
12:50-13:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
13:00-14:00	<b>Prayer, Lunch &amp; Networking Break</b>	
<b>Thematic Session 2: Inclusive &amp; Quality Education, Care-Giver, Community-Support</b>		
14:00-14:50	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sardar A Razzak, DSSB</p> <p>Discussant 1: Dr Rajesh Narwal, Deputy WHO Representative</p> <p>Discussant 2: Mr. Mahbubul Munir, SWID Bangladesh</p> <p>Discussant 3: Ms. Sharmin Akbari, BRAC</p>	<p><b>Presentation 5:</b> Inclusive Education Project: Disability Inclusive Development TO-45 (Shikhbo Sobai)</p> <p>Presenter: Md. Jahangir Alam, Senior Coordinator, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)</p> <p><b>Presentation 6:</b> Assessing the quality of early learning environments in rural Government pre-primary classrooms in Bangladesh</p> <p>Presenter: Mohammad Abdul Awal Miah, icddr,b</p> <p><b>Presentation 7:</b> Community-Based Inclusive Child Protection: Strengthening Caregiver Support, Community Engagement and Well-being of Children with Disabilities in Bangladesh</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Director, Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID)</p>
14:50-15:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
15:00-15.10	<b>Live performance and premier of audio visual</b>	

### Thematic Session 3: Accessible Infrastructure and Digital Inclusion

15:15-16: 10	<p><b>Moderator:</b> K.S. Rana, Sightsavers</p> <p>Discussant 1: Ms. Ashrafunnahar Misti, WDDF</p> <p>Discussant 3: Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee, A2I</p>	<p><b>Presentation 8:</b> Empowering Persons with Disabilities through Enhanced Accessibility and Digital Inclusion</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Uzzol Hosen, Access Bangladesh Foundation</p> <p><b>Presentation 9:</b> Innovation to Inclusion in the Digital Age</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Asim Dio, UNDP Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Presentation 10:</b> Disability-Inclusive Climate and Disaster Resilience</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Tahmina Tamanna, Climate Resilient Infrastructure Analyst, LoGIC Project, UNDP</p>
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### 16.10-16:20 Questions and Answers

### Concluding Session

16:20- 16.25	Speech by Special Guest	Dr Susan Vize, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh (TBF)
16:25- 16.30	Speech by Special Guest	Mr. Muhammad Hiruzzaman ndc Director General (Additional Secretary) National Institute of Mass Communication Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
16:30- 16.35	Speech by Special Guest	Mr. Mohammad Khaled Hasan Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division
16:35- 16.40	Way forward and Closing Remarks	Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman Khan DG, Department of Social Services, MOSW
16:40- 16.45	Vote of thanks	Ms. Murshida Sharmin Joint Secretary, SVRS and Social Protection Branch, Cabinet Division

### Closing of the National Symposium with Refreshment

