

UNDP Statement

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Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming

Harnessing multilateral efforts to embed, amplify and realize the rights of persons with disabilities, with a focus on full and effective participation and inclusion in society

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Excellencies,

UNDP champions disability-inclusive development, with a Strategic Plan that commits us to collaborate within the UN System to advance the implementation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS).

UNDP was proud to co-lead the development of UNDIS jointly with our UN partners in 2019. Since then, we have reported yearly on UNDIS and stepped up our efforts to target and mainstream disability inclusion across programmes and operations, anchoring our approach in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

With the 1.3 billion people worldwide with disabilities disproportionately affected by the limited progress on the SDGs, implementing UNDIS, for, with, and by persons with disabilities, requires partnerships and weaving disability inclusion into every domain of development.

This is why we participate, for instance, in the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with over 30 programmes globally.

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as we note with concern the complex challenges faced by persons with disabilities, including climate change, and intersectional discrimination, let us consider how UNDIS can further enhance the UN System's support to member states to tackle them.

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