



AFRICAN DISABILITY COLLABORATION

SUMMIT 2026

Theme: Early Action - A Strong Start to Rehabilitation in Africa



**Crossroads Hotel,
Lilongwe, Malawi**



15th - 16th July 2026



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Introduction

The ADC Summit 2026 marks a pivotal moment for disability inclusion across the African continent. Building on the outcomes and partnerships forged at previous convenings, this year's Summit moves with urgency and purpose from commitments to implementation, and from dialogue to demonstrable change.

The Summit will convene Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), governments, development practitioners, innovators, funders, and private sector actors in a two-day programme designed for practical collaboration. Participants will share evidence, challenge gaps, and co-develop solutions grounded in African realities.

With a focused lens on early action, assistive technology, and locally driven innovation, the Summit will generate actionable outcomes that participants can carry back to their countries, communities, and organizations.

Summit Outcomes

Participants will leave the Summit with:

- A shared continental framework for early identification and early intervention in disability rehabilitation.
- Documented country commitments to strengthen OPD-government collaboration and service delivery
- A co-developed policy brief on sustainable financing for disability inclusion in Africa
- New partnerships and referral networks across sectors and geographies
- Hands-on exposure to vetted assistive technologies and digital tools ready for contextual adaptation

The ADC Summit has established itself as a cornerstone convening in the African disability inclusion landscape. Previous editions have strengthened regional collaboration, elevated OPD voices in policy spaces, and generated practical frameworks adopted by multiple country governments.

The 2026 Summit builds directly on this foundation, with a deliberate shift toward implementation and scale. Priority focus areas include:

- Accelerating nationally owned early identification systems
- Expanding access to context-appropriate assistive technology
- Strengthening sustainable financing mechanisms for disability inclusion
- Deepening OPD leadership in service design and delivery
- Driving policy influence at national and regional levels



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Day 1 – 15th July 2026

Day 1 is structured around bold, solutions-focused discourse anchored in practical application. Sessions will be participatory, evidence-led, and designed to produce outputs – not just conversation.

A. Opening Plenary: Setting the Agenda for Early Action

High-level scene-setting from OPD leaders, government representatives, and development partners. Establishes the continental context and articulates the Summit's call to action.

B. Panel Discussions

Thematic panels on (1) Early Identification & Community Systems, (2) Assistive Technology Access & Innovation, and (3) Financing Disability Inclusion Sustainably. Each panel features policymakers, practitioners, and community leaders.

C. Breakout Sessions

Focused, facilitated working groups where delegates engage with specific tools, frameworks, and country case studies. Each session produces a summary output shared in plenary.

D. Innovation Showcase & Exhibition

Live demonstrations of assistive technologies, digital tools, and locally developed solutions. Exhibitors include social enterprises, NGOs, and research institutions from across Africa.

E. Networking & Partnership

Structured peer-connection time facilitated to support cross-country learning exchanges and partnership formation.

F. Closing Plenary & Commitment Round

Country and organizational representatives articulate specific commitments for action. A summit communiqué is adopted, with a monitoring framework agreed upon by participants.



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Day 2 – Awareness Day: Early Action in Practice | 16th July 2026

Day 2 shifts from discourse to demonstration. Participants will witness early action in practice through community embedded activities, with a focus on the lived realities of children and families accessing disability services.

A. Community-Based Therapy Camps

Live observation and participation in mobile therapy camps serving children with disabilities in local communities near Lilongwe.

B. Caregiver Engagement Sessions

Interactive workshops with caregivers and families, highlighting the critical role of caregiver capacity in early intervention outcomes.

C. Early Identification Demonstrations

Practical demonstrations of screening tools and community-led identification methodologies applicable across low-resource settings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND



Organizations & Civil Society

- Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)
- Disability-focused NGOs and CBOs
- Community rehabilitation practitioners



Government & Development

- Ministry officials (Health, Social Welfare, Education)
- Bilateral and multilateral development partners
- Funders and impact investors



Innovation & Private Sector

- Assistive technology developers
- Social enterprises and startups
- CSR and private sector partners



Research & Academia

- Researchers and academics in rehabilitation
- University disability studies programmes
- Media and communications professionals

OUR REACH



300+

Expected Participants



20+

African Countries



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Thematic Tracks



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ACCESSIBILITY COMMITMENTS

As an event organised by and for persons with disabilities, the ADC Summit 2026 is fully committed to an accessible experience for all participants. The following provisions will be in place:

- Sign language interpretation throughout all plenary and panel sessions
- Live captioning and hearing loop systems in all main conference spaces
- Fully wheelchair-accessible venue, including parking, restrooms, and session rooms
- Accessible materials in advance, including agendas, speaker bios, and presentations
- Sensory-friendly quiet spaces available throughout the venue
- Dietary and mobility support available upon request at registration

Additional Ways to Engage

- Submit a session or workshop proposal for consideration in the programme
- Nominate an innovator or solution for the Innovation Showcase
- Apply for an exhibition stand to display your tools, technology, or services
- Express interest in becoming a summit sponsor or programme partner

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open. Delegate tickets are priced at USD 20 per person, covering access to both Summit days, session materials, and networking activities.

CONTACT & FURTHER INFORMATION

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