

inABLE

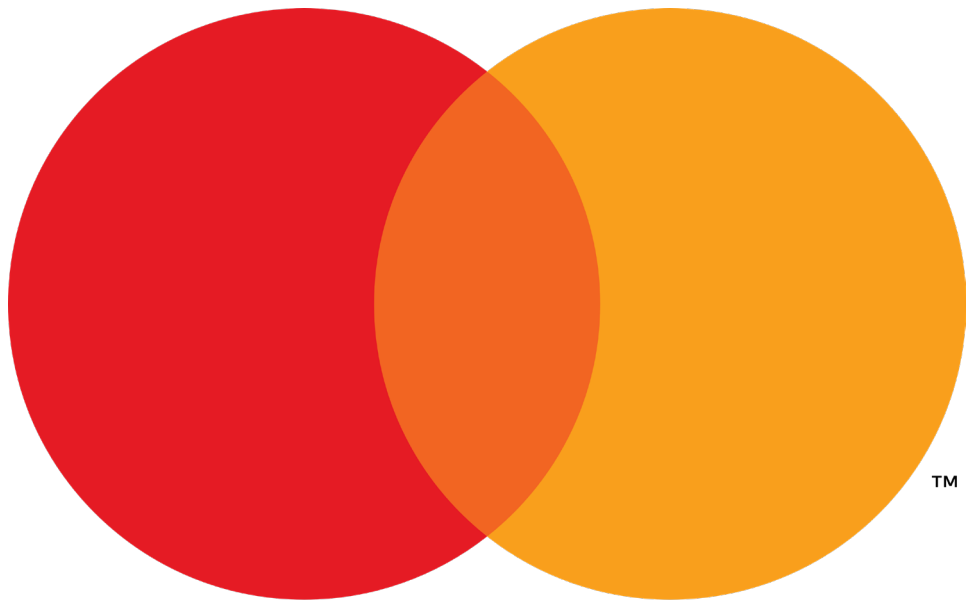
INCLUSIVE

AFRICA CONFERENCE 2025



Inclusive Africa Conference 2025

Scaling Digital Accessibility through
Innovation & Entrepreneurship



mastercard foundation

The Mastercard Foundation is a registered Canadian charity and one of the largest foundations in the world. It works with visionary organizations to advance education and financial inclusion to enable young people in Africa and Indigenous youth in Canada to access dignified and fulfilling work. Its Young Africa Works strategy aims to enable 30 million young people to access dignified and fulfilling work by 2030, while its EleV strategy will support 100,000 Indigenous youth in Canada to complete their education and transition to meaningful work aligned with their traditions, values, and aspirations.

Established in 2006 through the generosity of Mastercard when it became a public company, the Foundation is an independent organization. Its policies, operations, and program decisions are determined by its Board of Directors and Leadership team. For more information on the Foundation, please visit www.mastercardfdn.org.

Contents

Welcome Remarks	4
Word from the Board Chair	5
About inABLE	6
About the Inclusive Africa Conference	7
2024 inABLE Year in Review	8
Key Achievements in Digital Accessibility	8
Coding for All: Youth Training Boot Camps	8
Assistive Technology for University Students	8
Empowering Educators.....	8
2024 Digital Skills Training and Infrastructure.....	9
The Agenda	10
DAY 1: Tuesday, June 3, 2025	10
DAY 2: Wednesday, June 4, 2025.....	11
DAY 3: Thursday, June 5, 2025	12
Testimonials Inclusive Africa Conference 2024	14
What's New at Inclusive Africa Conference 2025?	15
Fireside Chats: Bold, Candid, and Unfiltered.....	15
Sustaining Disability Innovation.....	15
IAAP New Members' Benefits and Partnership Opportunities	15
Roundtable: Accessible Brand Communication.....	15
Keynote Speakers	16
Speaker Faculty	18
AT Village 2025	22
Partners	25
2024 Pictorial Recap	27

Welcome Remarks



Scaling Digital Accessibility for an Inclusive Africa

Welcome to the 6th edition of the Inclusive Africa Conference. This year, under the theme “Scaling Digital Accessibility through Innovation & Entrepreneurship,” we are celebrating the incredible progress we have made and sounding a clear call to action: there is still important and urgent work ahead to ensure no one is left behind.

As we gather here in Nairobi and connect virtually with watch parties across 20 African countries, we are reminded that for Africa to thrive in the digital age, we must design and develop digital products and services with accessibility in mind.

Over the next three days, the conference will delve into a wide spectrum of critical topics including accessible financial services, education, transportation, brand communication, skills gaps and employment, AI and assistive technology. These sessions will provide dynamic, cross-sector platforms for collaboration, solution-building, and the advancement of accessibility policies that leave no one behind.

We are especially excited about the showcase of assistive technology innovations, youth-led conversations, and the open mic sessions, which place the lived experiences and voices of young Africans with disabilities at the heart of the dialogue.

We are honored by the participation of the Government of Kenya, organizations of persons with disabilities, and an incredible cohort of global and regional partners. We extend our sincere appreciation to our strategic partners, including the Mastercard Foundation, Google, Microsoft, META, Salesforce, ATscale, Intuit, and many others whose commitment continues to drive digital accessibility across the continent.

As we embark on this journey over the next three days, may we commit ourselves fully to a vision of Africa where access to opportunity is not determined by ability but by our collective willingness to create digital systems that work for everyone.

Thank you.

Irene Mbari-Kirika
Founder & Executive Director
inABLE

Word from the Board Chair



Advancing the Right to Digital Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities to Promote Equality and Inclusive Development in Africa

Approximately 300 million persons with disabilities in Africa contend with systemic barriers to participating in the ever-growing digital economies characterized by increasing numbers of digital tools and platforms designed with little or no regard for the diverse range of special needs of persons with disabilities. Yet, accessibility and inclusive development are the hallmarks of human dignity for persons with disabilities.

The 6th Inclusive Africa Conference 2025 brings together like-minded partners drawn from the community of nations to foster inclusion and break the perennial barriers that stand in the way of digital accessibility in communication, education and skills development, independent living, and employment, which guarantee a disability-inclusive future in Africa.

We come together to share our advocacy skills, inspiring experiences, and innovations suitably designed to take digital accessibility to the next level and to build a firm foundation for an inclusive society in which we all take pride in the realization of our self-worth and aspirations. Only then can our right to equality and equal protection of the law find meaning in every aspect of our social, economic, cultural, and political life.

This conference presents the invaluable opportunity to join hands with the global community of individuals, state, and non-state agencies committed to the realization of the letter and spirit of the international and regional treaty instruments as well as statute law for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

Finally, let us all join hands to make the 6th Inclusive Africa Conference 2025 a resounding success and a source of pride for all in attendance, whether in person or on virtual platforms across the globe. I wish each one of you success in all you do to make the conference a success.

Thank you.

The Hon. Justice Dr. K. I. Laibuta
Chair of the Board of Directors
inABLE

About inABLE



inABLE is a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 to empower youth with disabilities across Africa through inclusive education, assistive technology, and digital accessibility. Headquartered in Kenya and the United States, inABLE delivers scalable, innovative solutions that bridge the digital divide and create pathways to opportunity for persons with disabilities.



Highlights include:

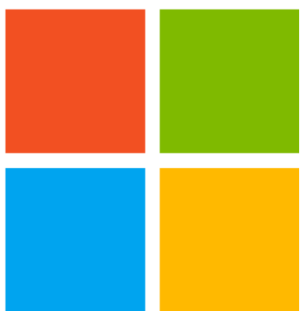
- The establishment of Assistive Technology Labs in public schools for students who are blind or low vision
- Development of Kenya's first ICT Accessibility Standard (KS2952) in partnership with the Kenya Bureau of Standards
- Training programs, research initiatives, and policy advocacy that advance inclusive digital transformation



About the Inclusive Africa Conference

The Inclusive Africa Conference is the region's flagship event on digital accessibility and assistive technology. Since its launch in 2020 by inABLE, this annual gathering has become a cornerstone of Africa's digital inclusion agenda.

Each year, the conference convenes a wide cross-section of stakeholders, including persons with disabilities, government officials, technology companies, academics, entrepreneurs, and civil society, to discuss, demonstrate, and drive innovation for digital equity. Its programming includes keynote sessions, panel discussions, tech exhibitions, and policy dialogues that push the boundaries of inclusion.



Microsoft

2024 inABLE Year in Review

Key Achievements in Digital Accessibility

inABLE's 2024 Impact Report reflects a year of progress in accessible technology, inclusive education, and policy engagement.



Coding for All: Youth Training Boot Camps

A 14-day boot camp was conducted across four schools for learners who are blind and visually impaired. Ninety-four students (49 girls and 45 boys) were trained in HTML, web development, and programming. Of these, 42 were blind. The training, delivered in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Kenya Institute of Special Education, incorporated real-world tools such as Visual Studio Code and GitHub.



Assistive Technology for University Students

In partnership with Apple, inABLE launched an assistive technology program to support law students who are blind or have low vision at the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University. Through the initiative, fifteen students received MacBooks equipped with built-in accessibility features and completed over 160 hours of intensive digital skills training. The program has empowered them to research, write, and study independently.



Empowering Educators

inABLE trained over 195 teachers, including visually impaired educators, on the use of accessible tools. They now integrate digital platforms like Google Classroom and Gemini into their teaching, making learning more inclusive and effective for students with disabilities.

2024 Digital Skills Training and Infrastructure



648

Chromebooks

distributed in partnership
with Google



1,369

Students who are blind

trained in digital skills



501

Students

trained at Kang'aru
Digital Hub



3,460

Total Hours

of digital skills training
delivered

Uber

The Agenda

DAY 1: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Time	Details	Venue
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration	Registration Desk
9:00 AM – 09:20 AM	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anthem & African Union Anthem • Prayers • Entertainment 	Mara Ballroom
9:20 AM – 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch parties introductions • Faces of Africa 	Mara Ballroom
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	Keynote addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asiya Mohammed, Paralympian & Disability Advocate, Kenya • Irene Mbari-Kirika, Executive Director, inABLE • Hon. Dr Justice K.I. Laibuta, Judge of the Court of Appeal Kenya • Esther Waititu, Chief Financial Services Officer, Safaricom PLC • Dina Randrianasolo, Director Strategic Partnerships & Innovation, Mastercard Foundation, Canada • Hon. Sen Isaac Mwaura, Government Spokesperson, Republic of Kenya • Eng. John Tanui, CBS Principal Secretary, State Department for ICT and Digital Economy • Joseph Motari, Principal Secretary, State Department of Social Protection 	Mara Ballroom
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Chief Guest, Hon William Kabogo , Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy	Mara Ballroom
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Networking & Tea Break	Foyer
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Beyond Access: inABLE's Role in Building an Accessible Digital Future	Mara Ballroom

Time	Details	Venue
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Global Implementation of Accessibility Keynote Remarks: Sachin Pavithran, Ph.D. Executive Director, U.S. Access Board	Mara Ballroom
1:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Lunch Break & Networking	Myna Restaurant
	Breakout Sessions	
02:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Developing Africa's Digital Accessibility Standard	Mara 2
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	IAAP new members' benefits and Partnership Opportunities Fostering Accessibility!	Mara 2
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights: Access to SRHR Information as a Pathway to Education and Economic Empowerment	Mara 1
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Mental Wellness Through technology: Digitally Accessible Tools that Empower Youth with	Mara 1
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Mobile as AT: Final Research Readout	Mara 2
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Networking & Tea Break	Foyer

DAY 2: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Time	Details	Venue
7:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration	Registration Desk
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment • Faces of Africa 	Mara Ballroom
9:20 AM – 9:40 AM	Keynote Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxine Williams, VP Accessibility & Engagement, META, USA • Pascal Jeroen Bijleveld, Chief Executive Officer, AT Scale, Switzerland 	Mara Ballroom
9:40 AM – 10:10 AM	Assistive Technologies Innovation Pitch Session	Mara Ballroom

Time	Details	Venue
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Guest Speaker: Nathalie Kouassi Akon , Global Director of Gender & Economic Inclusion, IFC, USA	Mara Ballroom
10:20 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking & Tea Break	Foyer
	Breakout Sessions	
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Enhancing Accessibility Across Travel: From First Mile to Last Mile in Public Transportation, Air Travel, and Supporting Infrastructure	Mara 2
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Transforming Education in Africa Through Inclusive Policy and Practice - Roundtable - Roundtable	Mara 3
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Mobile as AT: Industry Research Readout Roundtable	Side Room
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	The Africa We Want: Role of OPDs in supporting the implementation of digital accessibility	Mara Ballroom
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	ADHD & Learning Disabilities	Mara 1
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	Myna Restaurant
	Breakout Out Sessions	
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Skills Gap & Employment Roundtable	Mara 2
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Roundtable on Sustaining Disability Innovation: Affordability, Market Access, and Investment in Assistive Technology for all in Africa.	Mara 3
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Accessible Brand Communication- Roundtable	Mara 1
4:30 pm – 5:00 PM	Networking & Tea Break	Foyer
5:00 pm – 6:30 PM	Open Mic Session - Youth with Disabilities	

DAY 3: Thursday, June 5, 2025

Time	Details	Venue
7:00 AM – 8:50 AM	Registration	Registration Desk

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment • Faces of Africa 	Ballroom
9:20 AM – 10:20 AM	Unpacking the Kenya Disability Act 2025	Ballroom
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	Advancing Accessibility Standards in Africa: Learning about the European Accessibility Act Framework	Side Room
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking & Tea Break	Foyer
	Breakout Sessions	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystems	Mara 3
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Accessibility of Digital Financial Products and Services for Persons with Disabilities – Roundtable	Mara 2
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Inclusive Climate Communication	Mara 1
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	What’s New in Google Accessibility	Mara 1
12:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Project Enable Presentation	Mara 1
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Centre Digital Language Inclusion: A journey to creating non-typical speech-to-text in African languages	Mara 1
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	The Creative Economy – Opportunities and gaps	Mara 3
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	Myna Restaurant
2:00 PM – 2:40 PM	AI and its benefits to Persons with Disabilities	Ballroom
2:40 PM – 3:30 PM	AI in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnie Karani, AI National Skills Director, Microsoft, Kenya • Mercy Ndegwa, Director of Public Policy East & Horn of Africa, META, Kenya 	Mara Ballroom
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	The Next Generation of Future Leaders in Africa	Ballroom
4:15 PM – 4:20 PM	Keynote Remarks – Dina Randrianasolo, Mastercard Foundation	Ballroom
4:20 PM – 4:30 PM	Closing Session	Ballroom
4:45 PM	Networking & Tea	Foyer
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony	Ballroom

Testimonials

Inclusive Africa Conference 2024

Attending the fifth Inclusive Africa Conference was both inspiring and energizing. The conference reminds us that by working together and investing in African-led solutions, we can build an assistive technology ecosystem that truly leaves no one behind



Bernard Chiira

Director, Innovate Now – Africa’s Assistive Technology Accelerator

The Inclusive Africa Conference is an extraordinary gathering of changemakers pushing the boundaries of what’s possible in disability inclusion. At Google, we’re proud to collaborate with inABLE to support students who are blind or have low vision in emerging markets through initiatives like Chromebooks and assistive tech training. This conference reminds us why this work matters.



Laura Allen

Head of Strategy & Programs, Accessibility & Disability Inclusion, Google

The Inclusive Africa Conference is a vibrant Pan-African space where innovation, tradition, and inclusion meet. Last year’s focus on learning and speech disabilities was especially powerful. It’s a reminder that inclusion must be holistic and grounded in African realities. Inclusive Africa allows us to reconnect, reflect, and reimagine a world where every child, regardless of ability, can thrive.



Yetnebersh Nigussie Molla

Program Specialist, Children with Disabilities – UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa

Inclusive Africa is a powerful catalyst for change, bringing together the voices that matter most. At Uber, our goal is not just innovation, it’s intentional inclusion. As we grow in Africa, we’re committed to learning from history and using data to avoid replicating past injustices, especially in transportation access for women and people with disabilities. Conferences like this, and partnerships with advocacy leaders like inABLE, help us build equitable systems from the ground up.



Briana Gilmore

Global Head of Public Policy – Accessibility and Underserved Communities, Uber

What's New at Inclusive Africa Conference 2025?

Fireside Chats: Bold, Candid, and Unfiltered

This year's Fireside Chats introduce a new layer of depth to the Inclusive Africa Conference experience. These intimate sessions go beyond standard panels to feature frank conversations among trailblazing leaders from across the continent and beyond. Expect personal stories, breakthrough innovations, and courageous reflections on how to move the needle on digital accessibility and inclusive innovation in Africa.



Sustaining Disability Innovation

Affordability, market access, and investment remain critical for inclusive tech. This session brings together innovators, AT users, policymakers, funders, and advocates to explore how Africa can foster sustainable assistive technology ecosystems. Topics will include reducing device costs, expanding reach, and attracting funding to accelerate inclusion at scale.

IAAP New Members' Benefits and Partnership Opportunities

The International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) is introducing new benefits in 2025, including seven on-demand training modules and certification prep resources. IAAP is also rolling out the Business Accessibility Criteria (BAC) Program to guide organizations on practical inclusion. This session will spotlight how organizations of persons with disabilities can support BAC and how IAAP's learning paths can build professional capacity in accessibility.

Roundtable: Accessible Brand Communication

This session invites brands, agencies, media houses, and marketers to rethink communication strategies to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities. Discussions will focus on actionable steps to enhance representation and improve return on investment across traditional and digital platforms. The goal is to bridge gaps in brand accessibility and elevate authentic, inclusive narratives.

Keynote Speakers



Dina Randrianasolo

Director, Strategic Partnerships and Innovation, Mastercard Foundation

At the Mastercard Foundation, Dina leads programs supporting youth, refugees, persons with disabilities, and innovation. She has a diverse background in program design across sectors including agriculture, digital economy, and livelihoods. Dina holds advanced degrees in finance, banking, and business administration.



Dr. Imaana Laibuta

Judge of Court of Appeal of Kenya and Chairman of the Board, inABLE – Kenya

Dr. Laibuta is a legal scholar, seasoned arbitrator, and policy expert with over three decades of experience. With a PhD in Law from the University of Nairobi and an LLM from the London School of Economics, he is a leading voice in constitutional reform, legislative drafting, and dispute resolution. He also serves as a trainer for judges and legal professionals across Kenya.



Sachin Pavithran

Executive Director, United States Access Board – USA

Dr. Pavithran leads federal research and standard-setting in accessibility for transport, ICT, and the built environment. With more than 20 years in assistive tech, he has trained professionals globally and advised governments on digital inclusion and accessible education transitions.



Irene Mbari-Kirika

Founder & Executive Director, inABLE – Kenya

Since 2009, Irene has led inABLE's efforts to advance inclusive education and digital accessibility in Africa. She was instrumental in developing Kenya's first ICT Accessibility Standard and continues to champion disability inclusion through programs, policy advocacy, and global partnerships.

Keynote Speakers



Pascal Bijleveld

CEO, ATscale – Switzerland

Pascal brings over 20 years of global development leadership experience, having served with UNICEF, WHO, Gavi, and McKinsey. As CEO of ATscale, he steers global efforts to expand access to life-changing assistive technologies through systems innovation and cross-sector collaboration.



Maxine Williams

VP, Accessibility & Engagement, Meta – USA

Maxine leads Meta’s accessibility work, ensuring the company’s products and platforms are inclusive and user-friendly for all. Her background includes law, broadcasting, and nonprofit leadership, and she is a vocal advocate for diversity, equity, and community empowerment through tech.



Asiya Mohamed Sururu

Board Member, Next Step Foundation – Kenya

A pioneering Paralympian and educator, Asiya is Kenya’s first female rower to compete at both the Paralympics and Olympics. Recognized among Kenya’s “40 Under 40”, she is a passionate advocate for disability rights and inclusion in sport and society.



Esther Waititu

Chief Financial Services Officer, Safaricom PLC – Kenya

Esther leads financial services at Safaricom, driving innovation and inclusion through M-PESA. With over 20 years of experience in banking across Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa, she has held senior roles at KCB Group, Standard Chartered, Standard Bank, and NCBA.



Nathalie Akon

Global Director, Gender & Economic Inclusion, IFC – USA/Côte d’Ivoire

Nathalie oversees the International Finance Corporation (IFC)’s global work on gender equity and economic inclusion. Formerly Executive Director at Mastercard Foundation, she led programs in digital economy, climate, agrifood systems, and entrepreneurship.

Speaker Faculty

Malin Rygg

Head of Authority,
Digitaliseringsdirektoratet,
Norway

Shona McDonald shona

Founder and Executive
Director, ShonaquipSE
South Africa

Klaus Hoeckner

CEO
Access Austria/HGBS,
Austria

Kihembo Wilbert

Youth Officer
Commonwealth Disabled
People's Forum, Uganda

Doreck Ankunda

Disability Inclusion
Advocate Individual,
Uganda

Nang'andu Chizyuka

Program Manager
Clinton Health Access
Initiative, Rwanda

Mary Maragia

Senior Curriculum
Development Officer (KICD)
Kenya

Stephanie Egharevba

Diversity and Inclusion Lead
Mastercard Foundation
Youth Advisory Council

Palesa Mosiea

Motivational speaker and
Entrepreneur , Basia Legacy
South Africa

Shuaib Chalklen

Executive Director
African Disability Forum
South Africa

Christopher M. Lee, Ph.D

President
G3ict,
United States

Adwoa Amponsah

Country Lead Action on
Disability and Development
UK, United Kingdom

Julius Mbura

Advocacy Officer
inABLE,
Kenya

Sara BASSON

Senior Program Manager
- Accessibility in Emerging
Market, Google , USA

Christopher Patnoe

Head of EMEA Accessibility
and Disability Innovation
Google, United Kingdom

Simalumba Nawa

Founder & CEO The
blindspot communication &
consultants, Namibia

Bernard Chiira

CEO & Founder
AT4D, Kenya
Kenya

John Kabutha Mugo,

Executive Director
Zizi Afrique Foundation,
Kenya

Kate Sonka

Executive Director
Teach Access,
United States

Daniel Montalvo

Accessibility Specialist
W3C,
Spain

Phelix Owiny

Commercial model
VIFI Africa,
Kenya

WILSON MACHARIA

Legal Advisor
International Commission
of Jurists (Global), Kenya

Elly Savatia

Founder & CEO
Signvrse
Kenya

Maryam Bandukda

Senior Researcher
Global Disability Innovation
Hub, United Kingdom

Speaker Faculty

Enitan OLUWA

Founder / Chief
Responsibility Officer, NESII
Nigeria

Barbara Ndolo

Programme Officer
Cheshire Disability Services
Kenya

Bruce Walker

Professor
Georgia Institute of
Technology, United States

James Angoye

UX Research
Technoprise Global
Kenya

Marlise Montcho

President
Woezon Digital Inclusion
Bridge, Benin

Alexander Hauerslev

Accessibility Program
Manager, Google
United States

Senzo Mbonambi

COO
LeadChange Developments
South Africa

Maria Omare

Founder & Executive
Director, The Action
Foundation, Kenya

Hudson Asiema

Founder
Deaf eLimu Plus
Kenya

Conchita Hernandez

Educator, The Maryland
School for the Blind, United
States

Suparna Biswas

KILIMANJARO BLIND
TRUST AFRICA
Kenya

Victo Nalule

Executive Director &
Founder, Tunaweza
Foundation, Uganda

Elinor Kaguongo

Software Engineer
Microsoft R&D Kenya Ltd
Kenya

Yusuff Raheem

Director Programmes
Start Children Development
Initiative, Nigeria

Macharia Kelvin

Researcher
University of Nottingham
Kenya

Ben Hardman

Head of Innovation
GDI Hub
United Kingdom

washington sati Sati

Regional Program Manager
-Africa, Disability Rights
Fund, Kenya

MARIA NJERI

Global Disability Inclusion
Facilitator, NJERI MARIA
FOUNDATION, Kenya

Mark Kuria

AI Disability Inclusion, Tech
Policy & Communications
Expert Next Step Foundation

Giuseppina D'Intino

Founder, Aequum Global
Access Inc
Canada

Aneth Gerana

Founder and Director
FUWAVITA
Tanzania

Speaker Faculty

Everlyne Ngare

Fundraising & Partnerships
Director The Action
Foundation Kenya

Winnie Karanu

AI National Skills Director
Microsoft
Kenya

Shantosh Cumarasurier

Innovation Advisor
Global Disability Innovation
Hub, UCL, Sri Lanka

Somas APPAVOU

Regional Director
IATA
Mauritius

Nicholas Irungu

Prince Autism Kenya
Nicholas_Dyslexic
Advocate, Kenya

Charlotte Pahe

Programs Director
Population Services Kenya,
Kenya

Mumsie Odirile

Actress/MC/Speaker
ItsMumsie
Botswana

Deborah Maboya

Head of Operations and
Programs, Tai
Tanzania

Patricia Ithau

Group CEO WPP
Scangroup
Kenya

Neema Wanjiku Maina

Student
Kenyatta University
Kenya

Dr Susan Wamithi

Developmental
Paediatrician & Assistant
Professor, Aga Khan, Kenya

Christopher Harrison

Executive Chairman
Next Step Foundation
United States

Richard Cave

Researcher
UCL
United Kingdom

John Nalianyana

Head of operations,
Kenya Airways
Kenya

Perpetua Senkoro

Disability and Gender
specialist, Independent,
Tanzania

Lavender Birike

Co Founder
Kilima 360
Kenya

Olalekan Owonikoko

Executive Director (Acting)
Project Enable Africa,
Nigeria

Nina Akosua

Youth chair person
African Union of the Blind,
Ghana

Enoch Acheampong

Senior Lecturer, Kwame
Nkrumah University of
Science and Technology

David Banes

Chair,
Equitable AI Alliance
United Kingdom

Colman Ndetembea

CEO,
Kyaroo Assistive Tech
Tanzania

INTUIT

Moses Mburu

Accessibility Consultant
Technoprise Global,
Kenya

Lars Tushuizen

Deputy President
Representative Operations,
UNDP, Kenya

Dinamalala Randrianaso

Director Strategic Partnershi
& Innovation, Mastercard
Foundation, Canada

Refiloehape Sesinyi

Gender and Disability Rights
Advocate, LNFOD
Lesotho

Ejiro Ajaboron

Technology Support Assista
EJIHOPE Textile and Design
Nigeria

Esther Mkamori

Head of Programs
United Disabled Persons of
Kenya(UDPK), Kenya

Lucy MURAGE

Head of Programs
Light for the World,
Kenya

Ambrose Murangira

Dr.
Light for the World
Uganda

Lambert Oigara

Founder/Chairman
CBT
Kenya

Haruna Damba

Chairperson, United Persons
with Disabilities
Uganda

Alvarita Benedito

Singer, Songwriter, Disability
Advocate, Namibian Artist
Namibia

Ruth Muriithi

Manager Knowledge
Economy & Innovation
Konza Technopolis, Kenya

Dr. Chike Churchill

Chief Responsibility Officer
CARE,
Nigeria

Peter Njioka

Head of Talent Aquisition &
HR, Safaricom PLC
Kenya

Valarie Olesia

Assistive Technology
Computer Instructor
inABLE, Kenya

Eva Naputune, OGW

Founder and Director
Acorn Special Tutorials
Kenya

Matebogo Victoria

Director
Voice Out Deaf,
South Africa

David Okello

CEO
HEMAFRIC
Kenya

Monica Ghaliwa

Founder, Inspiration For
Human Development,
Sierra Leone

Eric Ngondi

Chairperson
United Disabled Persons of
Kenya - UDPK, Kenya

Imran Manji

Head of East and South
Africa, Uber
South Africa

Connie Mutiso

Head Teacher
Kambui School for the Deaf
Kenya

Iram Bahawal

Inclusive Employment
Expert, Light for the World
Kenya

Kenyatta Samson

Student,
Kenyatta University
Kenya



AT Village 2025

Launched in 2023, the Assistive Technology Innovation Village (AT Village) at the Inclusive Africa Conference has showcased 50 leading AT and accessibility innovators from across Africa. It offers a unique platform for venture capitalists, donors, tech companies, and early-stage investors to discover impactful solutions for persons with disabilities and the ageing population. This year, 15 African assistive technology innovators will showcase impactful solutions, with a number of them pitching to potential investors. These include:



Deaftronics, Botswana

Deaftronics developed Solar Ear, the first solar-powered hearing aid unit. It includes a rechargeable hearing aid, solar charger, and batteries compatible with 80% of hearing aids on the market. It's target market includes NGOs, D2C, and Government Agencies.



DeafGain, Egypt

DeafGain innovates an accessible platform for deaf individuals to connect with the world. The target audience includes deaf individuals, companies, universities, and NGOs.



Hisi Studio, Kenya

Hisi Studio redefines fashion with Braille, tactile designs, and QR codes for TalkBack, enabling visually impaired users to access products independently. They serve individuals, families, and organizations committed to accessibility and inclusive design.



Assistive Math, Kenya

AssistiveMath is an AI-powered app that converts math worksheets into screen-reader-friendly formats, offering a cost-effective alternative to braille for low vision and color-blind users in schools, LMS, and exam centers.



Xaidi, Kenya:

Xaidi is a life coach app providing expert guidance and therapist access for neurodivergent individuals and parents of neurodivergent children.

AT Village 2025



Loho Learning, Kenya

LoHo Learning creates bilingual KSL-English resources and eBooks for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH) learners, focusing on early education and parental involvement. Their AI tool, eSharah, translates text into natural Kenya Sign Language to enhance understanding in mainstream education.



Uptyke, Kenya

Uptyke is an AI-driven, Inclusive Digital Learning platform for children with disabilities in Kenya, including Deaf learners, those with visual impairments, and neurodivergent learners.



Epiguard, Kenya

Epiguard is a butterfly-shaped device that prevents oral injuries during seizures and enhances safety for individuals with epilepsy and their caregivers.



HopeTech, Kenya

The Sixth Sense, developed by HopeTech, is a hands-free, tailorable mobility aid for visually impaired people for hazard detection and navigation. It combines hazard detection and a mobile app to keep them on course for their destination, whilst alerting you to things in your environment.



Signvrse, Kenya

Signvrse is an AI accessibility platform, uses 3D avatars for real-time sign language translation. Its Terp 360 solution integrates across digital platforms to ensure inclusive communication.



Waide Mobility, Nigeria:

Waide Mobility is an AI-powered solution that helps people with visual or mobility impairments navigate indoor spaces using digital maps and audio directions, serving both individuals and businesses.

AT Village 2025



Signify, Nigeria

Signify is an AI-powered platform that translates sign language gestures in real-time, enabling collaboration for speech and hearing-impaired individuals in online.



MacyFoot, Nigeria

The MacyFoot is a durable, affordable, and customizable 3D-printable prosthetic foot. Designed for various amputation levels and stages of use, it's ideal for low-resource settings. It serves both prosthetists and individuals with lower-limb amputations.



Shonaquip, South Africa:

Shonaquip is an off-Road transporter that enables safe, dignified first- and last-mile transport in rural and peri-urban areas where wheelchairs can't navigate rough, narrow, or inaccessible terrain, connecting users to public and private transport.



eScort Watch, Uganda

The eScort is a smartwatch for children with disabilities, featuring GPS tracking, an emergency panic button, and reliable operation in low-connectivity areas for safe exploration.



ATscale

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Hosted by



Partners



Association des Handicapes de Geurre de Bubanza - AHAGEUBU



Botswana Council for the Disabled - BCD



Center for Employment of Persons with Disabilities - CEPD



Confédération des Organisations des Personnes Handicapees de Cote d'Ivoire - COPHCI



Enable the Disable Action - EDA



Engineering for a Sustainable Egypt - ESE



The Federation of Ethiopian Associations of Persons with Disabilities - FEAPD



Federation of Disability Organizations in Malawi - FEDOMA



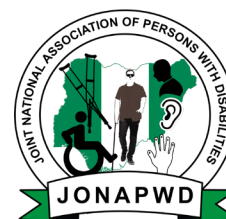
The Gambia Empowered Persons With Physical Challenges Organization - GEPPCO



Golden Gate Renaissance Foundation



ICEVI Africa



Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities - JONAPWD

Partners



Koneta Hub



National Academy of Information Technology for People with Disabilities in Egypt - NAID



National Commission on Disabilities



National Union of Organizations of the Disabled



National Federation Of People With Disabilities In Namibia - NFPDN



Somalia Disability Network - SDN



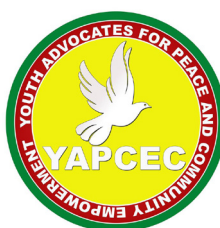
The Alliance on Disability in Liberia



Tanzania Empowerment for PWDs and Gender Health Organization - TEPDGHO



Tunaweza Foundation



Youth Advocates For Peace And Community Empowerment Cameroon - YAPCEC



Zambia Federation Organizations for Disability - ZAFOD

2024 Pictorial Recap



inABLE
INCLUSIVE
AFRICA CONFERENCE 2025

