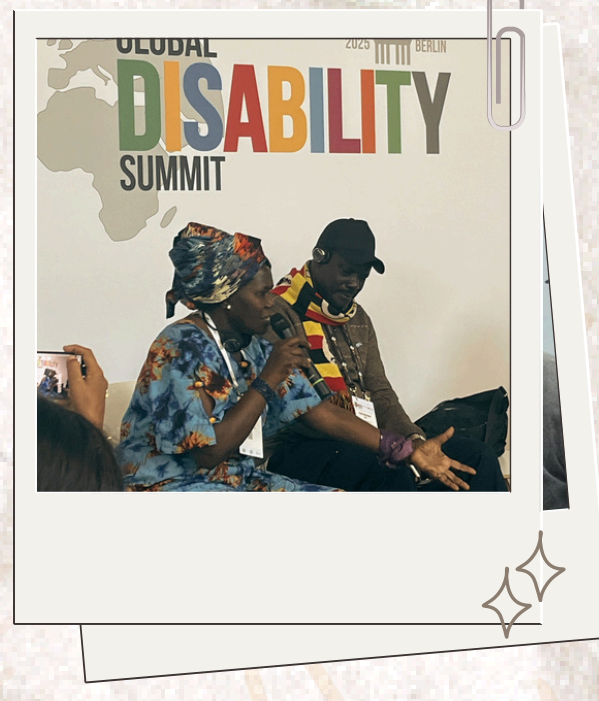




TCI at the Global Disability Summit 2025

Berlin, Germany
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Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI-Global) participated at GDS 2025 and had the opportunity to connect and meet its members, partners, allies, and stakeholders during the summit. We appreciate the efforts carried out by the organizers for creating this space for stakeholders and the international disability movement to connect, share, learn from each other and take forward actions for advancing the rights of people with disabilities globally.



Key issues like deinstitutionalization, legal capacity, and the meaningful participation of OPDs of persons with psychosocial disabilities continue to remain limited.

It is a clarion call for global actors: In the present oppressive and limited landscape, true inclusion cannot be achieved while systemic exclusions persist!





TCI in collaboration with its members and partners, developed on a consolidated statement calling for commitments from the states, multilateral agencies, and civil society organizations calling for concrete commitments around the inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities and allocating funding for:

- Developing Leadership and Capacity Strengthening of OPDs of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities
- Ending institutionalization and supporting community inclusion programs
- Enabling meaningful participation in decision-making processes at national and global levels



- TCI contributed as one of the co-leads of Disability Reference Group as one of the co-leads for promoting Inclusive Humanitarian Action at GDS. A call to action was developed by the DRG and a side event was organized.
- TCI participated in a fireside chat on deinstitutionalization as a member of Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalization (GCDI), spotlighting lived experiences of persons with psychosocial disabilities
- TCI participated in the Women Enabled International (WEI) strategy meeting at GDS2025, focused on advancing intersectional feminist advocacy in the disability rights movement.



- TCI participated in various side-events and plenary sessions which were organized during the summit.
- It was lovely to see many old friends during the summit and to have the opportunity to network with various new stakeholders to share our learnings, position, and way forward as a global movement of persons with psychosocial disabilities.





In collaboration with its members and partners, TCI commits to supporting efforts to gather wide ranging testimonies and practice-based evidence, establishing that living in the community is THE preferred option for all persons with disabilities, provided that, community support systems and services and mainstream development services, are available, accessible, and within the reach of persons with disabilities and their families.



The Amman-Berlin declaration is a significant outcome of the Summit, calling for 15% for 15%. The declaration commits to ensure that at least 15 percent of International Development programs shall be inclusive for all persons with disabilities. It is critically important that the Community of Practice is strengthened around community inclusion by funding, supporting and scaling of grassroots initiatives led by OPDs of persons with psychosocial disabilities.





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