



## **Timeline of the High-Level Arab Side Event** entitled

"Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship:  
Supporting Independent Living for Persons with  
Disabilities"

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**Date: April 3, 2025**  
**Time: 09:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Location: Hall (1) (at the STATION venue in Berlin)**

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As part of the Global Disability Summit GDS  
(April 2-3, 2025) Berlin, Germany

### Opening Remarks:

- ***H.E Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh - Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Social Affairs Sector -League of Arab States.***
- ***H.E Osama bin Saleh Al-Alawi – Minister of Social Development – Kingdom of Bahrain -President of the 44th Session of the Arab Ministers of Social Affairs Council.***
- ***H.E. Wafaa Bani Mustafa - Minister of Social Development- Jordan.***
- ***H.E Dr. Nawaf Kabbara - President of the International Disability Alliance.***
- ***Ms. Jahda Abu Khalil– General Director of the Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities.***
- ***H.E Muhammad bin Hassan Al-Obaidly - General Director of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs GCC.***

### Speeches by the Distinguished Guests:

- ***H.E Svenja Schulze - Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development -Federal Republic of Germany.***
- ***H.E Alessandra LOCATELLI - Minister for Disabilities, Italy.***
- ***H.E Łukasz KRASOŃ - State Secretary, Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Policy, Government Plenipotentiary for Persons with Disabilities, Poland.***
- ***H.E Hubertus HEIL - Federal Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Federal Republic of Germany - delivered on his behalf by Dr. Annette Von Kalckreuth – Head of the Directorate -General for “Participation of Persons with Disabilities, Social Compensation and Social Assistance”.***

**Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities in the Framework of the Second World Summit for Social Development:**

- Intervention by His Excellency Mr. Issam El Ahmar, Minister of Social Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia.

**The Role of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Supporting Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities:**

- Intervention by *Dr. Heba Hagrass* - United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Digital Bridges: Turning Challenges into opportunities for Independent Living:**

- Intervention by *Dr. Iman Karim* – General Supervisor National Council for People with Disabilities.

**Follow up by the Deputy Head of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs:**

- Her Excellency Ms. Wafa Abu Bakr Al-Kilani, Minister of Social Affairs, State of Libya.

**Moderator:** Minister Plenipotentiary/ Tarek el Nabulsi Director of Development and social policies Dept. (LAS)

- General Discussion
- Closing of the Event
- **Note:** Translation (Arabic – English – Arabic) and captions will be available.