Knowledge Hub Agenda
9 to 11 October 2023
Day 1- INCLUSION
Monday, 9 October
11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Inclusion is a universal human right that embraces all people irrespective of race, gender, disability, medical or other needs, and it provides equal access without barriers to everyone. The business case for inclusion is stronger than ever before in the highly globalized economy and the world that is increasingly becoming borderless. It is essential to get the best out of any society.

Ensuring inclusive opportunities for People with Disabilities not only helps get rid of discrimination in society but is vital to crossing obstacles in the long and complex journey to provide an ideal living environment for everyone in the community, including in the workplace, education, health facilities, transportation services, sports, commercial establishments, and tourist attractions.

Key topics by speakers to be addressed will include:

- Are organisations rightfully recognizing and focusing on the Inclusion of People with Disabilities to enhance their services to the whole community?
- How does Inclusion affect an organisation’s long-term performance?
- How does an Inclusive society help transform the quality of life for People with Disabilities?
- How does a more Inclusive society enhance the lives of every person living in that society?
- How does Inclusion impact the wider economy of a city or country?
- How are Inclusive organizations cultivating cultures that produce higher productivity, retention, engagement, morale, and innovation?
- How can the Education sector be made more Inclusive to build the foundation of an Inclusive society?
- What are the key steps toward making workplaces more Inclusive?
- How can the urban environment be enhanced to support wider Inclusion in Education and Industry?
- What role can the Government play in ensuring a more inclusive workplace environment?
Monday, 9 October

11:30 - 11:45 - Opening Remarks / Keynote

Representative from the Dubai Community Development Authority (CDA)

11:45 - 12:00

Sheikha Suhaila Salem Al Sabah
POD Advocate, Kuwait

12:00 - 12:45

Fatma Taher
Manager - Government Agenda
Dubai Airports, UAE

Eman Abushabab
Community Outreach Manager

Mohammad Al Malik
Joyce Chamoun
Dubai Autism Centre, UAE

Topic: Towards an Autism-Friendly Community
12:45 - 1:05

Dr. Monira Aldhahi
Consultant Physical Therapy at KAAH,
Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences,
College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, Saudi Arabia

**Topic:** **Telehealth and a Model of Exercise and sports service delivery system for People with Disabilities**

Dr. Nourah Alothman
Assistant Professor of Audiology
Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University
Saudi Arabia

**Topic:** **Hearing abilities for people with disabilities**

Dr. Reem Basuodan
Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences, Head of the foundation year of Medical Colleges, Neuro physiotherapist consultant, College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, Saudi Arabia

**Topic:** **Rehabilitation and physiotherapy for people with disabilities**

Asst. Prof. Reem Alabdulwahab
Assistant Professor, Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, Saudi Arabia

**Topic:** **Electronic Sexual harassment of people with disabilities**

1:05 - 1:20

Dr. Omar Almodayfer
Chairman, Consultant Child Psychiatrist
Human Development Co, Saudi Arabia

**Topic:** **New horizon Rehabilitation Technologies that matters.**
Dr. Michal Gloger  
CEO  
Mebster s.r.o.  
Czech Republic

**Topic: Continuous daily ambulation from hospital to home - Motivation for safe ambulation for people with lower limbs paralysis**

This discussion underscores the paramount importance of maintaining continuity in patient care, transitioning seamlessly from inpatient to outpatient to home-based rehabilitation. To illustrate this concept, we introduce the innovative yet cost-effective solution: the UNILEXA 2.0 passive exoskeleton. This device, accessible not only in the UAE but globally, serves individuals with lower limb function loss, particularly those recovering from spinal cord injuries.

Lina Abbas  
Head Teacher  
Rashid Center for People of Determination

**Topic: Embracing Diversity within Rashid Center**

Rashid Center focuses on a variety of initiatives and programs to promote diversity and inclusion. It comprises providing equal opportunities, support, and accommodations to our students, regardless of their abilities to fully participate in the society.

Elie Ghoussoub, Director  
Accessibility, Safety & Inclusion Consultancy  
DASS Solutions, UAE

**Topic: Beyond Compliance: Driving Accessibility through Corporate Governance**

Addressing how strong governance practices can lead to comprehensive accessibility initiatives within organizations.
2:45 - 3:00
Pretty Kumar
CEO
Deque Software, India

**Topic: Foster a Culture of Inclusion with Ethical, AI-powered Accessibility Testing Tools**

Testing for digital accessibility can be a complex, nuanced process that requires experience with assistive technologies. Depending on the goals of your organization and who you serve, you might also face a number of changing compliance or legal guidelines and tight deadlines to achieve them.

3:00 - 3:15
Inas Ktaech
Clinical Director/BCBA
Autism Center The Doris Duan-Young

**Topic: The Vital Role of Parent and Caregiver Training in Supporting Children with Autism**

This presentation centers on the key importance of parent and caregiver training in the context of caring for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It will emphasize how equipping parents and caregivers with essential skills and knowledge can drive positive outcomes and enhance the overall well-being of children with ASD.

3:15 - 3:30
Jens Lund
COO
No Limits Accessibility, Denmark

Anker Bak
Danish designer, Denmark

**Topic: From Limitations to Dignity: Embracing Accessible Living**

Why Universal design promotes dignity, inclusion, and equality while simultaneously enhancing the appeal of your business to the customer segment with a disability. This will be demonstrated in collaboration between Anker Bak, an acclaimed Danish designer and cabinetmaker, and his award-winning designs, and No Limits Accessibility COO Jens Jafar Lund.
This presentation will journey from highlighting these challenges to showcasing the transformative potential of Purple Surfers, underscoring the need for tailored digital training. The audience will gain insights into the programme’s goals, success stories, and the broader implications for digital inclusivity. Concluding with a call to action, the presentation seeks a united front from all stakeholders to make the digital sphere universally accessible.
Day 2- TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION
Tuesday, 10 October
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Technology and Innovations are improving mobility and ease of access for People with Disabilities. Providing access to the right technology, quickly and cost-effectively is important to removing many of the current challenges and barriers that People with different kinds of Disabilities face in different aspects such as travel and tourism, workplace, education, and telecommunications. Accessible Technology is advancing rapidly, with global technology leaders, SMEs, and entrepreneurs launching new game-changing solutions that give People with Disabilities more independence, control, and opportunity.

- What are the latest technology and innovations available for People with Disabilities?
- What are the key barriers to making the latest technology available to everyone?
- How can Governments and Corporations work together to subsidize the cost of assistive technology?
- What role can universities play in developing research and innovation centres for the disability sector?
- Can People with Disabilities imagine a day when everything they need exists in one space?
- How can innovations in technology help People with Disabilities live better, more independent lives?
- How can Assistive Technology enhance the economic contribution of People with Disabilities in society?
- How can we make it more profitable for companies to develop new technologies for People with Disabilities so it is prioritized for R&D spend?
- What are the consumer technologies making the lives of People with Disabilities more enjoyable?
- How can accessible technology help increase diversity and inclusion as the number of people in need of assistive products rises above 3.4 billion by 2050?
- What efforts are tech behemoths and startups making to build accessibility services onto their devices?
Tuesday, 10 October

11:00- 11:15 - OPENING REMARKS / KEYNOTE

Representative from the Dubai Community Development Authority (CDA)

11:15 - 12:30

Topic: "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Shaping the Future of Technology that Supports People of Determination"

Hosted by: Dubai Youth Council

Representatives from:

- Rafik Gerges, Sr. Data Security Global Black Belt. UAE
- Aliriza Abdul Gafoor, Chairman & CEO, Aliriza Group, UAE
- Dr. Michal Gloger, CEO, Mebster s.r.o., Czech Republic

names to be confirmed
There has been massive adoption of social media platforms and internet for many services that are used on our daily lives. Cyber bullying, identity theft, scams are becoming smarter every day. Learn how to protect your personal information from falling into the wrong hands and identify how to take a proactive approach to report it.

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**2:00 - 2:15**

Ramin Yahvavi Gilani  
CEO  
Gilani Mobility Solutions Specialist, UAE  
ACA France

*Topic: Placing importance on accessible environments and the rights of individuals with disabilities championing their dignity and inclusion*

It is important to take a holistic approach and create a roadmap to successfully educate and implement transfer mobility services, specialized vehicles, assistive technology, skilled personnel, and accessible infrastructure. Society’s emphasis on accessible transportation aligns with the vital objective of ensuring equal opportunities.

**2:15 - 2:30**

Sanghwan Choi  
Managing Director  
CYD Information, Korea

*Topic: Introduction to DreamPhone with Case of Neurodevelopmental Disorder Activist. Why we made DreamPhone?*

**2:30 - 2:45**

Charlie Hyuk Su Shin  
Head Executive Director  
DOT Corporation, Korea

*Topic: Inclusive Smart city*

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Topic: NaviLens and NaviLens GO

Two systems designed to empower people with disabilities -- New technologies provide us with the opportunity to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Connectivity and telecommunications have opened numerous options for individuals with disabilities to alleviate their communication, mobility, and information-related challenges.

Topic: Accessible Transportation

Topic: Building a Network of Accessible Airports

Learn how Airports Council International (ACI) World supports its airport members to enhance their facilities and services for people with disabilities, and what are some of the best practices implemented in different airports worldwide, to reduce barriers and provide a seamless travel experience for all passengers.”
3:45 - 4:00

Bari Hayon
Global Markets & UAE Sales Director
NoorCam, Israel

**Topic: OrCam MyEye & Read 3 innovation**

*Independence everywhere you go -- OrCam Technologies was founded over a decade ago to create life-changing “assistive companions” powered by breakthrough artificial intelligence (AI) for people who are blind or visually impaired and for those with reading and learning differences.*

4:00 - 4:15

Mohamad Nuwaila
Director of Sales & Marketing
Nuro ME, UAE

**NURO MIDDLE EAST LLC. is pleased to introduce to the attendees of AccessAbilities Expo 2023 the second generation of our groundbreaking NUOS product line, allowing victims of stroke, trauma, and neurodegenerative diseases to communicate by Brain, instantly and without any surgery of any kind. NUOS is the only non-invasive architecture in the World today which has been cleared by Health Canada, multiple US IRBs and the US FDA under the Expanded Access Program.**

**Topic: Communication by Brain**

4:15 - 4:30

Youseff Hesham Naim
CEO
Tapy Card, UAE

**Topic: Tapy Lifesaver Watch**
Most often that not, accessibility solutions in general and mobility solutions in particular are available, but are unfortunately not accessible to a large segment of people of determination, especially in the lesser developed economies where incomes are often short of affording cutting-edge solutions.
Day 3 - HEALTHCARE & REHABILITATION

Wednesday, 11 October
11:00 - 2:00

Healthcare and Rehabilitation services for People with Disabilities must be prioritized to enable them to optimize their functioning, minimize the cost of access and live the same stress-free and comfortable life as anyone else. As the health and rehabilitation needs of People with Disabilities increase, society must take a more holistic approach to ensure these needs are met and a long-term strategy is put in place to meet future challenges. Key topics our expert speakers will cover during these sessions include:

• Is rehabilitation a key means to promote longer working lives and delay the need for care for disabled people and the elderly?
• What have been the long-lasting impacts of the pandemic on rehabilitation needs and capacities?
• Does the multidisciplinary nature of rehabilitation need a transversal platform for the exchange of good practices and for promoting a holistic view of rehabilitation as a pillar of social security?
• Should rehabilitation cover all medical, occupational, and social measures that serve People with Disabilities to gain an appropriate place in occupational and economic life and society?
• How does rehabilitation enable people with physical or mental disabilities to overcome barriers to accessing the right opportunities and help them return to employment?
• Is improving community-based rehabilitation services integral to the rehabilitative approach?
• Is rehabilitation an investment with costs and benefits for both the individuals and society?
• Should rehabilitation be made a part of healthcare at all levels?
• Is rehabilitation important to ensure the future of work is inclusive, leaving no one behind?
• How can we ensure the higher healthcare requirements for People with Disabilities are met adequately and their quality of life is not affected due to inadequate healthcare services?
• Why is there still a major gap in healthcare access between people with and without disabilities?
Wednesday, 11 October

11:00 - 11:20 - Opening Remarks / Keynote

Representative from the Dubai Community Development Authority (CDA)

11:20 - 11:35

Dr. Mansoor Habib
Senior Director Employee Wellbeing & HSE, du UAE

*Topic: Can the workplace be a rehabilitation enabler for people of determination?*

11:35 - 11:50

Salah Habib
CEO
Sanad Village, UAE

*Topic: Building Understanding and Empathy: Effective Strategies for Interacting with Individuals on the Autism Spectrum*

11:50 - 12:05

Zaffar Khan
Corporate Strategist
Cocoon SDA Care, Australia

*Topic: Cocoon SDA Care*
**Topic: Holistic approach in managing sleep for sensory-challenged children**

The holistic approach to managing sleep for sensory-challenged children encompasses various aspects of their physical, emotional, and sensory well-being to effectively address sleep issues. The main goal is to develop an individualized plan that enhances the child's sleep quality and overall health.

**Topic: Prince Sultan Rehabilitation Complex/Efaa in the field of rehabilitation**

A working paper presented on the operational model adopted by Prince Sultan Rehabilitation Complex/Efaa in the field of rehabilitation.

**Topic: A Journey of Innovation, Dedication & Transformation at Vicair & Maxxcare**

We are eager for the chance to share our Global Healthcare and Rehabilitation journey with you at Vicair & Maxxcare. Our story is one of innovation, dedication, and transformation in the realm of healthcare and rehabilitation solutions. Over the years, we have strived to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals by providing cutting-edge products and services that enhance their well-being and quality of life.
Jessica Smith OAM PLY
Inclusion Consultant
UAE

**Topic: Inclusion, Why Does it Matter**

The former Australian Paralympic Swimmer, is also a public speaker, writer, lecturer and eloquently uses her various platforms to help facilitate honest conversations about diversity and accessibility, to highlight practical solutions for improving the lack of inclusivity within society. Jessica will share her personal journey, the trials and tribulations, and discuss why Inclusion matters when it comes to creating a more accessible and accepting society. Nothing about us, without us!

Dr. Faiza Aba Alkhail
General Manager
Al Waleed Center, Saudi Arabia

**Topic: The role of applications in improving the quality of work of institutions caring for people of determination (a web rehabilitation platform as a business model)**
Vitamins and supplements are important for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders due to several reasons, such as selective eating habits and sensory sensitivity to food taste, smell, or texture, which can lead to nutritional deficiency in their diet. In the presentation, I will speak about the importance of vitamins and supplements for autistic children to improve their overall quality of life.
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