

Increasing access to information and communication technology (ICT) for persons with disabilities



Sustainable Development Goals

Target 9.c: Significantly increase access to ICT and provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 4(g): Promote the availability and use of new technologies

Article 9: Ensure persons with disabilities have access, on an equal basis with others, to information and communications

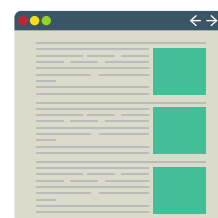
Article 26: Promote the availability, knowledge and use of assistive devices and technologies



In some countries, only 14% of persons with disabilities use the Internet



In 3 Sub-Saharan countries, only 8% of households with persons with disabilities can afford access to the Internet



Over 60% on online national portals include features that are not accessible

Actions to strengthen the ICT ecosystem to ensure inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities:

- Raise awareness and enhance knowledge of ICT accessibility
- Involve persons with disabilities at every stage of ICT development
- Promote the principles of Universal Design in the mainstream ICT industry and the public sector.
- Adopt national ICT accessibility policies and regulations
- Create dedicated focal points in relevant ministries or departments dealing with ICT accessibility.
- Provide affordable Internet access for persons with disabilities
- Provide funding mechanisms to support the development of open-source software
- Involve all relevant stakeholders and increase funding to support Universal Design and low-cost ICTs for persons with disabilities
- Develop and publish comparable data on access to and use of ICTs

