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- Para 13 in the Doha Declaration states that “(...) greater efforts are required for mobilizing more resources, as appropriate, to provide universal access to basic economic and social infrastructure and inclusive social services, as well as capacity-building, taking special care of women, children, older persons **and persons with disabilities in order to enhance their social protection.**”
- Social protection floors, as promoted by the ILO, are an essential mechanism for reducing poverty among vulnerable and marginalized populations, such as persons with disabilities, and it is critical therefore that social protection is explicitly inclusive of and accessible for persons with disabilities and their families.
- There is a need to mobilize the necessary resources for sustainable and adequate social protection and universal access to services that will ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. In order to achieve this, it is necessary to further increase tax to GDP ratios, through progressive taxation.
- Effective use of resources is about inclusion of persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups, not their exclusion. This is not only and foremost a human rights issue. Inclusion is beneficial also from an **economic standpoint**.
- In the post-2015 process the inclusion of persons with disabilities has been recognized as central to achieving sustainable development both in the recent OWG document and in the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.
- IDA and IDDC call for **public and private domestic and international finance to contribute to realizing the human rights of all persons with disabilities**. This implies ensuring the financing of both disability-specific services and disability-inclusive mainstream services, including social protection measures, healthcare and education.

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