

# DIGITALIZATION, EMPOWERMENT AND DECISION-MAKING: HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES ARE INCLUDED?



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Technology plays a key role in promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community. However, laws and regulations that recognize the value of these technologies fail to apply sufficient safeguards to protect users from the harmful and negative effects. People with intellectual disabilities are rarely, if at all, included in discussions around these regulations, or in the creation of new technology products.

This side event will discuss the positive and negative impacts that technologies have on the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities and will address the role and the manner to get persons with intellectual disabilities involved in the decision making processes related to technologies development.

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