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**Abstract**

The world has seen a rapid expansion on the number of educational and training opportunities available through web-based distance learning services, many of which are available for free or at very low costs.

While these distance learning services could be unprecedented opportunities for the educational and professional advancement of persons with disabilities, the limited awareness of accessibility challenges, by content creators and other participants of these learning platforms, have drastically reduced the potential positive social impact of these services among persons in this community. This presentation will highlight potential solutions to these accessibility challenges and call for international cooperation to ensure the implementation of the needed improvements.