Forum Session

Accessibility matters: dismantling the barriers of disability with technology
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According to WHO's World Disability Report, approximately 15% of the world population – or more than 1 billion people - lives with some form of disability. ICTs are widely used to enable people living with disabilities to lead more independent lives by removing barriers limiting their participation in society. Technology can enable better access to health, education, government services and the job market for all those affected by disabilities. But what more can be done, in both emerging and developed markets? Can existing solutions be scaled and adapted? Is there a business case for digital inclusion solutions? How can public and private sectors work together to promote universal design, accessibility and access services?

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