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| **Title** | **Description** | **Begin** | **End** | **Attendance type** | **Location** | **Topics** | **Speakers** |
| Opening Ceremony of the Zero Project Conference 2023 |  | 22.02.2023 10:00 | 11:00 | hybrid | M1 | International Sign (IS),Zero Project Strategy | Martin Essl,Caroline Casey,Carola Rubia,Ghada Waly |
| Introducing The Zero Project Youth Delegation | Caroline Casey will introduce and speak with the Zero Project Youth Delegation. This international gathering of young disability advocates convenes to share their stories and tell the stories of inspiring people at ZeroCon23. | 22.02.2023 11:00 | 11:20 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Networking,International Sign (IS) | Caroline Casey,Klil Briah,Ghada Waly |
| The New WHO-ITU Global Standard for Accessibility of Telehealth Services | During COVID-19, the use of telehealth services has increased substantially in many countries, becoming a basic need for the general population. Subsequently, the WHO and ITU has launched a new Global Standard for Accessibility of Telehealth Services.Additional Speakers:Irene Fialka, INiTS University start-up service Vienna GmbH, AustriaMasahito Kawamori, ITU - International Telecommunication Union, Regional Presence Europe, Japan | 22.02.2023 11:00 | 12:20 | hybrid | M2 | ICT,Public sector | Andrea Pregel,Kaloyan Kamenov,Gerald Craddock,jakob Rosin |
| Building an Accessibility Professional Community in your Country | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 22.02.2023 11:00 | 11:20 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Regine Gessner,Christopher Michael Lee |
| Inclusive Design Homes | In this practical Session, innovative solutions are presented that adapt homes to autonomous living for persons with disabilities.Additional speakers:Lourdes Marquez De La Calleja, ONCE Foundation, SpainOrly Tsabar, JDC Israel Unlimited, IsraelMark Shamis, Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, Israel | 22.02.2023 11:20 | 12:20 | onsite | M3 | Independent Living,Community Living | Greg Wellems,Camilla Ryhl,Brian Hart,Susan Brownknight,Mariela Yabo |
| Bridging the Digital Divide Through Training - in cooperation with Access Living | In order to fully participate, persons with disabilities must have access not only to devices and technologies that enhance their independence, but also to training. This Session will highlight global good practices that enable just that.Additional Speakers:Karen Tamley, Access Living, United States of America | 22.02.2023 11:20 | 12:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | ICT | Julie Eshleman,Susanna Laurin |
| The Right to Political Participation - what is the right exactly? | People with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities often cannot exercise their political rights. Disability-rights expert Oliver Lewis discusses the rights-based approach with the co-authors of the new, Zero Project-Award-winning publication on this subject.Additional speakers:Oliver Lewis, Doughty Street Chambers, United KingdomAlejandro Moledo, EDF, Belgium (tbc) | 22.02.2023 11:20 | 12:20 | hybrid | M1 | Political Participation |  |
| Creating a global disability and age-inclusive insight community, for, with and by the community | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 22.02.2023 11:20 | 11:40 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Christine Hemphill,Josh Wintersgill |
| Treating Exclusion Like Pollution – An ESG approach to Disability Inclusion | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 22.02.2023 12:00 | 12:20 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Neil Milliken,Debra Ruh |
| The Intersectionality of Cybersecurity and Disability Inclusion | Consumers are expected to complete more transactions than ever online. But how well are all internet users protected and what intersectionality do we need to account for between cybersecurity and disability inclusion? | 22.02.2023 12:20 | 13:00 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,ICT,International Sign (IS) | Jesica Rivero Espinosa,Almudena Alcaide,Isabel Lopez,Miguel Zarraluqui |
| Zero Project Forum on Personal Care and Caretaking | In this Forum, trends, solutions, and technologies in caretaking of persons with disabilities are addressed, like the EU Care Strategy. Trends in personal budgeting, employment of assistants, and changes in legal frameworks are also analysed.Additional speakers:Stefan Tromel, ILO - International Labour Organization, SwitzerlandSue Swenson, Inclusion International, United States | 22.02.2023 12:20 | 14:00 | hybrid | M2 | Independent Living,Community Living | Kamil Goungor,Jasna Puskaric,Richard Duncan,Thomas Bignal,Julie Eshleman,Facundo Chávez Penillas,Lieve Dekempeneer |
| Let’s Talk: Zero Barriers! In cooperation with the Vienna Business Agency | Selected international start-ups take part in the Discover Vienna: Zero Barriers 2023 Program – a unique opportunity to explore Vienna’s impact-driven ecosystem. In this interactive Session, you will engage in inspiring discussions with participants.Additional speakers:Neha Arora, Planet Abled, India | 22.02.2023 12:20 | 14:00 | onsite | M3 | ICT,Innovation Pitches | Tomer Aharoni,Sylvia Göttinger,Fedor Belomoev,Franziska Gebhardt,Hisaharu Suzuki,Aleksander Helmersberg,Tammy Margalit,Josefine Schulze,Ravit Dadon,Chris Veigl |
| Opening Ceremony for the Spanish Speaking Community | It’s a celebration of Latin American culture! Brief welcoming to the Conference for Latin America with greetings from Martin Essl (Essl Foundation), Catalina Saieh (F. Descúbreme) and Javier Güemes (F. ONCE).¡Es una celebración de la cultura latinoamericana! Breve bienvenida a la Conferencia para América Latina con saludos de Martin Essl (Fundación Essl), Catalina Saieh (Fundación Descúbreme) y Javier Güemes (Fundación ONCE).Additional speakers:Catalina Saieh, Fundación Descúbreme, ChileJavier Güemes, Grupo Social ONCE, Spain | 22.02.2023 12:20 | 13:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | In Spanish Language | Martin Essl,Maria Ignacia Rodriguez |
| Supporting Persons With Psychosocial Disabilities in Serious Distress | In this Session, four community-based models are presented that successfully keep people with psychosocial disabilities out of institutions and beware them from homelessness. | 22.02.2023 13:00 | 14:00 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Community Living,International Sign (IS) | Eddy Borrayo,Ferran Blanco Ros,Kavita Nair,Jyrki Pinomaa,Claudia Pauzenberger,Cristina Gisbert,Tal Rokach |
| Let's Talk About Sex and Disability | How do people with disabilities lead healthy sex lives? How does identity interplay with disability? Zero Project Awardees and international experts have an in-depth discussion and introduce models that work.Additional Speakers:Patsie Frawley, University of Waikato, New Zealand | 22.02.2023 14:00 | 15:00 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,International Sign (IS) | Ruhel Yabloy,Laura Honders,Lilian Dibo,Marissa Medjeral,Connie Vandarakis,Daniella Decker |
| Zero Project Impact Transfer Forum | The Zero Project Impact Transfer programme consists of 12 Fellows who have been chosen due to their potential to scale and replicate across borders. In this Session, all 12 present themselves and their strategies for building a world with zero barriers.Additional speakers:Alexander Kesselring, Ashoka Austria, Austria Wanessa Medeiros Alves, Instituto Jo Clemente, Brazil | 22.02.2023 14:00 | 16:00 | hybrid | M2 | Public sector,Zero Project Strategy | Ella Giladi,Dorothy Nakato Mubezi,Fidelia Alí,Sumita Kunashakaran,Sarah Gavra Boland,Mauro Tamayo,Laura Honders,Jimena Luna,Kavita Nair |
| Artificial Intelligence and People With Disabilities: Opportunity or Threat? | Artificial Intelligence is in the heart of an increasing number of technologies. David Banes, author of "Artificial Intelligence - The Basics", explains AI, and discusses with AI experts the opportunities and threats for persons with disabilities.Additional Speakers:Sara Smolley, Voiceitt, United States of America (tbc) | 22.02.2023 14:00 | 15:00 | onsite | M3 | ICT,Business and Disability | David Banes,Nehat Krasniqi,Lionel Wolberger,Kave Noori |
| Promoting Inclusive and Accessible Products for Consumers | In this Roundtable, experts coming from the Business Sector discuss innovative corporate practices to promote inclusion as an enabler for independent living and autonomy, with a special emphasis on customers with disabilities.Este foro está concebido como una mesa redonda en la que expertos procedentes del sector privado (o estrechamente vinculados a él) debaten sobre las prácticas innovadoras de las empresas para promover la inclusión en su conjunto, con especial énfasis en los usuarios con discapacidad.Additional Speakers:Fernando Estrada Franco, Alianza Entrale AC, Mexico | 22.02.2023 14:00 | 15:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | Business and Disability,In Spanish Language | Ana Mohedano Escobar,Gabriel Marcolongo,Jürgen Menze,Cesar Buenadicha,Andrés Beroggi |
| Digital Accessibility in Brazil | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference.Speaker: Cid Torquato is the CEO of ICOM Libras and former Secretary for Persons with Disabilities for the City of São Paulo (remote) | 22.02.2023 14:00 | 14:20 | online | Fireside Chat |  |  |
| The European Social Fund invests in Community Living and DI | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 22.02.2023 14:40 | 15:00 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Luk Zelderloo,Wilfried Kainz |
| Technology Start-Ups, Pitch Round 1 | It´s Pitch Time, Round 1: the Zero Project presents a fast-paced session for introducing cutting-edge technologies to impact persons with disabilities. A “Shark Tank”, Zero Project style.Additional Speakers:Philipp Röhsner, die Berater counsulting, AustriaJavier Montaner, Mouse4all, Spain (tbc) | 22.02.2023 15:00 | 16:20 | hybrid | M1 | ICT,Innovation Pitches,International Sign (IS) | Christopher Patnoe,Luke Muleka,Hisaharu Suzuki,Idan Meir |
| Inclusion in Times of Crisis | The war in Ukraine has highlighted the need for global contingency plans for people with disabilities and the elderly. This Session will highlight solutions that everyone can implement, in order to ensure that nobody is left behind in times of need.Additional speakers:Michal Rimon, Access Israel, IsraelTetiana Lomakina, President Office Ukraine, Ukraine | 22.02.2023 15:00 | 16:00 | onsite | M3 |  | Yuliia Sachuk |
| Reinventing Entrepreneurship in Latin America | This Session showcases solutions coming from Latin America and Spain that offer opportunities to persons with disabilities towards an independent life through entrepreneurship and self-employment.Esta sesión muestra soluciones que ofrecen oportunidades a las personas con discapacidad para avanzar hacia una vida independiente a través del emprendimiento y el autoempleo, procedentes de América Latina y España.Additional speakers:Iván Carmona, Fundación ONCE, SpainJavier Inostroza, ONG Rebrota, ChileRicardo Zevallos, Sense International Peru, Peru | 22.02.2023 15:40 | 17:00 | hybrid | Pressroom | Independent Living,Business and Disability,In Spanish Language | Jimena Luna,Tania Tabilo |
| New Strategies of Development Funding Agencies and Major Donor Organizations | Leading development funding agencies and donor organizations present their current and future funding strategies, and how civil society organizations and other partners can join their programmes.Additional speakers:Charlotte Mcclain-Nhlapo, World Bank Group, United States of AmericaIchiro Kabasawa, Nippon Foundation, Japan (tbc) | 22.02.2023 16:00 | 17:00 | hybrid | M2 | Public sector,Developing countries | Nevgül Bilsel Safkan,Elaine Katz,Catherine Hyde Townsend,Cesar Buenadicha |
| Technology Start-Ups, Pitch Round 2 | It´s Pitch Time, Round 2: In a second session, the Zero Project again presents a fast-paced session for introducing cutting-edge technologies to impact persons with disabilities. A “Shark Tank”, Zero Project style.Additional speakers:Sara Basson, Google Inc., United StatesLilian Tay, Digital Dream, Singapore (tbc)Selen Xu, Tencent Holdings Limited, China (tbc) | 22.02.2023 16:20 | 17:20 | hybrid | M1 | ICT,Innovation Pitches,International Sign (IS) | Aleksander Helmersberg,Esha Khurshid ,Rylin Rodgers |
| The need for a job market redesign: we fail job seekers with disabilities when we fail to also meet the needs of business. | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network.The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 22.02.2023 16:20 | 16:40 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Susan Scott-Parker,Caroline Casey |
| Business Opportunities for User-Led Organizations - Hosted by Billion Strong | An increasing number of companies are using indicators to measure their engagement with people with disabilities. In this Session, a new approach for certification of user-led businesses is presented, which would create enormous opportunities.Additional Speaker,Dr. Kirk Adams, Former AFB (American Foundation for the Blind) President and CEO, United States | 22.02.2023 17:00 | 17:40 | hybrid | M2 | Business and Disability | Debra Ruh,Richard Streitz,Susan Mazrui,Mary Fernandez |
| Keynote: José Viera, Advocacy Director, IDA | Keynote: José Viera, Advocacy Director, IDA | 22.02.2023 17:20 | 17:40 | hybrid | M1 | Keynotes | Jose Maria Viera |
| Disability in Fairy Tales | "Once upon a time…" This session explores how disability is portrayed in fairy tales, how its representation affects our world view, and how we see people with disability. Through reading a selection of fairy tales that feature characters with disabilities, we will discuss how these characters are portrayed and how their disability is used to shape their story... but will they "live happily ever after"? | 22.02.2023 17:40 | 18:20 | onsite | M1 |  | Mark Walker,Helle Deertz |
| Keynote: Shirly Pinto, Former Member of the Israeli Knesset | Keynote: Shirly Pinto, Former Member of the Israeli Knesset | 23.02.2023 09:20 | 9:40 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Keynotes | חה״כ שירלי פינטו |
| Innovations in Assistive Technology From Asia and Africa | A growing number of Assistive Technologies originate in Africa and Asia. In this Session, Zero Project Awardees present their solutions.Additional Speakers:Irene Mbari-Kirika, inABLE, United States of AmericaMan Mahamoud, Agence National des Personnes Handicapees, DjiboutiOwen Ombima, Safaricom PLC, Kenya (tbc) | 23.02.2023 09:40 | 11:20 | hybrid | M2 | ICT,Developing countries | Marie Brien,Bernard Chiira,Faith Masengo,Gayathri Vadivel |
| Showcase: A Global Brand Introducing Inclusive Shoes | Megan Lawrence, Global Director of Accessibility of Nike USA presents Nike´s accessible sneakers and talks about Nike's history in Disability & Inclusion; in conversation with Caroline Casey.Speaker:Megan Lawrence, Nike US, United States of America | 23.02.2023 09:40 | 10:00 | hybrid | M1 | Business and Disability | Caroline Casey |
| How Diplomacy Can Help Disability Inclusion | This Session will pair Zero Project Awardees with members of the Zero Project Ambassadors’ Circle to highlight the role diplomacy can play in helping foster disability inclusion on a local and international level.Additional speakers:Ambassador Cristina Fraile Jimenez De Munana, Spanish Embassy Vienna, AustriaAmbassador Jaideep Mazumdar, Indian Embassy Vienna, AustriaAmbassador Mordechai Rodgold, Israeli Embassy Vienna, AustriaAmbassador Richard Sadleir, Australian Embassy Vienna, Austria | 23.02.2023 09:40 | 10:40 | hybrid | Pressroom | Public sector,Political participation | Kathryn Johnson,Robin Tim Weis,EFRAT STERN,Kavita Nair |
| Deinstitutionalization - Are We Making Progress? | Moving people with disabilities out of institutions into community living has proven to be a slow and frustrating process in many countries. Experts discuss the background of deinstitutionalization processes and point innovative solutions that work. | 23.02.2023 10:00 | 10:40 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Community Living,International Sign (IS) | Ludmila Malcoci,Luk Zelderloo,Tamar Geva |
| Making Elections More Inclusive and Accessible | Ensuring elections and voting procedures are not only safe and fair, but also accessible for everyone, have recently become a priority target for governments. Several Zero Project Awardees will present their innovative solutions in this Session. | 23.02.2023 10:00 | 11:40 | onsite | M3 | Political Participation | Virginia Atkinson,Nisha Shareef,Rui Coimbras,Lina Garbenciute,ricardo downey,Serhii Postivyi |
| Discovery Awards: Handover Ceremony | Meet Enable India's Discovery Award winners: solutions that are innovative, and easy to replicate and scale. In cooperation with Enable India and Google.Additional Speakers:Anne Gersdorff, Social Heroes e.V., GermanyMandeep Chahal, Google, USA | 23.02.2023 10:40 | 11:20 | hybrid | M1 | Innovation Pitches,Developing countries,International Sign (IS) | Sayomdeb (Den),Kamalakanta Nayak,Matthijs Nederveen,Debra Ruh |
| Empowering Persons With Disabilities to Become Self-Advocates | This Session brings together Zero Project Awardees and others who have developed methods on how to empower self-advocacy, including establishing dialogues with decision-makers in society or working with young people with leader potential. | 23.02.2023 10:40 | 12:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | Independent Living,Community Living | Kamil Goungor,Dorothy Nakato Mubezi,Edward Winter,Merve Özman,Nils Wöbke,Simon Green,Abed Daka,Monica Neves Rocha Arten,Kjell Stjernholm,Lilach Bar |
| Zero Project India Forum | The Zero Project India Forum brings together high-level policy-makers, business leaders, and NGOs to discuss the role and future of India in promoting affordable and available assistive technologies, for India and other developing countries.Additional speakers:Ankita Shirodariya, Social Alpha, IndiaNidhi Bhasin, Nasscom Foundation, IndiaNirat Bhatnagar, Dalberg Advisors, India | 23.02.2023 11:20 | 12:40 | hybrid | M1 | Developing countries,International Sign (IS) | Shashaank Awasthi,Utsav Choudhury,Arman Ali |
| Using Data to Create Change | Data collection on persons with disabilities is a powerful tool to improve the quality of decision-making at all levels, but rarely living up to expectations. In this session, applied data collection models are presented that really work. | 23.02.2023 11:20 | 12:40 | hybrid | M2 |  | Elaine Katz,Filippo Trevisan,Tom Shakespeare,Christopher Michael Lee |
| Using Technologies to Understand and Be Understood | Easy and simple language is a key strategy for an inclusive society. In this Session, innovative technologies that simplify communication and enhance understanding are discussed.Additional speaker:Patrick Fitzgerald, Saint John of God Liffey Services, Ireland | 23.02.2023 11:40 | 13:00 | onsite | M3 | ICT | Cathy Basterfield,Sarah Gavra Boland,Tammy Margalit,Klaus Candussi,Claudia Werneck Arguelhes |
| Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) Grantees Presentations, US Department of State | This Session will highlight the global DRL grantees from the US Department of State, which are removing barriers for persons with disabilities around the world. | 23.02.2023 12:00 | 14:30 | hybrid | M1 |  |  |
| Opening for the Spanish Speaking Community | It’s a celebration of Latin American culture! Brief welcoming to the Conference for Latin America from Michael Fembek (Zero Project), Carola Rubia (F. Descúbreme) and Lourdes Márquez (Fundación ONCE), with the special participation of the Inter American Development Bank.¡Es una celebración de la cultura latinoamericana! Breve bienvenida a la Conferencia para América Latina por parte de Michael Fembek (Zero Project), Carola Rubia (F. Descúbreme) y Loudes Márquez (Fundación ONCE), y la participación especial del Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo. | 23.02.2023 12:20 | 13:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | In Spanish Language | Martin Essl,Carola Rubia,Maria Ignacia Rodriguez |
| Outstanding Innovations in Assistive Technology | In this Session, leading innovations in Assistive Technology are presented that support people with disabilities in independence, health, and employment. In cooperation with GAATO.Additional Speakers:Catherine Holloway, Global Disability Innovation Hub, United KingdomGeorge Mason, Fable Tech Labs, CanadaVlad Pop, Scripor Alphabet Association, Romania (tbc) | 23.02.2023 12:40 | 14:00 | hybrid | M1 | ICT,International Sign (IS) | Elizabeta Jovanovska,John Robinson,Luc de Witte,Evert Jan Hoogerwerf |
| Presenting the Zero Project India Conference and Scale Up Hub | The Zero Project and its partners - including Enable India and Youth4Jobs - will present the Zero Project India Conference and the India Scale Up Hub.Additional Speakers:Sameer Rawal, Tata Consultancy Services, IndiaPooja Kini, Omidyar Network, India (tbc) | 23.02.2023 13:00 | 14:20 | hybrid | M2 | Developing countries,Zero Project Strategy | Meera Shenoy,Sayomdeb (Den),S.B. Muniraju,Shashaank Awasthi,Michael Hilbert,Dipesh Sutariya,MosesChowdari Gorrepati,Arman Ali |
| Innovative Housing Solutions for Persons With Disabilities | How can we ensure inclusive, affordable and accessible housing for persons with disabilities? Join this session to learn from different Spanish-speaking Zero Project Awardees about housing solutions to advance on this right.¿Cómo podemos garantizar una vivienda inclusiva, asequible y accesible para las personas con discapacidad? Únete a esta sesión para aprender de diferentes galardonados hispanohablantes de Zero Project sobre soluciones de vivienda para avanzar en este derecho. | 23.02.2023 13:40 | 14:40 | hybrid | Pressroom | Independent Living,In Spanish Language | Olga Villalobos,Blanca Cegarra,Josep Maria Solé i Chavero,Rita Romanowsky,Maria Ignacia Rodriguez,MARTA SANS |
| Moving Out of Sheltered Workshops | In this Forum, employment opportunities for persons with disabilities outside of sheltered workshops are presented. These opportunities provide them with enough income but also the safety and support system for independent living. | 23.02.2023 14:00 | 15:20 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Community Living,International Sign (IS) | Ludmila Malcoci,Franz Wolfmayr,David Marcu,Margalit Piller,Katrin Langensiepen |
| The Zero Project Policymaker Forum | This Session convenes global policymakers to address model practices under the principle of “not reinventing the wheel". Policymakers will present legal frameworks that have a proven impact and potential replication strategies for other countries.Additional speakers:Anne Rabitte, Teachta Dála of Ireland, IrelandDaniela Bas, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United States of America Daniel Concha Gamboa, SENADIS Servicio Nacional de la Discapacidad, ChileEric Chua, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Government of Singapore, SingaporeMałgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, PolandRicardo Sosa Ortiz, National Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Costa Rica , Costa RicaThe Honourable Carla QUALTROUGH, Ministry of Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion of Canada, Canada | 23.02.2023 14:20 | 16:40 | hybrid | M2 | Public sector | Cathal Morgan,Dan Rashal,S.B. Muniraju |
| Self ID as Key for Meaningful Reportings on Employees with Disabilities, hosted by the Valuable 500 | Within Global companies as well as the world’s most significant financial indices, there is a data void when it comes to reliable, consistent, and public information about the number of disabled employees. Business faces a challenging mix of national regulations, varied definitions, and a culture where ESG disclosure requirements have a prioritized pressure other than accurate disability statistics. An additional imperative is that disabled individuals must feel disclosure is beneficial, safe, and supported. The Valuable 500, in collaboration with its Iconic partners Deloitte and Google, are undertaking a significant global learning sprint aimed to leverage the experiences of Valuable 500 companies to create a Self-ID solution that leads to unified data, replicable processes, and meaningful reporting. Companies will be empowered to collect and share harmonised Self-ID data around key disability employment metrics that leads to a more accurate understanding of the power and presence of disabled employees. In this interactive session, you will hear from leaders who’ve taken part in this experience, learn more about some key insights, provide feedback, and ideas on where the work is headed next.Additional Speaker:Kay Forsythe, Partner in Financial Services, Deloitte, United Kingdom | 23.02.2023 14:20 | 15:40 | onsite | M3 | Business and Disability | Rhiannon Parker |
| CASE STUDY: Supporting a Young Person with High Needs to Access Independent Living, Political Participation and Community Inclusion | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference.Additional speaker:Laura De Beck-Courcelle | 23.02.2023 14:20 | 15:00 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Donna Thomson |
| Good practices in Independent Living in Latin America | This session brings together Zero Project Awardees centered on supporting persons with disabilities in the different paths to autonomy and independence, from training personal assistants to managing services in order to support their basic needs.Esta sesión reúne a los ganadores de Zero Project centrados en el apoyo a las personas con discapacidad en los diferentes caminos hacia la autonomía y la independencia, desde la formación de asistentes personales hasta la gestión de servicios para apoyar sus necesidades básicas. | 23.02.2023 14:40 | 15:40 | hybrid | Pressroom | Independent Living,In Spanish Language | Glenda Durán Caro,Wendy Patricia Barrantes Jiménez,Fidelia Alí,Jaime Aedo |
| A Global Brand supporting Independent Living: McDonald’s and Accessible Packaging | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 23.02.2023 15:00 | 15:20 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Meeta Zakharia,Robin Tim Weis |
| Creating Stable Support Systems for Beneficiaries and Their Families in Community Living | In order to make living in the community a reality, stable support systems for people with disabilities, but also for their families and caretakers have to be maintained. In this sessions, Zero Project Awardees and other pioneering models are presented.Additional speakers:Karen Tamley, Access Living, United States of AmericaLorenza Rebuzzini, La Comune, ItalySatoshi Sato, Japan Council on Independent Living, Japan | 23.02.2023 15:20 | 16:40 | hybrid | M1 | Independent Living,Community Living | Ido Barnea,Inbal Boaz,Yasmine Chakir,Josep Maria Solé i Chavero,Mitsutoshi Oyabu |
| Long-Covid and Disability | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference.Additional speaker:Karen Tamley, President, Access Living | 23.02.2023 15:40 | 16:00 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Shira Yalon-Champvotz |
| Keynote: Accessible EU |  | 23.02.2023 16:40 | 17:00 | hybrid | M1 | Keynotes |  |
| The Award Ceremony of the Zero Project 2023 | Award Ceremony with all Awardees and Keynote Speeches | 23.02.2023 18:00 | 20:00 | hybrid | M1 | Innovation Pitches,International Sign (IS),Zero Project Strategy | Martin Essl,Sarah Herrlinger |
| Innovation in Mental Health: Bridging the Gap Between Social and Medical Models | Psychiatric hospitals are the convergence of many services delivered to persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities. In this Session, selected institutions present their innovative approaches for human-rights based health care and rehabilitation.Additional speakers:Laura Külper, Institut für Lebenskompetenz, Germany | 24.02.2023 10:00 | 11:00 | hybrid | M2 | Independent Living,Community Living,International Sign (IS) | Johannes Fellinger,Noa Nitzan,Gilad Eger |
| Inclusive Mindfulness Moment | Kick start your morning with an inclusive mindfulness session led by Connie Vandarakis from Danceability. | 24.02.2023 10:00 | 10:20 | onsite | M1 |  | Connie Vandarakis |
| Psychosocial disability and entrepreneurship | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 24.02.2023 10:00 | 10:20 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Ella Giladi,Daniel Van Sant |
| Keynote: Ichiro Kabasawa, Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation | The Nippon Foundation is one of the biggest donors globally for disability-related grant-making. Executive Director Ichiro Kabasawa speaks about current and future strategy. | 24.02.2023 10:20 | 10:40 | hybrid | M1 | Keynotes,International Sign (IS) | Ichiro Kabasawa |
| Innovative Approaches and Technology in Early Childhood Intervention | In this Session, innovative technologies are presented that support parents and caretakers in early childhood intervention.Additional Speakers:Cassandra Scarpino, USAID, United States of America | 24.02.2023 10:40 | 12:00 | hybrid | M1 | ICT,International Sign (IS) | Samet Demirtaş,Emanuela Zaimi,Simon Houriez,Fernando Botelho |
| Disability Data Improving Policy-Making in Subsaharan Africa | This session explores how governments, NGOs and DPOs can collaborate to collect and use disaggregated disability data to foster disability inclusive development in Subsaharan Africa. Jointly organized with GIZ, World Bank, UNICEF and Washington Group. | 24.02.2023 10:40 | 12:00 | hybrid | Pressroom | Developing countries | Sarah Malelu,daniel mont,Dr NDAGIJIMANA IBRAHIM,ROSE BUKANIA,STEVE BERTRAND MBOKO IBARA |
| Music and Dance - For Everyone To Join | In this Session, Zero Project Awardees present models where everyone can make music, perform, and dance together.Additional speakers:Matthias Roeder, Karajan Research, Austria | 24.02.2023 11:00 | 12:00 | hybrid | M2 | Independent Living,Community Living | Mira Possert,Ravit Turjeman,Zarko Sebic,Renata Koller |
| Employment projects for people with disabilities are not enough | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network.  The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 24.02.2023 11:00 | 11:40 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Susan Scott-Parker,Wolfgang Kowatsch,Gabriel Marcolongo |
| Inclusive Street Art | For many, street art, or graffiti, is considered to be the freest kind of art – open, wild, and free but not always accessible. A good practice from Belgrade, Serbia highlights how to make street art accessible to all.Additional Speakers:Jakob Kattner, Calle Libre, Austria | 24.02.2023 12:00 | 13:00 | hybrid | M2 | Arts and Culture | Robin Tim Weis,Jana Danilović,Jill Wells,Ljiljana Radošević,Martin Essl |
| Improving Political Participation in Africa | In this Session, several Zero Project Awardees present insights into African innovative policies on participative political processes within society in Sub-Saharan Africa.Additional speakers:Nkhasi Sefuthi, LNFOD - Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled, Lesotho (tbc) | 24.02.2023 12:00 | 13:20 | hybrid | Pressroom | Political Participation,Developing countries | laurene leclercq,Emmanuel Eze,Erna van der Westhuizen,Etienne Bagré |
| Zero Project Forum on Ageing and Disability | The ageing population and people with disabilities face similar challenges and discriminations, but are rarely discussed in context with each other. In this Session, chaired by H.E. Luis Gallegos, new approaches are introduced and discussed to build bridges between those two growing communities, including a new Convention of the United Nations.Additional speakers:Luis Gallegos, UNITAR - United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Ecuador | 24.02.2023 12:00 | 13:00 | hybrid | M1 |  | Silvia Candamil Neira,Susan Scott-Parker,Frances West,Kim Samuel |
| Disability and Entrepreneurship | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference. | 24.02.2023 12:40 | 13:00 | online | Fireside Chat |  | David Fazio |
| How Arts and Museums Can Be Made Useable for Everyone | Innovative solutions in arts and museums address the needs of a variety of persons with disabilities. In this session Zero Project Awardees and other experts present their approaches. | 24.02.2023 13:00 | 14:00 | hybrid | M2 | Arts and Culture | Doris Rothauer,Tere Ramos,Rose Ginosar,Alexandra Verdeil,Marissa Medjeral |
| Global Deaf Symposium - In cooperation with the Center for Disability Advocacy and Diplomacy of St. Cloud State University (United States) | This Global Deaf Symposium will be Deaf-centric and hosted in sign languages and captioning only, highlighting innovative solutions that remove barriers for those hard of hearing and deaf. In cooperation with the Center for Disability Advocacy and Diplomacy of St. Cloud´State University (United States).Additional speakers:Daniel Durant, Actor CODA, United States of America (tbc)Helene Jarmer, OeGLB - Austrian Federation of the Deaf, Austria (tbc) | 24.02.2023 13:00 | 14:00 | hybrid | M1 |  | Sherri Rademacher,חה״כ שירלי פינטו,Terry Wilding,Lidia Best |
| Why human intelligence is needed in media accessibility? | The Fireside Chats are short and casual conversations, streamed live from the Zero Project Conference. The speaker will be interviewed by a Zero Project staff member or a member of the Zero Project network. The link to watch this Fireside Chat will be published closer to the Conference.Additional speaker: Josh Miller, Co-founder and Co-CEO of 3Play Media, United States | 24.02.2023 13:00 | 13:40 | online | Fireside Chat |  | Frances West |
| Managing Climate Change, Food Scarcity, and Emergency Situations | This session takes an in-depth look into how climate change and food security disproportionately impact the lives of impoverished communities of people with disabilities. Organisations across the world share their innovations in ensuring security during emergency situations.Additional speakers:Veronika Hilber, CBM, Germany (tbc) | 24.02.2023 14:00 | 15:20 | hybrid | M1 | Developing countries,International Sign (IS) | Somchai Rungsilp,Giampiero Griffo,Jürgen Menze,Hsiang-Chieh Lee,Shahaab Javeri,Helle Deertz |
| Closing Ceremony of the Zero Project Conference 2023 | Closing of the Conference, and a preview for 2023 together with esteemed partners of the Zero Project: Zero Project Latin America, Zero Project India, Purple Vest Mission of Access Israel and the announcement of the new Zero Project Ambassadors. | 24.02.2023 15:40 | 16:20 | hybrid | M1 | International Sign (IS),Zero Project Strategy |  |