

CLOSING REMARKS

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INCLUSION GAP TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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Good afternoon morning Ladies and gentlemen

As we come to the close of this powerful and purpose-driven webinar, I want to sincerely thank all of you, partners, experts, advocates, and changemakers—for your presence, insight, and engagement.

Today's discussions brought important issues to the forefront—issues that require our collective commitment and collaboration if we are to achieve lasting impact.

We explored the critical role of **advancing research** to inform inclusive and evidence-based assistive technology (AT) policies. We discussed the need to **create assistive technologies that are not only affordable and high-quality but also fit for purpose**—designed with real-world users in mind. We looked closely at how to **ensure accessibility and affordability** remain central in every stage of the AT ecosystem.

Importantly, we reaffirmed that **meaningful participation** of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes is not optional, it's essential. And we examined how **assistive technology must be fully integrated into broader disability and development policies** if we are to move from fragmented solutions to sustainable systems.

Now, as we close, the call to action is clear:

Let us each leave this session with a renewed commitment to **collaborate across sectors**, to **mobilize resources**, to **prioritize inclusive design**, and to **amplify the voices of persons with disabilities** in all stages of innovation and policymaking. Whether you are in government, the private sector, civil society, or the tech industry, your role is vital.

Let's carry forward the momentum from today—not just in words, but in actions. Let's continue to break down silos, to invest in innovation, to elevate inclusive design, and to ensure that the voices of persons with disabilities are not only heard but lead the way.

Let's turn these insights into impact. Stay engaged, share what you've learned, and build partnerships that move us from discussion to implementation.

Together, we can bridge the gaps in innovation, investment, and inclusion and ensure that assistive technology reaches everyone who needs it. Thank you once again for being part of this important conversation. We look forward to building on this work with you in the months ahead. Take care, and let's stay connected.