



INVITATION

**“The impact of inclusive education and employment for persons with disabilities,
an example from Africa”**

7 December, 12:00- 14:00

Radisson Red (Rue d’Idalie 35, 1050 Ixelles)

A light lunch will be provided



Disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society. Persons with disabilities until very recently remained on the margins of mainstream global development strategies and humanitarian frameworks. Discriminatory policies and barriers have created a higher risk of poverty for women, men, girls and boys with disabilities and cause harm to national economies and society. As the first regional body to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the European Union (EU) plays a powerful role in breaking the cycle of poverty and disability.

CBM will focus on the perspective of how inclusive education and vocational training can lead to increased opportunities for persons with disabilities on the labor market. Employment for persons with disabilities is not only a right, but also one of the most sustainable ways for being included in the society as an active citizen, contributing to the development of the country and providing diversity to society. The event will have a specific focus on Africa to resonate with the current political context of the AU-EU Summit and the review of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement.

The event is organised in the context of the European Disability and Development Week (EDDW), by the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).

PROGRAMME

12:00-12:30: Lunch

12:30-12:33: Testimony from Ghana (End the Cycle video)

12:35-13:30: Panel Discussion

Moderator: Ariane Lignier, EU Policy Officer CBM International

- Claire Courteille-Mulder, Director of the International Labor Organization representation to the EU (ILO)
- David Bainbridge, International Director at CBM International
- Idriss Alzouma Maiga, Chair of the African Disability Forum (ADF)
- Tim Sauler, ACP-EU Delegate at the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the EU

13:30-14:00: Questions & Answers

Velotype and International Sign Language interpretation are going to be provided

Please register for the event before the 6th December with the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MsHublIE0trblcZlgKrduFzR8yZnRpXptOLIFFhMSuQ/edit?usp=sharing>

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