CBM PARTNER SUMMIT 2026

AGENDA

Theme: Partnership for Impact: Strengthening Collaboration, Enhancing Accountability.

Rationale:

The theme reflects CBM's shift toward a more strategic and collaborative partnership model, where partners and CBM jointly define priorities, share vision and translate alignment into concrete actions. It emphasizes co-creation, transparency, and results-oriented collaboration as key drivers for advancing disability inclusion and achieving sustainable development outcomes.

Event Dates & Format

Dates: 11-13th November 2026

Venue: Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa Ethiopia

Format: Onsite
Languages: English & French &Spanish (Simultaneous Interpretation)
Accessibility: Captioning, accessible documents

The summit provides a platform to:

- Strengthen partnership alignment and mutual accountability.
- Share knowledge, innovation, and learning.
- Advance Strategy 2030 implementation.
- Strengthen programme quality, compliance, stewardship and safeguarding.
- Identify practical actions for greater collective impact.
- Develop a shared roadmap for future collaboration.

Partner Summit Overview

DAY 1 – Partnership Alignment and Shared Expectations

Outcome: CBM and partners establish a shared understanding of strategic priorities, partnership expectations, and key opportunities for collective action to advance disability-inclusive impact under Strategy 2030.

Focus Areas

- Partnership Alignment
- Shared Expectations
- Strategy 2030 Priorities
- Partner Perspectives
- Collective Action

Expected Outcome

- Developed a shared understanding of CBM's strategic direction and thematic priorities under Strategy 2030, and the role of partnerships in achieving them.
- Clarified mutual expectations, roles, responsibilities, and accountability between CBM and partners
- Identified key opportunities, challenges, and emerging priorities affecting partnership effectiveness and disability-inclusive impact.
- Generated partner-informed recommendations and priority questions to guide deeper discussions and action planning during Days 2 and 3.

Day 2 Co-Creation: Operational Excellence

Outcome: CBM and partners identify and commit to practical actions that enhance programme quality, stewardship, accountability, and collective impact across the partnership network.

Focus Areas

- Programme quality

- Compliance
- Accountability
- Safeguarding
- Digital collaboration
- Learning and innovation

Expected Outcome

- **Agreed on priority actions** to strengthen programme quality, accountability, compliance, and stewardship across CBM partnerships.
- **Identified practical solutions and support mechanisms** to address key implementation, financial management, safeguarding, and reporting challenges.
- **Generated recommendations for improving operational excellence**, including the use of data, digital tools, evidence, and continuous learning to enhance impact.
- **Strengthened collaboration and peer learning**, with clear opportunities identified for innovation, donor readiness, organisational sustainability, and future partnership growth

DAY 3 – Learning, Commitments and Action

Outcome: A validated joint action plan, clear responsibilities for CBM and partners, and an agreed follow-up process

Focus Areas

- Leadership dialogue
- Action planning
- Partnership commitments
- Collective ownership

Expected Outcome

- Validated joint action plan
- Clear responsibilities
- Agreed follow-up process

DAY 1: - PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT AND SHARED EXPECTATIONS

Time	Duration	Session	Lead / Speaker	Purpose / Objectives	Shared Understanding / Expected Outputs
08:00 – 08:50	60 min	Registration & Networking	Event Organiser / Summit Committee	Registration, participant support and networking	Participants registered and prepared for the summit
08:50 – 09:05	15 min	Welcome and Opening of the CBM **Partner** Summit	-Master of Ceremony **-Abenet Berhanu**, CBM Ethiopia, -**Skylight Hotel**	Welcome participants and provide orientation, accessibility and safety briefing	Participants understand summit objectives, logistics and expectations
09:05 – 09:15	10 min	Curtain raiser: Inclusive Cultural Performance	**Katim Performance Group**	Celebrate diversity, inclusion and participation	Positive and inclusive atmosphere established
09:15 – 09:30	15 min	**Opening Address:** Setting the Vision for Our Shared Future	**Dr. Rainer Brockhaus,** Chief Executive Officer, CBM	To officially open the Global Partner Summit, reaffirm CBM's vision and commitment to disability inclusion. The address will also set the context, purpose, and expectations for the summit.	Shared understanding of vision, priorities and partnership ambition and purpose of the summit
09:30-09:40	10 Min	Goodwill Messages from Strategic Partners and Supporters	**Speakers:** Representatives from **Massimo Maggio- CEO CBM Italy,** **Mr. John Muturi Muriuki** Regional Director, East, Central and Southern Africa | Sightsavers	Recognize the value of long-standing partnerships in advancing disability inclusion. Share reflections on the evolving development landscape and opportunities for collaboration.	Participants gain insight into the perspectives of key partners and supporters. Reinforced commitment to collaboration, quality, accountability, and collective impact.
09:40 – 09:50	10 min	**Keynote Adress:** The Future of Disability Inclusion in a Changing World	**José María Viera,** Executive Director, International Disability Alliance (IDA)	To provide a global perspective on emerging trends, opportunities, and challenges shaping disability inclusion, reaffirm why disability inclusion matters for achieving equitable and sustainable development.	Strengthened understanding of emerging global priorities

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09:50 – 10:05	15 min	Special Address & Official Opening of CBM Partner Summit 2026	Guest of Honour: Senior Government Representative, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (TBD)	To welcome delegates on behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, reaffirm the Government's commitment to disability inclusion and recognize the importance of partnerships in advancing the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities. The address will also formally inaugurate the Global Partner Summit	Summit officially inaugurated
10:05-10:35	**Tea Break/Photo session/ Networking interlude**				
10:35 – 10:50	15 min	**Partner Perspectives:** Priorities and Expectations for the Summit	**Ms. Monique Dague** Program Lead, CODAS Caritas Garoua, Cameroon	Sharing key expectations, opportunities, and priority issues identified through the pre-summit partner consultation process	Shared understanding of partner expectations
10:50 – 11:15	25 min	**Plenary session 1: Shaping Impact Together**: Partnership Priorities, Shared Accountability and Collaborative Action (Plenary)	**Peter Lauffs** Chief Operating Officer (COO), CBM	To deepen understanding of CBM's partnership approach and strategic direction, building on the CEO's presentation on vision and exploring how CBM and partners can work together to strengthen impact, accountability, and sustainable results. '-Translate the partnership vision into key priorities for collective action.	Alignment on mutual roles and responsibilities
11:15 – 11:35	20 min	**Partnership Reflection Dialogue:** What Do We Need from Each Other? Facilitated Dialogue	Mr. Shim	To create a space for partners and CBM colleagues to reflect on the partnership priorities, explore mutual expectations, and identify practical actions that can strengthen trust, accountability, and collaboration.	Common understanding of strengthening partnerships

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11:35-11:55	20 min	**Donor Perspective:** What Matters for Future Partnerships and Funding	**Martina Freiberg-**Team Lead Domestic Institutional Donors, CBM	Provide partners with a donor perspective on the evolving development and funding landscape. Share expectations regarding programme quality, compliance, accountability, and stewardship. Highlight emerging funding priorities and areas of future donor interest.	'-A clearer understanding of current and emerging donor priorities. -Increased awareness of donor expectations related to quality, compliance, accountability, and results.
11:55 12:15	20 min	**Advancing Impact Through Partnership:** Global Commitments for Eye Health and Inclusive Development	**Speaker:** Dr. M. Babar Qureshi (with brief remarks from Dr. Rainer Brockhaus)	• Share the key commitments and outcomes from the Global Summit for Eye Health. • Highlight opportunities for partners to translate global commitments into country-level action and impact.	• Increased awareness of global eye health commitments. • Stronger commitment to collective action on disability-inclusive eye health.
12:15 – 12:25	10 min	**Growing Impact Together:** Thematic Priorities and Opportunities for Partnership (Presentation)	**Mbacke Niang, Director** - Global Programme Development and Implementation, CBM	To provide a strategic bridge between the discussions on partnership priorities and the thematic leadership dialogue. The session will orient partners who may be less familiar with CBM's programme structure, and set the context for the Initiative Directors' panel discussion. Mbacke Niang will also introduce the Initiative Directors and formally transition participants into the thematic dialogue	Shared context for thematic discussions
12:25 – 13:15	45 min	**Shaping Impact Through Partnership:** A Conversation on thematic Priorities (Inclusive Health, Community	**Moderator: Irene Gikemi** **Panelist**	To create a shared understanding of CBM's future strategic directions and engage partners in a dialogue on how we can collectively strengthen disability-inclusive impact through	Improved understanding of strategic directions

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		Inclusion, and Humanitarian Action) and opportunities for Partnership (**Panel Discussion**)	**-Dr M. Babar Qureshi**- Director Inclusive Health Initiative **-Dominique Schlupkothen**- Director Community Based Inclusive Development **-Till Küster**- Director- Inclusive Humanitarian Action -**Prof Asad Aslam Khan** |College of Ophthalmology and Allied Vision Sciences (COAVS), Pakistan	health, community inclusion, and humanitarian action.	
13:15-13:20	5 min	Instructions & Assignment to Groups	Moderator: Bright Ekweremadu		
13:20 14:20	60 min	**Lunch Break**			
14:20–15:10	50 min	Deep Dive Dialogues: Advancing impact Through Collective Action **Breakout Room 1** Inclusive Health Initiative: *"What will it take to significantly accelerate access to quality, disability-inclusive health services?"* **Breakout Room 2**	**Moderator: Joyce Koech** **Lead : Dr. Harpreet Kapoor-** Global Advisor Inclusive Eye Health (IEH)	To create an interactive space for partners and CBM colleagues to explore thematic priorities, share experiences, identify emerging opportunities and challenges, and generate practical recommendations for advancing Strategy 2030	Greater clarity on emerging challenges and opportunities. A shared view of priority actions required to accelerate impact. Practical recommendations for strengthening collaboration, innovation, and mutual accountability.

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		Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID): *"How do we build more resilient and inclusive communities where people with disabilities can fully participate and lead?"* **Breakout Room 3** *Inclusive Humanitarian Action:- What will it take to make disability inclusion an integral part of humanitarian action, even in the face of increasing crises and shrinking resources?"*	**Moderator: Eleonora Giordano** **Lead: Dominique Schlupkothen,** Director**,** Community-Based Inclusive **Breakout session 3:** **Moderator: Nazmul Bari** **Lead: Till Küster**- Director- Inclusive Humanitarian Action,		
15:10–15:40	30 min	**Tea Break/Networking interlude**			
15:40 16:00	20 min	**Insights from the Thematic Dialogues**: Key Messages and Priorities for Action Report back from Break out sessions (5 min each)	**Moderator: Bright Ekweremadu: -** Global Head Programme Implementation	Share breakout insights	Shared priorities and actions
16:00-16:25	25min	**Looking Ahead:** Emerging Priorities for Disability Inclusion- What it all means in practice (Expanding on key note speech)	**Moderator : Dominique Schlupkothen** **Speakers:** **-José María Viera-** Executive Director, International Disability Alliance (IDA)	'Explore progress since the Global Disability Summit, focusing on key commitments made by the disability movement and stakeholders, achievements to date, remaining implementation gaps, and priority actions needed to accelerate accountability and collective action toward Vision 2030, with a	Deeper awareness of emerging priorities in disability inclusion

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			Dr George Mwika Kayange:- Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD) **Mr. Abayneh Gujo-** Executive Director, FEAPD	particular emphasis on the role of partners, OPDs, regional networks, and other stakeholders in driving meaningful change.	
16:25–16:45	20 min	**Facilitated Synthesis**: What We Heard and Must Act on Together **(Facilitated Synthesis)**	Mr. Shim	To synthesize the key messages emerging throughout the day and identify the collective actions needed to strengthen partnerships and advance disability-inclusive impact	Shared action priorities
16:45 – 16:50	5 min	Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways	CBM Leadership and Partner	Summarise day outcomes	Renewed commitment and alignment

DAY 2: CO-CREATION - OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Time	Duration	Session	Lead / Panelists	Purpose / Objectives	Shared Understanding / Expected Outputs
09:00 – 09:10	10 min	Recap of Day 1	Mr. Shim & David Munyendo	Recap	Alignment on key learning
09:10 – 09:20	10 min	Opening of Day 2	**Bright Ekweremadu:** Global Partner Summit Chair/Global Head Programme Implementation	Introduce objectives and expected outcomes for the day	Shared focus for Day 2
09:20 – 09:30	10 min	**Programme Quality in Practice:** Standards, Evidence and Support for Improvement (Presentation)		Shared understanding of standards and implementation questions; alignment on	Improved understanding of quality expectations

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			Mbacke Niang- Director Global Programme Development and Implementation	programme quality standards and continuous improvement	
09:30 – 10:00	30 min	**From Standards to Results**: A Partnership Dialogue on Programme Quality **Table Discussion + Audience Engagement**	Moderator **:** **- Hornbill Consultants** **- Asfandyar Mandokhail:** Global Head Programme Quality	To explore how programme quality standards are applied in practice, identify common challenges and success factors, and generate practical recommendations for strengthening quality, accountability and impact across CBM partnerships.	Priority quality improvement actions identified
10:00 – 10:10	10 min	**Partner Pulse:** Priorities for Programme Quality and Impact (Interactive audience polling and reflection)	Moderator**: Hornbill Consultants**	To gather partner insights on the most critical factors influencing programme quality and identify priority actions for continuous improvement.	Shared priorities for improvement
10:10 – 10:40	30 min	**Tea Break/Photo session/ Networking interlude**			
10:40- 11:15	35 Min	Programme Quality Signals: Shaping the Future Together Format: Facilitated Table Discussions and Rapid Report Back	Moderator: **Asfandyar M** Lead: **Hornbill Consultants**	To engage participants in defining what quality looks like in practice by identifying the signals, behaviours, relationships, and organisational conditions that enable effective, accountable, inclusive, and partner-led programmes.	Top programme quality signals identified by partners. Key challenges in measuring and demonstrating quality. Recommendations for strengthening programme quality systems.

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11:15 – 11:40	25 min	Partner Financial Compliance and Accountability	**Thorsten Schmidt:** – Director Finance and Operations	Strengthen understanding of compliance requirements, reporting, and accountability expectations; shared understanding of clarified requirements and support arrangements.	Clarified compliance requirements
11:40-12:00	20 min	Building Trusted Partnerships: Safeguarding, Ethics and Accountability in Practice- non-negotiable standards across all partners	**Yhozhett Estrada:-** Global Safeguarding Advisor	Agreed compliance improvement actions; strengthened accountability systems; strengthened internal control systems;	
12:00-12:15	15 min	Internal Audit Perspective: Strengthening Accountability and Internal Controls	**Catherine van Staden,** Senior Manager Internal Audit	To enhance partners' understanding of internal controls and equip them with practical measures to strengthen accountability, transparency, and risk management.	Participants understand the importance of strong internal controls, recognize common accountability challenges, and identify actions to improve transparency, risk management, and stewardship.
12:15 – 12:45	30 min	**Partner Reflection Café:** Turning Insights into Action **Format**: Facilitated Table Discussions, Rapid Report Back, and Expert Panel Response	Moderator: **MC** **Panelist** **-Thorsten Schmidt-** Director Finance and Operations. **- Catherine van Staden-** Senior Manager Internal Audit	To enable partners to reflect on key messages from the compliance, safeguarding, and accountability sessions, identify implementation challenges and opportunities, and co-create practical recommendations to strengthen	Partner-led recommendations generated

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			-Yhozhett Estrada:- Global Safeguarding Advisor	compliance, internal controls, accountability, and programme impact.	
12:45 – 13:05	20 min	**Strengthening Partnerships Through Digital Collaboration:** Leveraging the ProMIS Partner Portal	**Patrick Umlauf**-Head of IT & Organisation Partner Representative (ProMIS pilot)- TBD	Demonstrate digital collaboration opportunities	Understanding of portal applications
13:05-13:10	5min	Instructions & Assignment to Groups	**Moderator:** David Munyendo	Learning exchange from the Partners perspective based on the presentations.	
13:10 – 14:10	**60 min**	**Lunch Break**			
14:10 – 15:00	50 min	**Breakout Session 1**: Strengthening Stewardship: Donor Readiness Clinic:	Moderator: **Kitz Detros** **Leads** **-Martina Freiberg: -** Team Lead Domestic Institutional Donors **- Mrs Christina Fritz,** Bengo - **Sara Gandini:** Head institutional Donor CBM Italy	Strengthen understanding of donor expectations and organisational readiness. Session Flow '-Emerging donor expectations and risk trends '-Common challenges and lessons from partner experience	Explore how promising practices can be adapted, scaled, and replicated.
		Breakout Session 2: Learning from Experience: Innovation, Adaptation and Scaling What Works	Moderator: **Dr. Linda Kasonka** Lead: **Emile VUNINGABO**: National Union of Disability Organizations in Rwanda(NUDOR)	'-Showcase innovative approaches and solutions developed by partners. '-Share lessons learned from successes and challenges. '-Explore how promising practices can be adapted, scaled, and replicated.	Increased awareness of innovative partner-led approaches. Practical lessons for adaptation, learning, and scaling impact.

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			Bellah Wairimu: Country Director / Waldorf Kakuma Project (inclusive Education)		Identification of promising practices for wider adoption across the partnership network.
		Breakout Session 3: Digitalisation for Greater Impact – Exploring Opportunities Together	Moderator: **Juliana Edith Turqui** **-Patrick Umlauf-**Head of IT & Organisation	'Purpose/Objective: • Shared understanding of digitalisation opportunities and challenges • Identification of common priorities across CBM and partner organisations • Exchange of successful digital practices and innovative ideas	A shared understanding of how partners currently manage and submit CBM-related information, including expense documentation and reporting processes.
15:00 – 15:30	**30 min**	**Tea Break**			
15:30 – 15:50	20 min	Reports from Breakout Sessions	Moderator: **David Munyendo** Facilitators/Rapporteurs from Various Breakout session	Share recommendations	Cross-cutting priorities identified
15:50 – 16:30	40 min	**Growing Together:** Strengthening Partnerships for Impact and Sustainability **(Partner Experience Sharing and Q &A)**	**Moderator: Julius Fon** **Mr. Kennedy Habasimbi -** Country Director ADRA/Zambia **-Mr. Sony Thomas-**Executive Director, CBM India Trust	Share organisational growth and sustainability experiences	Opportunities for collaboration identified

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16:30 – 16:40	10 min	Wrap-Up and Close of Day 2	Mbacke Niang	Summary of key outcomes for the day and agreed actions	Readiness for Day 3 commitments

DAY 3: JOINT LEARNING, COMMITMENTS AND ACTION

Time	Duration	Session	Lead / Panelists	Purpose / Objectives	Shared Understanding / Expected Outputs
09:00 – 09:10	10 min	Recap of Day 2	Mr. Shim	Review learning and actions	Shared understanding of progress
09:10 – 09:20	10 min	Setting the Scene for Day 3	Bright Ekweremadu: Global Partner Summit Chair/Global Head Programme Implementation	Review the main findings and draft proposals from Days One and Two, clarify outstanding questions and explain the process for developing and validating commitments	Clarity on expected outputs
09:20 – 10:50	90 min(TBD)	**Shaping the Future Together**: A Partner and Leadership Dialogue	Mr. Shim	-Provide a platform for partners to share key reflections, priorities, recommendations, and emerging concerns. -Facilitate open dialogue between partners and CBM leadership on strategic, operational, and partnership-related issues. -Strengthening mutual understanding and identify practical actions to enhance	Shared understanding of future priorities

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				collaboration, accountability, and collective impact	
10:50 – 11:25	**35 min**	**Tea Break**			
11:25 – 12:00	35 min	**From Summit Insights to Action**: Co-Creating Our Partnership Roadmap	**Lead:** Mr. Shim CBM and Partner Representatives	Bring together thematic proposals, partnership improvements and leadership responses into a coherent draft roadmap with priorities, proposed responsibilities and indicative milestones	Alignment on collective actions
12:00 – 12:30	30 min	Joint Country Office–Partner Implementation Planning	Country Office Teams	Translate roadmap into country actions	Shared ownership of implementation plans
12:30– 13:30	**60 min**	**Lunch Break**			
13:30 – 15:30	120 min	Exhibitions and Networking Cocktail	All Participants	Showcase innovations and approaches	Increased awareness of partner capabilities
15:30– 18:00	**2.5 hours**	**City tour**			
18:00-19:00	Free time to freshen up				
19:00-21:00	Evening	Gala Dinner and closing ceremony: Celebrating Cultural Diversity	**Moderator:** Francis Orech Okello and Omoi Samuel -Flawless	Celebrate partnership and cultural diversity	Strengthened partner relationships