



HARKIN INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT
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WASHINGTON, DC

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David Sergeenko
Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs
Republic of Georgia

October 12, 2016

Dear Dr. Sergeenko,

On behalf of the Harkin Institute for Public Policy & Citizen Engagement and our Harkin Summit Planning Committee partners, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the inaugural Harkin International Disability Employment Summit, to be held on December 8-9, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC.

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together high level representatives from around the world who share the common goal of increasing competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The Summit will develop strategies to ensure that people with disabilities have not only a supported life, but an employed life and all the benefits that come with having a job and career.

The Summit will convene disability leaders, high-profile corporations, educators, international organizations and government representatives. Executive representatives of more than 100 organizations will meet to learn about the successful work of others in the field of disability employment and address critical challenges in a variety of cultural contexts. Through formal plenaries and breakout sessions, participants will generate recommendations, to be disseminated among stakeholders following the Summit.

The Harkin Summit aims to provide a platform for shared learning among leaders and change agents. The Summit's inaugural event is generously supported by:

- The Ruderman Family Foundation
- The Ford Foundation
- Microsoft
- Walgreens
- The Kessler Foundation

- Global Disability Inclusion
- The Poses Family Foundation
- Handicap International
- Walmart
- Maximus
- World Bank
- The Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Attendees are responsible for their own travel, lodging and other incidental costs. To register, please visit our website at <http://www.harkinsummit.org/register>.

We look forward to confirmation of your availability to attend, and invite you to contact the Harkin Summit coordinator, Dorothy Garcia, at 301.233.0869 or dgarcia@aucd.org, with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tom Harkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Harkin" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Harkin
United States Senator (Retired)