PENDA Final Conference
26-27 November 2026
Senate House, London, UK

Accessing the mainstream: Conference on Evidence to Inform Disability Action 2026

Agenda

Day 1				
Summary Agenda	**Timings**	**Item**	**Speakers**	**Location**
Registration	**8.30 - 9.15**			**Crush Hall**
Opening remarks	**9.15 - 10.00**	**Opening remarks**	**Prof. Hannah Kuper, LSHTM** **Prof. Tom Shakespeare, LSHTM** **Dr Ola Abualghaib, Global Disability Fund** **FCDO**	**Beveridge Hall**
Plenary 1	**10.00 - 11.15**	**PENDA Plenary: Poverty Reduction**	**Chair:** **BIGD, LSHTM, University of Makeni**	**Beveridge Hall**

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Break	**11.15 - 11.45**			**Macmillan Hall**
Breakout 1	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Measuring disability**	**Chair:** **Elena De Palma, Italian Institute of Statistics** **Faith Sikuku** **Sara Rotenberg, LSHTM**	**Beveridge Hall**
Breakout 2	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Family**	**Chair:** **Dr Mary Wickenden, IDS** **Binu Thomas, Flourish well** ***Baby Ubuntu***	**Woburn Suite**
Breakout 3	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Stigma and violence**	**Chair:** **Michael Odong, Sightsavers** **Constanza Radrigan, UCL** **Emily Eldred, LSHTM**	**Chancellors Hall**

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Lunch	**12.45 - 13.45**			**Macmillan Hall**
Plenary 2	**13.45 - 15.00**	**PENDA Plenary: Healthy Childhoods**	**Chair:** **Partners in Health, DUCE, LSHTM, Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute**	**Beveridge Hall**
Break	**15.00 - 15.30**			**Macmillan Hall**
Breakout 4	**15.30 - 16.30**	**Education 1: Inclusion**	**Chair:** **Pallavi Sanil** **Julia Kadt, Sightsavers** **Francis Phiri, Gallaudet University**	**Beveridge Hall**
Breakout 5	**15.30 - 16.30**	**Rehab and Assistive Technology**	**Chair:** **Léa Guignard, Enablement Foundation** **Ellie Cole, UCL**	**Woburn Suite**

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Breakout 6	**15.30 - 16.30**	**Facilitators to inclusion**	**Chair:** **Stephen Thompson, IDS** **Vladimir Pente, Sightsavers** **Kasim Sajjabi**	**Chancellors Hall**
Closing remarks	**16.30 - 17.00**	**Closing remarks**	**Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, International Organisation for Migration**	**Beveridge Hall**
Networking Session	**17.00 - 18.00**	**Drinks Reception**		**Macmillan Hall / Crush Hall**

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Day 2				
	Timings	**Item**	**Speakers**	**Location**
Registration	**8.30 - 9.15**			**Crush Hall**
Opening remarks	**9.15 - 10.00**	**Opening remarks and reflections**	**Prof. Hannah Kuper, LSHTM** **Prof. Tom Shakespeare, LSHTM**	**Beveridge Hall**
Plenary 1	**10.00 - 11.15**	**PENDA Plenary: Health**	**Chair:** **AMREF, LSHTM, UVRI MRC Unit Uganda, Sightsavers, OPM Nigeria**	**Beveridge Hall**
Break	**11.15 - 11.45**			**Macmillan Hall**

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Breakout 1	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Participatory methods**	**Chair:** **Sapana Basnet, Sightsavers** **Rebecca Esliker, University of Makeni** **David Musendo, Lifetime Consulting**	**Beveridge Hall**
Breakout 2	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Health**	**Chair:** **Anita Jeyam, Sightsavers** **Zeina Makhoul, SPOON Foundation** **Andrew Ssemata, MRC Unit Uganda**	**Woburn Suite**
Breakout 3	**11.45 - 12.45**	**Crises & Emergencies**	**Chair:** **Brigitte Rohwerder, IDS** **Mahbub Ul-Alam, icddr,b** **Sarah Polack, LSHTM**	**Chancellors Hall**
Lunch	**12.45 - 13.45**			**Macmillan Hall**

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Plenary 2	**13.45 - 15.00**	**PENDA Plenary: Education and Training**	**Chair:** **BIGD, KEMRI, LSHTM, Light for the World**	**Beveridge Hall**
Break	**15.00 - 15.30**			**Macmillan Hall**
Breakout 4	**15.30 - 16.30**	**Livelihoods**	**Chair:** **Stevens Bechange, Sightsavers** **Femke Mbazzi Bannink** **Sheru Muuo, Sightsavers**	**Woburn Suite**
Breakout 5	**15.30 - 16.30**	**Political action**	**Chair:** **Alex Chitumbo, IDS** **Philippa Mullins, Cambridge University** **Pollyanna Wardrop, UCL**	**Chancellors Hall**

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Closing remarks	**16.30 - 17.00**	**Conference close**		**Beveridge Hall**