



## IFHOH Press Release

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### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dear Members, Partners, and Advocates,

As we approach December 3rd, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, I am honored to address you on behalf of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH). This significant day provides us with a unique opportunity to unite in action, working collectively towards the theme of this year: **"United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with, and by persons with disabilities"**.

This year's theme serves as a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in collaboration with the global community of persons with disabilities. IFHOH stands firmly committed to the principles of inclusivity, accessibility, sustainability, and active participation in achieving these goals.

IFHOH calls upon governments, organizations, and communities to join hands in concrete actions that promote inclusivity and accessibility. From advocating for accessible communication to creating opportunities for meaningful participation, let us work towards a world where the unique contributions of each group of persons with disabilities, including the hard of hearing community, are recognized and valued.

I extend my sincere gratitude to each member, partner, supporter, and advocate, for your unwavering dedication to advancing the goals of IFHOH. Your collaborative spirit strengthens our collective impact, and together, we can build a future where persons with disabilities, actively contribute to and benefit from a more inclusive and sustainable world.

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, let us stand united in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with, and by persons with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Avi Blau  
President  
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH)

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IFHOH is an international, non-governmental organization, registered in Germany with about 40 national member organizations from most regions of the world. IFHOH - with its 2 main regions, EFHOH in Europe and APFHD in Asia Pacific - works to promote a greater understanding of hearing loss issues and to improve hearing accessibility for hard of hearing people. IFHOH has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), affiliation with the World Health Organization (WHO), and membership in the International Disability Alliance (IDA). More information is available on the IFHOH's website: [www.ifhoh.org](http://www.ifhoh.org)

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