Parke announces ambassador for disability-inclusive development

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In one of her first announcements in the role, Minister for International Development Melissa Parke has announced that the government will appoint an Australian Ambassador for Disability-Inclusive Development.

Proud to announce Aust will be the 1st country to have an ambassador for Disability-Inclusive Development #weDIDit http://t.co/94aA21vKqT

— Melissa Parke MP (@MelissaParkeMP) July 29, 2013

There's even an enthusiastic YouTube video from Parke and PM Kevin Rudd announcing the decision.

The press release states that the role is expected to be filled by a Senior Executive in AusAID at First Assistant Director General level.

The creation of the role has been welcomed by ACFID and others and followed an advocacy campaign from Australian NGOs and other groups such as the Micah Challenge.

AusAID also has an ambassador for HIV, TB and Malaria. DFAT has ambassadors for women and girls and climate change, among others.

If you are interested in learning more about disability inclusive development, we held an excellent panel event in May at the Development Policy Centre with members of AusAID's disability inclusive development reference group. Watch the video below.