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SCIACCESS: ADVANCING DISABILITY INCLUSION IN SPACE EDUCATION

Abstract

People with disabilities comprise the world's largest minority group, and yet this 15

A common misconception is that workplace accessibility is cost prohibitive. Research from the U.S. Department of Labor shows that 59

This session has been designed in direct response to the 2022 theme: "Space for @ll." SciAccess as an organization is dedicated to making space for all by sharing innovative technologies and accessibility strategies. This session will outline actionable steps that are essential to the IAF missions to promote cooperation, advance international development, share knowledge, raise awareness, and prepare the diverse workforce of tomorrow. Attendees will leave with techniques, guidance, and ideas on how they can conduct public outreach and mentorship efforts that promote accessibility within their own sectors of the aerospace industry. Participants will be encouraged to rethink diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential priorities that benefit not only marginalized individuals, but space exploration as a whole. By welcoming new perspectives into the field, we are unlocking new talent and ideas, enriching our research, and advancing scientific discoveries for the benefit of all humankind.