

## Chapter 24: Global Summit

### 24.1 Overview of Global Summit

#### 24.1.1 Definition

On Wednesday, 30 January 2013, Special Olympics and the Games Organizing Committee will convene the first Global Development Summit: *Ending the Cycle of Poverty and Exclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities*.

#### 24.1.2 General Plans

The Global Summit will be a one-day gathering that will bring together more than 300 global leaders from all sectors to examine the urgent needs of people with intellectual disabilities throughout the developing world. The Summit will feature keynote addresses and panel discussions examining the following issues:

- The powerful role of sport in inclusive development strategies
- Global health services for people with intellectual disabilities
- Youth activation and leadership as agents of change in the developing world
- Partnerships to create inclusive development strategies for the future
- Strategies for combating poverty and promoting economic inclusion

Through formal engagement with the global development community, the result will be a plan of action for people everywhere who have intellectual disabilities to share in the benefits of the Millennium Development Goals adopted by the United Nations to eradicate poverty, hunger, child mortality and disease, and to promote education, gender equality and global partnerships.