

M-Enabling Summit

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YUVAL WAGNER, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF ACCESS ISRAEL TO DELIVER KEYNOTE AT THE 2017 M-ENABLING SUMMIT

BETHESDA, MD (May 17, 2017) – The organizers of the **2017 M-Enabling Summit** are pleased to announce that Yuval Wagner, Founder and President of Access Israel, will be delivering the opening morning keynote of the **2017 M-Enabling Summit** on June 13, 2017.

Lieutenant-Colonel Yuval Wagner, an Israeli Air Force combat pilot, was injured in a helicopter crash in 1987, leaving him a quadriplegic. As a person with disabilities, wheelchair user and a father of three, Yuval Wagner witnessed first-hand the high degree to which Israel was inaccessible to persons with disabilities, limiting their ability to enjoy meaningful and independent lives. To proactively address this situation, Yuval Wagner created Access Israel in 1999 as the first non-profit organization whose main mission is to promote accessibility and improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in Israel.

Over the past 18 years, Access Israel has focused on making Israel a place where people with various disabilities are integrated into society with dignity, respect, equal rights and maximum independence. Since its establishment, Access Israel has revolutionized the quality of life of hundreds of thousands of people in Israel by promoting accessible environments and organizations, increasing awareness, contributing to the legislation of accessibility laws, promoting the accessibility of services provided to the public and information technologies. It has become a leading example and model worldwide for making businesses, governmental, academic and non-profit organizations work to become totally accessible to persons with disabilities.

Yuval Wagner will share how under his leadership, Access Israel developed unique, experiential and effective programs in which participants gain first-hand experiences of disabilities. Access Israel successful strategy relies on bringing about desired changes by exposing community leaders to the daily realities of people with disabilities, the challenges and barriers they encounter, and their accomplishments.

Axel Leblois, President of G3ict and co-chair of the **M-Enabling Summit** program stated: *“We are thrilled and honored to welcome at the M-Enabling Summit Yuval Wagner, whose innovative spirit, leadership and persistence have transformed his whole country into a more inclusive place for persons with disabilities. Participants in the M-Enabling Summit will enjoy discovering the unique ways by which Access Israel has had such transformational impact at a national level”.*

The **2017 M-Enabling Summit's** program will focus on accessibility innovations, with over 200 speakers, private sector leaders, apps developers, policy makers, mobile accessibility experts and disability advocates sharing their knowledge and experience. Confirmed presenters include representatives of leading organizations facilitating the accessible technology market.

For more information on registering for the M-Enabling Summit, please visit <http://www.m-enabling.com>

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