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Informal briefing

- ▶ **Informal briefing to Member States:** Preparation of the twelfth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/RES/61/106 (<https://undocs.org/A/RES/61/106>)) (co-organized by the Bureau (Ecuador) (President), Finland, Hungary, Liberia and Singapore (Vice-Presidents)), in collaboration with the Secretariat/Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Inclusive Social Development)), Tuesday, 7 May 2019, 15:00 – 16:00 pm, Conference Room 11, United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- ▶ **Informal briefing to Civil Society:** Preparation of the twelfth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (Organized by Bureau in collaboration with the Secretariat/Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Inclusive Social Development), Tuesday, 7 May 2019, 16:15 to 17:00, Conference Room 11, United Nations Headquarters in New York. Interested NGOs (up to 2 participants each organization, including personal assistant if applicable) who wish to participate shall register by emailing to enable@un.org (<mailto:enable@un.org>), copying to zhangg@un.org (<mailto:zhangg@un.org>) and lamrabat@un.org (<mailto:lamrabat@un.org>) with the full names of the participants and their affiliated NGO name, accessibility requirements may have in attending the meeting. Applications along with all requested information mentioned above must be received no later than 5 p.m on 2 May (New York time), in order to help plan the meeting and to make necessary arrangement to facilitate the attendance of all participants of the meeting. The United Nations or the secretariat is NOT at the position to financially sponsor any participants or to assist them in obtaining travel permits or visas that may be required for travelling to New York to attend this meeting. Thank you for attention and cooperation.

Mandates and background

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 61/106 of 13 December 2006. It came into force on 3 May 2008 upon the 20th ratification. *Article 40 of the Convention stipulates that "The States Parties shall meet regularly in a Conference of States Parties in order to consider any matter with regard to the implementation of the present Convention."* Since 2008, ten sessions of the Conference of States Parties have been held at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

The 12th session, per decided by States Parties at the 11th session of the Conference of States Parties on 14 June 2018, will be scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 11 to 13 June 2019.

Overarching theme of the 12th session

Ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in a changing world through the implementation of the CRPD

Sub-themes for the three round table discussions

1. Technology, digitalization and ICTs for the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disabilities
2. Social inclusion and the right to the highest attainable standard of health
3. Inclusion of persons with disabilities in society through participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sports

Cross-cutting theme

- Awareness-raising

Bureau (elect)

President: Ecuador (Latin American and Caribbean Group)

Vice-Presidents: Liberia (African Group), Singapore (Asia-Pacific Group), Hungary (Eastern European Group) and Finland (Western European and Others Group)

Civil Society Participation

- Registration for NGOs with ECOSOC status and NGOs Accredited to the Conference of State Parties (<https://reg.unog.ch/event/29301/registration/>): Deadline is 28 May 2019
- Application for New NGO accreditation (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp-application-for-new-ngo-accreditation.html>): Deadline is now CLOSED
- **Civil Society Forum**, 10 June 2019
- List of NGOs Accredited to the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/list-of-non-governmental-organization-accredited-to-the-conference-of-states-parties.html>)

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)

- Application for NHRI participation in COSP12 (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cosp12-nhris>): Deadline is now CLOSED
- NHRIs Accredited by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (<https://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Documents/Status%20Accreditation%20Chart%20%2804%20March%202019.pdf>) (*Accreditation status as of 4 March 2019*)
- OHCHR and NHRIs (<https://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/GANHRIAccreditation/Pages/default.aspx>)

Side Events

- Online Application for Side Events: (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp-application-for-side-events.html>) Deadline is now CLOSED

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- List of Devices available at the Accessibility Centre
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Accessibility Resources:

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- Accessibility / nycgo.com (<http://www.nycgo.com/accessibility/>)
- Official Accessibility Guide – NYC.gov (http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/downloads/pdf/accessibility_guide.pdf) (PDF)
- Accessible NYC (<http://accessiblenyc.org/>)
- DisabledNYC.com (<http://www.disablednyc.com/>)
- Accessible Dispatch: Wheelchair-Accessible Taxi Service (<http://www.accessibledispatch.com/>)
- Accessible taxis (to be reserved in advance): Telephone: (646) 599-9999

- Rentals: wheelchairs, scooters
 - Big Apple Mobility (<https://www.bigapplemobility.com/>)
 - American Mobility Rentals (<http://americanmobilityrentals.com/>)
 - Scooters Depot NYC (<http://www.scootersdepot.com/>)

COSP SESSIONS

COSP Home (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html>)

Twelfth Session 2019 (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp12.html>)

Eleventh session 2018 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp11.html>)

Tenth session 2017 (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp10.html>)

Ninth session 2016 (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/9thsession.html>)

Eighth session 2015 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/8th-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-9-11-june-2015.html>)

Seventh session 2014 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/seventh-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-10-12-june-2014.html>)

Sixth session 2013 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/sixth-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-17-19-july-2013.html>)

Fifth session 2012 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/fifth-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-12-14-september-2012.html>)

Fourth session 2011 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/fourth-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-7-to-9-september-2011-un-headquarters-new-york.html>)

Third session 2010 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/third-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-1-3-september-2010-unhq-new-york.html>)

Second session 2009 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/second-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-2-to-4-september-2009.html>)

First session 2008 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/first-session-of-the-conference-of-states-parties-31-october-and-3-november-2008.html>)

CRPD Homepage (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities.html>)

NGO/CSO/DPO PARTICIPATION

List of NGOs accredited to the Conference of States Parties (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/list-of-non-governmental-organization-accredited-to-the-conference-of-states-parties.html>)

NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC - Search (<http://esango.un.org/civilsociety/displayAdvancedSearch.do?method=search&sessionCheck=false>)

How to apply for NGO Consultative Status with ECOSOC (<http://csonet.org/?menu=83>)

Issues

Accessibility (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#accessibility>)

Data and Statistics (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#data>)

Inequality (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030.html>)

Mental Health and Development (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#health>)

Poverty (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal1.html>)

Natural Disasters ([http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#natural disaster](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#natural%20disaster))

Urban Development ([https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#urban development](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#urban%20development))

Women and Girls (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html#women>)

More Issues (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues.html>)

Resources

General Assembly (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/resources/general-assembly.html>)

Economic and Social Council (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/resources/economic-and-social-council-resolutions.html>)

Commission for Social Development (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/resources/commission-for-social-development.html>)

Inter-Agency Support Group for the CRPD (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/inter-agency-support-group-for-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities.html>)

Sustainable Development Goals (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-and-disability.html>)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>)

UN Voluntary Fund on Disability (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/united-nations-voluntary-fund-on-disability.html>)

Quick links

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>)

Disability & the SDGs (<http://bit.ly/undisabilitysdgs>)

Disability & urban development (http://bit.ly/unenable_urbandev)

Monitoring & Evaluation (http://bit.ly/enable_sdgs_monitoring_evaluation)

Disability-inclusive humanitarian action (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/issues/whs.html>)

Toolkit on Disability for Africa (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/technical-cooperation/2016/11/18/toolkit-on-disability-for-africa/>)

ISSUES IN FOCUS (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/in-focus.html>)

News

UN Enable Newsletter (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/resources/united-nations-enable-newsletter.html>)

UNSDN News on Disability (<http://unsdn.org/news-2/disability/>)

DESA News (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>)

DSPD News (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/>)

ECOSOC News (<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/news/>)

UN News Centre (<http://www.un.org/news/>)

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