

**Tentative Programme of the 14th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
15 to 17 June 2021 | United Nations Headquarters, New York**

Tuesday, 15 June

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (in-person meeting, GA Hall)

Opening of the Conference of States Parties (item 1): chaired by the Secretary-General or his designate of the United Nations

Election of Officers (item 2)

Adoption of the agenda (item 3): chaired by Finland, President of the Conference

Organization of work (item 4)

Statements by:

- President of the Conference
- **H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir**, President of the General Assembly
- **H.E. Antonio Guterres**, United Nations Secretary General (Video message)
- **Ms. Rosemary Kayess**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Video message)
- **Mr. Gerard Quinn**, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Video message)
- **Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas**, Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility (Video message)
- **Ms. Hauwa Ojeifo**, Executive Director, She Writes Woman (Video message)

Decisions by the Conference of States Parties (item 6)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention: General debate (item 5 (a))

3.00 to 6.00 pm (in-person meeting, GA Hall)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention, General debate (item 5 (a): (continued), chaired by Finland, President of the Conference

Wednesday, 16 June

10.00 am to 12.00 pm (virtual meeting)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (i): Round Table 1. Protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in armed conflict and humanitarian emergencies, co-chaired by Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland, Vice President of the Conference **Mr. Mateusz Sakowicz** and Civil Society representative **Mr. Nawaf Kabbara**, President of Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities, Lebanon

Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:

- **Mr. Birendra Raj Pokharel**, Country coordinator Abilis Foundation and Founder of Nepal's Action on Disability Rights and Development (ADRAD), Nepal
- **Ms. Martha Isabel Hurtado Granada**, Deputy Commissioner of the Comprehensive Action Group against Antipersonnel Mines, Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, Colombia
- **Mr. Ricardo Pla Cordero**, Protection Officer, UNHCR
- **Ms. Alice Priddy**, Independent Expert
- **Ms. Ruth Mkutumula**, Country Director, Disabled Women in Africa Malawi, Malawi

Summary by the Co-chair

3.00 to 5.00 pm (virtual meeting)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (ii): Round Table 2. Living Independently, being included in the community, co-chaired by Guatemala, Vice President of the Conference **Ms. Libna Bonilla** and Civil Society representative **Mr. Patrick Fougeyrollas**, founding member and scientific director of the International Network on Disability Creation Process (INDCP), Canada

Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:

- **Mrs. Haidi Zhang**, Chairperson of the China Disabled Persons' Federation and President of Rehabilitation International, China
- **Mr. Xavier Torres**, Government Counsellor in the field of disability and the elderly and President of the National Council for Disability Equality – CONADIS, Ecuador
- **Ms. Pirkko Mahlamäki**, Secretary-General of Finnish Disability Forum and Executive committee member of European Disability Forum, Finland
- **Ms. Alarcos Cieza**, Coordinator, Disability Team, WHO
- **Mr. Alberto Vasquez**, President of Sociedad y Discapacidad – SODIS, Peru

Summary by the Co-chair

Thursday, 17 June	
10.00 am to 12.00 pm (virtual meeting)	3.00 to 5.00 pm (virtual meeting)
<p>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (iii): Round Table 3: Right to education: challenges with inclusive education and accessibility during COVID-19 , cochaired Deputy Permanent Representative of Iraq and Vice President of the Conference Mr. Sarhad Fatah and Civil Society representative Ms. Ruth Warick, President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People</p> <p>Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hiroshi Tamon, Lawyer, university lecturer, and board member of a bilingual education school for the deaf, Japan • Ms. Mary Sayers, Chief Executive Officer, Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA), Australia • Mrs. Athena Kritikou, Founder and President of the Board of SKEP – Association of Social Responsibility for Children and Youth, Greece • Ms. Victoria Manning, WFD representative on IDA's Inclusive Education Task Team, New Zealand • Ms. Laura Ximena, Student, advocate of Asdown Colombia, Colombia <p>Summary by the Co-Chair</p>	<p>Interactive dialogue among States parties, the United Nations system and other stakeholders on the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (c): chaired by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, President of the Conference</p> <p>Introduction & Presentations, followed by an interactive discussion:</p> <p>Part 1: United Nations entities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA • Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR (tbc) • Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez, Senior Adviser on Policy, EOSG • Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNHCR (tbc) • Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (tbc) • Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator, UNDP/UNPRPD (tbc) • Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women (tbc) <p>Part 2: Mandates and other stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rosemary Kayess, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities • Mr. Gerard Quinn, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities • Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas, Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility • Mr. Mathias Duck, Chair of ILEP's Advisory Panel of persons affected by leprosy, Paraguay <p>-----</p> <p>Closing of the meeting (item 7), chaired by President of the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by Ms. Libna Bonilla Vice President of the Conference, Guatemala, • Statements by Mr. Sarhad Fatah, Deputy Permanent Representative and Vice President of the Conference, Iraq

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements by Mr. Mateusz Sakowicz, Deputy Permanent Representative and Vice President of the Conference, Poland • Statements by Mr. Muhabi Lungu, Deputy Permanent Representative and Vice President of the Conference, Zambia • Closing Statement by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, President of the Conference
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