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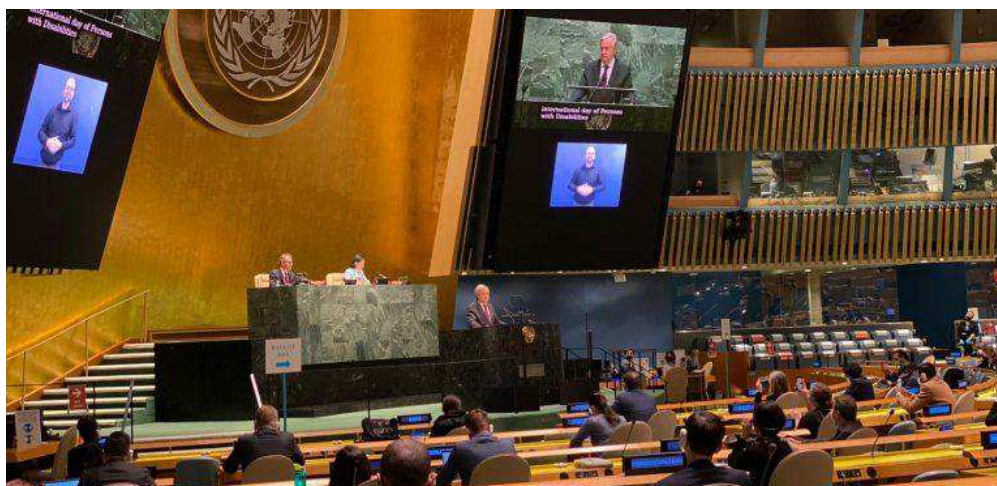
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» Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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» 14th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

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** Given the situation on COVID-19, after careful consideration, The COSP14 will be held **largely online**. **15 June 2021** (in-person meetings: Opening of the conference and matters related to the implementation of the Convention, General debate). **16 and 17 June 2021** (virtual meetings: roundtable discussions, the interactive dialogue with the UN system, and the closing). **

Theme and sub-themes

Overarching theme: Building back better: COVID-19 response and recovery; Meeting the needs, Realizing the rights and Addressing the socio-economic impacts on persons with disabilities

Sub theme 1: Protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in armed conflict and humanitarian emergencies

Sub theme 2: Living Independently, being included in the community

Sub theme 3: Right to education; challenges with inclusive education and accessibility during COVID-19

More information will be posted soon...

Bureau of the COSP14

- **President-elect:** Finland (Western European and Others Group)
- **Vice-Presidents-elect:** Republic of Iraq (Asia-Pacific Group), Poland (Eastern European Group), Guatemala (Latin American and Caribbean Group), and Zambia (African Group).

Credentials

1. Note Verbale of the Secretariat (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/04/Note-Verbal-COSP-14-and-Credentials.pdf>) (UN DESA-21-00069, dated 10 February 2021)
2. Further to the previous UN DESA Note Verbale (DESA-21-00069, 10 February 2021), the secretariat is pleased to inform States Parties that the /e-CREDENTIALS/ e-DELEGATE / is now available for the 14th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities that shall take place in UNHQs New York from 15 to 17 June 2021.

In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CSP/CRPD/2008/3), all States Parties are kindly requested to forward credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the 14th session (including letters and Note Verbales from Permanent Missions to the United Nations), through the online platform, "e-Credentials", which can be accessed through the e-DELEGATE portal, by 8 June 2021.

Download the step-by-step Guidance on how to submit credentials to the General Assembly meetings via the e-Credentials portal. (http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/04/Guide_submission-of-credentials_General-Assembly.pdf)

3. Should delegations experience any technical issues in using the e-DELEGATE portal for submission of their Credentials, please direct enquiries to missions-support@un.int (<mailto:missions-support@un.int>).

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, States Parties are furthermore kindly requested to bring the original hard copy of the formal credentials to the conference room on the day of the meeting. States Parties are requested not to mail in or hand-deliver formal credentials at this time. (please see also the announcement in the UN Journal link (<https://journal.un.org/classic/en/generalinformation/2021-04-14>))

Provisional agenda and program

Coming soon...

Background Documents

Coming soon...

Civil Society Participation

- ▶ Registration for NGOs with ECOSOC status and NGOs Accredited to the Conference of State Parties (<https://indico.un.org/event/35941/registration/>) is now OPEN. The deadline is **4 June 2021**.
- ▶ Application for New NGO accreditation: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cosp14-newngos>) The deadline is **3 May 2021**.
Please read carefully the instructions and consult the 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>) before applying.
- ▶ **Virtual Civil Society Forum:** The Civil Society Coordination Mechanism, facilitated by the International Disability Alliance (IDA) will host a Civil Society Forum on 14 June 2021. *More information coming soon...*
- ▶ For questions, please contact directly the secretariat of the civil society coordination mechanism, via email to Ms. Erin Hardin at ehardin@ida-secretariat.org (<mailto:ehardin@ida-secretariat.org>).

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)

- ▶ Registration for the NHRIs. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cosp14-nhris>) The deadline is **3 May 2021**

Side Events

- ▶ Side events provide an excellent opportunity for the Member States, UN entities, and NGOs to discuss the themes of the COSP and other critical issues related to persons with disabilities.
- ▶ Side events are for COSP attendees and registered participants as well as invited registered external guests.
- ▶ All questions on side events should be directed to socialngo@un.org (<mailto:socialngo@un.org>) and copy enable@un.org (<mailto:enable@un.org>).

Online Application Form is now available: (<https://desasocial.formstack.com/forms/events>) The deadline is **24 May 2021**

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>)

Fourteenth session 2021 (<http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp14.html>)

Thirteenth Session 2020 (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp13.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/>)

Social Media

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/United-Nations-Enable/196545623691523>)

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YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL401D9E4AE0C210FB>)

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