

**Programme of the 13th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

30 November, 1 and 3 December 2020 | United Nations Headquarters, New York *[as of 1 December 2020]*

30 November

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

Opening of the Conference of States Parties (item 1): chaired by H.E. Amb.Cristian Espinosa, President of the Conference, Ecuador

Adoption of the agenda (item 2)

Organization of work (item 3)

Statements by:

- H. E. Mr. Luis Gallegos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador (video message)
- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General
- H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly
- Mr. Danlami Umaru Basharu, 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)[Presentation of video “Accessibility: Pillar and bridge for the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms]
- Mr. Idriss Alzouma Maiga, Civil Society Representative (video message)

Decisions by the Conference of States Parties (item 7)

Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (item 4)

3.00 to 6.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (item 4) (cont.)

1 December

10.00 am to 12.00 pm (Virtual)¹

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b)(i): Round Table 1. Disability and business: realizing the right to work in open, inclusive and accessible environments for persons with disabilities. Co-chaired by H. E. Ms. Ambassador Katalin Annamária Bogyay of Hungary, and Mr. Edwin Osundwa of Sense International

Presentations by panelists:

- Ms. Phyllis Choo, SG Enable Singapore
- Ms. Alejandra Consuelo León Rodríguez, Labor inclusion model for people with disabilities, Colombia
- Mr. Yuval Wagner, Access Israel
- Ms. Caroline Casey, Founder of The Valuable 500, Ashoka Fellow and Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum
- Mr. László Lovász, Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. Don Watson, Merck and Steering Committee of the ILO Global Business and Disability Network

Summary by the Co-chair

3.00 to 5.00 pm (Virtual)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (ii): Round Table 2. Addressing the rights and needs of older persons with disabilities: ageing and demographic trends. Co-chaired by Mr. Israel Choko Davies, Deputy Permanent Representative and Charge d'affaires of Liberia, and Ms Samridhi Rana Thapa, Disability Inclusion Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Presentations by panelists:

- Ms. Ericka Álvarez Ramírez, National Council of People with Disabilities and the Ministry of Labor and Social Security of Costa Rica
- Mr. Alexis Rinckenbach, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France
- Mr. Giuseppe Recinto, Counsellor on disability in the Office of the President of Council, Italy
- Ms. Jane Nyawira Miano, Focus of Disabled Persons in Nairobi
- Mr. U Soe Win, Myanmar Association of Persons affected by Leprosy

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¹ The maximum duration of a virtual meeting using *Remote Simultaneous Interpretation* will be up to 2 hours per meeting.

3 December

10.00 am to 12.00 pm (Virtual)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (iii): Round Table 3: Promoting Inclusive environments for the full implementation of the CRPD. Co-chaired by H.E Ambassador Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Finland, and Mr. Juan Angel De Gouvei, RIADIS

Opening remarks: H.E Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finland (video message)

Presentations by panellists:

- Ms. Rocío de Moreno, First Lady of Ecuador and President of the Technical Secretariat of the “Toda Una Vida” Plan (video message)
- Mr. Paweł Wdówik, Government Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Poland
- Mr. Santiago Velasquez, Founder of EyeSyght and Hailo, Australia
- Ms. Frances West, former Chief Accessibility Officer, IBM and founder of Frances West Co. USA
- Ms. Bhargavi Davar, Bapu Trust for Research on Mind & Discourse, India
- Mr. Mark Mapemba, Vice President of Inclusion International, Malawi

Summary by the Co-Chair

3.00 to 5.00 pm (Virtual)

Interactive dialogue with the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention (item 6): chaired by H. E. Ambassador Mr. Cristian Espinosa, President of the Conference, Ecuador

Introduction & Presentations, followed by an interactive discussion:

Part 1: United Nations entities

- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
- Mme. Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner, OHCHR (video message)
- Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact
- Ms. Beate Andrees, Special Representative to the UN and Director, International Labour Organization(ILO)
- Ms. Roxana Widmer-Iliescu, Senior Coordinator, Digital Inclusion, International Telecommunication Union(ITU)

Part 2: Mandate holder/Special Envoy of the Secretary-General and representatives of treaty body and civil society

- Mr. Danlami Umaru Basharu, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. Gerald Quinn, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas, Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility
- Ms. Sue Swenson, Civil Society Representative

Closing of the meeting (item 8) chaired of the President of the Conference

- Statements by the Vice-Presidents of the Conference (Finland, Hungary, Liberia and Singapore)
- Closing Statement by President of the Conference