

**Tentative Programme of the 12th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
11 to 13 June 2019 | United Nations Headquarters, New York**

Tuesday, 11 June

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

Opening of the Conference of States Parties (item 1): chaired by Mr. António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Election of Officers (item 2)

- **Adoption of the agenda (item 3):** chaired by H.E Mr. Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of Ecuador, President of the Conference

Organization of work (item 4)

Statements by:

- H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, President of the Conference
- Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General
- Mr. Danlami Umaru Basharu, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Catalina Devandas, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas, Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility
- Ms. Ana Lucia Arellano, Civil Society Representative, International Disability Alliance

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

3.00 to 6.00 pm (Conference room 4)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention

(item 5 (a): General debate (continued), chaired by H.E. Mr. Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Sr, Permanent Representative & Ambassador of Liberia and Vice President of the Conference

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (Conference room 4)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (i): Round Table 1. Technology, digitalization and ICTs for the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disabilities, co-chaired by Mr. Pekka Puustinen, Under-Secretary of State of Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Vice President of the Conference and Mr. Mosharraf Hossain Civil Society representative from Action on Disability and Development International

Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:

- Ms. Farida Nana Efua Bedwei, Co-founder of Logiciel Co., Ghana
- Ms. Tytti Matsinen, Disability Inclusion Adviser, Finland
- Ms. Inmaculada Placencia, Senior Expert and disability focal point in the European Commission, European Union
- Mr. James Thurston, Vice President of the Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies (G3ICT), USA
- Ms. Nirmita Narasimhan, Founding member of the Centre for Internet and Society, India

Summary by the Co-chair

3.00 to 6.00 pm (Conference room 4)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (ii): Round Table 2. Social inclusion and the right to the highest attainable standard of health - co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Katalin Annamária Bogyay of Hungary, Vice President of the Conference and Ms. Kate Swaffer Civil Society representative from Dementia Alliance International

Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:

- Mr. Han-jin Jo, Professor in the Department of Social Welfare, Daegu University, Republic of Korea
- Mr Antony Duttine, Public Health Leader, World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization
- Ms. Catalina Devandas, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. Kory Earle, President, People First of Canada
- Ms. Jenny Rosa Damayanti, Board Member, Transforming Communities for Inclusion of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities, Indonesia

Summary by the Co-chair

Thursday, 13 June

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (Conference room 4)

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (iii): Round Table 3: Inclusion of persons with disabilities in society through participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport - co-chaired by representative of Government of Singapore, Vice President of the Conference and Ms. Bhargavi Venkatasubramaniam, Civil Society representative from Transforming Communities for Inclusion of persons with Psychosocial Disabilities Asia Pacific

Introduction & Presentations, followed by interactive discussion:

- Mr. Yong Jia, Vice President of China Disabled Persons' Federation, China
- Mr. Khalid Ali Al Naimi, Chairman of the Arab Union for the Blind, Qatar
- H.E Mrs. Isabel Maldonado Vasco, Technical Secretary of "Toda Una Vida" Plan, Ecuador
- H.E Ms. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, Canada
- Mr. Jaime Cruz, Member of the Autogestores SPSD and Sociedad Peruana de Síndrome Down, Peru

Summary by the Co-Chair

3.00 to 6.00 pm (Conference room 4)

Interactive dialogue with the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (c): chaired by H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, President of the Conference

Introduction & Presentations, followed by an interactive discussion:

Part 1: United Nations entities

- Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Sub-Working Group of the Inter-Agency Support Group for the CRPD
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Part 2: Mandate/ stakeholders

- Mr. Danlami Umaru Basharu, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Catalina Devandas, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas, Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility
- Mr. Luis Gabriel Villarreal Peralta, Civil Society Representative, Inclusion International

Decisions by the Conference of States Parties (item 6)

Closing of the meeting (item 7), chaired by H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, President of the Conference

- Statement by Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly
- Statements by the Vice-Presidents of the Conference (Singapore, Hungary, Finland)
- Closing Statement by H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, the President of the Conference

Note: During the session, the 3rd, 4th and 5th meetings may allocate 30-60 minutes as contingency arrangements for the agenda item 5(i) "General Debate". Updates on the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD and the work of the United Nations on disability are available at the UN ENABLE website link: <http://www.un.org/disabilities>