

**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):** opened by **Mr. Zhenmin Liu**, Under- Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Temporary Chair

**Election of Officers (item 2)**

**Adoption of the agenda (item 3):** chaired by **H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara**, President of the Conference and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland

**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**, Secretary General of the United Nations (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 messages)
- **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))**, chaired by Vice-President of the Conference and Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia **Mr. Muhabi Lungu**

**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 **H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara**, President of the Conference and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland

## 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 Vice President of the Conference and Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland, **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 Human Rights Expert
- **Ms. Ruth Mkutumula**, Country Director, Disabled Women in Africa, 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 Vice-President of the Conference **Ms. Libna Bonilla**, Minister Counsellor of Guatemala, 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

10.00 am to 12.00 pm (virtual meeting)

**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**, co-chaired by Vice-President of the Conference and Deputy Permanent Representative of Iraq **Mr. Sarhad Fatah** and Civil Society representative **Ms. Ruth Warick**, President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People

**Introduction & Presentations**, followed by interactive discussion:

- **Mr. Hiroshi Tamon**, Lawyer, university lecturer, and board member of a bilingual 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

Summary by the Co-Chair

3.00 to 5.00 pm (virtual meeting)

**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 and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland

**Introduction & Presentations**, followed by an interactive discussion:

**Part 1: United Nations entities**

- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA
- **Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris**, Assistant Secretary-General, OHCHR
- **Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez**, Senior Adviser on Policy, EOSG
- **Ms. Gillian Triggs**, Assistant High-Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
- **Ms. Henrietta Fore**, Executive Director, UNICEF
- **Ms. Ola Abualghaib**, Manager of the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) Technical Secretariat, UNDP
- **Ms. Asa Regner**, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

**Part 2: Mandates and other stakeholders**

- **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

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**Closing of the meeting (item 7)**, chaired by President of the Conference

- 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
- 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 by **H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara**, President of the Conference

**Note:** Updates on the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD are available at the UN ENABLE website link: <http://www.un.org/disabilities>.