## 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

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<td>10.00 am to 1.00 pm</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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### 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
### 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

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<td>10.00 am to 12.00 pm (virtual meeting)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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### 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

### 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

### 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 14th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD are available at the UN ENABLE website link: http://www.un.org/disabilities.