

**Tentative Programme of the 15th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
14 to 16 June 2022 | United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**Tuesday, 14 June**

**10.00 am to 1.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)**

**Opening of the Conference of States Parties (item 1):** chaired by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference, Finland

**Adoption of the agenda (item 2)**

**Organization of work (item 3)**

Statements by:

- H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference, Finland
- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly (video message)
- Ms Rosemary Kayess, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility
- Ms. Martine Abel-Williamson, Civil Society Representative & President of the World Blind Union
- Mr. Waqar Puri, Youth Representative from the Transforming Communities for Inclusion, Pakistan

**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, continued),** chaired by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (a): General debate (continued)<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Contingency arrangements will be made to continue the General debate (item 5 a) and exhaust the list of speakers, by using up to 60 minutes of the roundtable 1 ( item 5 b(i), roundtable 2( item 5 b(ii) and the Interactive Dialogue ( item 5 c) .

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<p><b>Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (item 4)</b></p> <p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (a): General debate</b></p>	
<b>Wednesday 15 June</b>	
<b>10.00 am to 1.00 pm (CR-4)</b>	<b>3.00 to 6.00 pm (CR-4)</b>
<p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (i): Round Table 1.</b> Innovation and technology advancing disability rights, co-chaired by Mr. Sarhad Fatah, Deputy Permanent Representative of Iraq, Vice President of the Conference and Mr. Moses Serwadda Civil Society representative</p> <p><b>Introduction &amp; Presentations</b>, followed by interactive discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Diana Paola Palma Pardo (Colombia)</li><li>• Mr. Meelis Joost (Estonia)</li><li>• Mr. Ádám KÓSA (Hungary)</li><li>• Mr. Alexander Bankole Williams (Ghana) (virtually)</li><li>• Ms. Esther Mkamori (Kenya)</li></ul> <p>Summary by the Co-chair</p>	<p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (ii): Round Table 2.</b> Economic empowerment and entrepreneurship of persons with disabilities.co-chaired by Ms. Libna Bonilla, Minister Counsellor of Permanent Mission of Guatemala, Vice President of the Conference and Ms. Itto Outini, Civil Society representative</p> <p><b>Introduction &amp; Presentations</b>, followed by interactive discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Dan Rashal (Israel)</li><li>• Mr. Ichiro KABASAWA (Japan)</li><li>• Mr. Marek Kalbarczyk (Poland) (virtually)</li><li>• Ms. Sabina Lobato (Spain)</li><li>• Mr. Josh Wintersgill (UK)</li></ul> <p>Summary by the Co-chair</p>

Thursday, 16 June	
10.00 am to 12.00 pm (hybrid meeting, CR-4)	3.00 to 6.00 pm (CR-4)
<p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (iii): Round Table 3:</b> Participation of persons with disabilities in climate action, disaster risk reduction and resilience against natural disasters. co-chaired by Ms Bogna Ruminowicz, Permanent Mission of Poland, Vice President of the Conference and Mr. Jose Maria Viera, Civil Society representative</p> <p><b>Introduction &amp; Presentations,</b> followed by interactive discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. José Eduardo Curruchich (Guatemala)</li> <li>• Mr. Hiroshi TAMON (Japan) (virtually)</li> <li>• Mr. Shybe Chalklen (South Africa) (virtually)</li> <li>• Ms. Pratima Gurung (Nepal) (virtually)</li> <li>• Ms. Mata’afa Fa’atino Utumapu (Samoa) (virtually)</li> </ul> <p>Summary by the Co-Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interactive dialogue with the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (c):</b> chaired by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference</li> <li>• Introduction &amp; Presentations, followed by an interactive discussion:</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 1: United Nations entities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, EOSG (video message)</li> <li>• Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General, DESA</li> <li>• Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator and USG, UNDP</li> <li>• Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General, OHCHR</li> <li>• Ms. Roxana Widmer-Iliescu, Senior Programme Officer, ITU</li> <li>• Ms Beate Andrees, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office in New York, ILO</li> <li>• Ms Ola Abu Al Ghaib, Manager of the Technical Secretariat, UNPRPD</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 2: Mandates and other stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Rosemary Kayess, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Mr. Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility</li> <li>• Ms. Betty Najjemba, Civil Society Representative (virtually)</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Decisions by the Conference of States Parties (item 6)</b></p> <p><b>Closing of the meeting (item 7),</b> chaired by H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference</p>

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	<p>Remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vice-President of the Conference: Ms. Libna Bonilla, Guatemala</li><li>• Vice-President of the Conference: Representative of Iraq</li><li>• Vice-President of the Conference: Ms Bogna Ruminowicz, Poland</li><li>• Vice-President of the Conference: Ms Regina Boma Phiri, Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and President of the Conference, Finland</li></ul>
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**Note:** Updates on the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD will be available at the UN ENABLE website link: <http://www.un.org/disabilities>