# **Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

**27th session & 16th pre-sessional working group (15 August – 16 September)**

**Room XXIII Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Informative note on the participation of organizations of persons with disabilities, civil society organization, independent monitoring mechanisms and national human rights institutions

This is an update on the upcoming [27th session (15 August–9 September 2022)](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2545&Lang=en) and [16th Pre-sessional Working Group (PSWG)](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2546&Lang=en) (12-16 September 2022) of the [Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx).

In accordance with the [*Guidelines on the participation of organizations of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations in the work of the Committee*](https://undocs.org/CRPD/C/11/2), the Committee invites organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) to engage in the review process of the reports of States parties. According to the Guidelines on independent monitoring frameworks and their participation in the work of the Committee, independent monitoring mechanisms and national human rights institutions are also encouraged to participate in the review process and the adoption of the list of issues by:

1. Participating in private briefings

During the [**27th session**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2545&Lang=en), the Committee will hold constructive dialogues and consider the reports of the following five State parties: **Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Singapore**. The Committee will also consider the situation of persons with disabilities in the context of the aggression against **Ukraine** by the Russian Federation.

Stakeholders are invited to participate in private briefings which will be held in-person in Room XXIII, Palais des Nations, prior to the dialogue with State parties.

The schedule of private in-presence briefings is the following:

* **China:** Monday, 15 August (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm)
* **Indonesia:** Tuesday, 16 August (11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)
* **New Zealand:** Monday, 22 August (10.00 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.)
* **Republic of Korea:** Monday, 22 August (11:30 to 1:00 pm)
* **Lao People’s Democratic Republic:** Monday, 29 August (10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.)
* **Singapore:** Monday, 29 August (11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)
* **Japan:** Friday 19 August (noon to 1:00 p.m., and Monday 22 August (9:00 to 10:00)
* **Bangladesh:** Thursday 25th August (2:00 to 3:00 p.m.)
* **Situation of persons with disabilities in Ukraine:** Monday 15 August (3.00 to 6:00 p.m.), and Tuesday 16 August (10:00 to 11h30 a.m.)

During the [**16th Pre-Sessional Working Group**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2546&Lang=en), the Committee will adopt in private lists of issues for the initial reports of the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Maldives, Palau, Tuvalu, Vietnam** and also adopt List of issues prior to reporting of the **United Arab Emirates**.

The schedule of private briefings during the Pre-session is the following:

* **Tuvalu and Palau**: Monday, 12 September (10.30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
* **United Arab Emirates:** Monday, 12 September (3:00 to 4:00 pm)
* **Vietnam:** Tuesday 13 September (10: 00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.)
* **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea:** Tuesday 13 September (11:30 to 1:00 p.m.)
* **Maldives:** Wednesday, 14 September (11:00 to 12:00)

All private briefings will be held in-person at the **meeting room XXIII** at Palais des Nations.

Interested participants should submit a request to the Secretariat (ohchr-crpd@un.org) as earlier as possible and **no later than 15 July 2022. The request should include the name of all speakers wishing to take the floor from the organization requesting participation.**

**In addition, accepted participants require to get Accreditation. All participants require to be accredited online** to participate in country briefings. Accreditation is open beginning on 1 June 2022. For accreditations for the 27th Session or the 16th Pre-sessional working Group meetings, please click on the respective links below:

* [Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities-27th Session (15 August-9 September 2022)](https://indico.un.org/event/1001249)
* [16th Pre-sessional Working Group (12-16 September 2022)](https://indico.un.org/event/1001248)

Remote participation:

Remote participation in private briefings may be granted only on an exceptional basis and under compelling reasons. Please contact Jorge.araya@un. org no later than 15 July, 2022.

Public constructive dialogues:

The [Program of Work](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2545&Lang=en) contains the time and dates for each review and it has been posted on the Committee’s website.

Civil society, including organizations of persons with disabilities and other civil society organizations may observe the dialogue in-person at in Room XXIII Palais des Nations. They can also follow all constructive dialogues on the [UN Web TV webpage](https://media.un.org/en/webtv/schedule).

Independent monitoring mechanisms and National Human Rights Institutions with an A status granted by the Global Alliance on NHRIs (GANHRI), in addition to participating in private briefings, can make oral opening and closing statements during the dialogue. For doing so, they are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Committee at ohchr-crpd@un.org as early as possible and no later than 15 July 2022.

2)            **Sending written submissions**

Stakeholders are also invited to submit written reports **as soon as possible and
before or at the latest by 22 July 2022** via email to ohchr-crpd@un.org. Submissions should be in text (Word) files and below **10,700 words**. Written submissions will be posted on the CRPD website unless you clearly indicate that they are confidential.

Any changes to the programme of work will be communicated in due course through informative notes. Additional information on the session can be found on the [OHCHR website](https://www.ohchr.org/en/ohchr_homepage) and the [Committee’s webpage](https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/crpd).

NEW: Format of country briefings

**What is the format of the briefings?** Speakers will be invited to make country-specific statements. Members of the Committee will then raise questions and speakers will have time to reply to these questions.

***\*\* Please send to the Secretariat (******ohchr-crpd@un.org******) the written copy of your initial speech or statement during the country briefing, one day in advance of the briefing. This will facilitate interpretation services during the briefing.***

**How much speaking time will I get?** Organizations willing to make oral statements should coordinate the use of meeting time and the allocation of time slots amongst themselves. If such coordination is not feasible, the Committee Secretariat will allocate time slots after consultation with the Chair of the Committee. Speakers should make short and concise statements to allow for time for the Committee to raise questions.

***For OPD coalitions:*** *the average speaking time is 5 MINUTES;*

***For single organizations:*** *the average speaking time is 3 MINUTES.*

*Priority will be given to those applicant organizations that have also submitted written information*

The order of interventions will be:

*1. Coalition of organizations of persons with disabilities;*

*2. Country-based organizations of persons with disabilities;*

*3. International organizations of persons with disabilities;*

*4. Other civil society organizations.*

*Information about organization of side events*

*In case organizations plan to organize side events, please kindly get in contact with the Committee’s Secretary at* *Jorge.araya@un.org**, no later than 15 July.*

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