



Information Note for participants on the arrangements for COSP18

10 - 12 June 2025

This Information Note on the arrangements for the 18th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD (COSP18) serves to provide organisational and logistical information in relation to the upcoming session of the Conference. This Information Note is addressed to participants who will be attending COSP18.

COSP18 will consist of an in-person session taking place at the UN Headquarters in New York between 10 - 12 June 2025. The overarching theme for this year's session is **"Enhancing public awareness of the rights and contributions of persons with disabilities for social development leading up to the Second World Summit for Social Development"**, with the following sub-themes for each Roundtable:

- Roundtable 1: **Empowering persons with disabilities and enhancing social development policies through innovative financing**
- Roundtable 2: **Leaving no one behind: using AI as a tool for supporting inclusivity to strengthen the participation of persons with disabilities**
- Roundtable 3: **Recognizing and addressing the rights of Indigenous persons with disabilities and their role in advancing disability inclusion**

Opening Session and General Debate

The Opening session will officially open at 10am on 10 June 2025, in the **General Assembly Hall**. Opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the Conference, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (on behalf of the Secretary-General), the President of the General Assembly, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a Civil Society representative as well as a Youth Representative.



Roundtables and Interactive Dialogue

The three Roundtables and one Interactive Dialogue will be held in-person in **Conference Room 4** according to the schedule set out in the table below. Please note that the **first hour** of each of these meetings may be used as a contingency to exhaust the List of Speakers of the General Debate.

1. **Wednesday 11 June 2025, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm:** Roundtable 1: “*Empowering persons with disabilities and enhancing social development policies through innovative financing*”, co-chaired by Ms. Zuleikha Tambwe, Vice President of the Conference (Tanzania), and Mr. Javier Güemes, ONCE.
2. **Wednesday 11 June 2025, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm:** Roundtable 2: “*Leaving no one behind: using AI as a tool for supporting inclusivity to strengthen the participation of persons with disabilities*”, co-chaired by Mr. David Pedroza, Vice President of the Conference (Peru), and Ms. Susan Mazrui, G3ICT.
3. **Thursday 12 June 2025, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm:** Roundtable 3 “*Recognising and addressing the rights of Indigenous persons with disabilities and their role in advancing disability inclusion*”, co-chaired by Ms. Elizabeth Tudor-Beziés, Vice President of the Conference (Canada), and Ms. Christine Kandie Lebelit, Endorois Indigenous Women Empowerment Network of Kenya.
4. **Thursday 12 June 2025, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm:** **Interactive Dialogue** with States parties, the United Nations system and other stakeholders on the implementation of the CRPD, chaired by Mr. Chatura Perera, Minister, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, President of the Conference (Sri Lanka).



Interpretation and Live Webcast

Interpretation in all six official UN languages will be available. All meetings will be streamed LIVE on UN Web TV at: <https://webtv.un.org/en>.



Accessibility

Sign Language Interpretation and Closed Captions will be provided for all six official meetings over the three days during the Conference.

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The [Accessibility Centre at United Nations Headquarters](#), through its services, supports the inclusion and greater participation of persons with disabilities in the meetings of the Organisation. For more information, please contact: accessibilitycentre@un.org.

Digital accessibility maps of the UN Headquarters in New York to guide participants are available here: https://www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/map1234.2022_e.pdf.



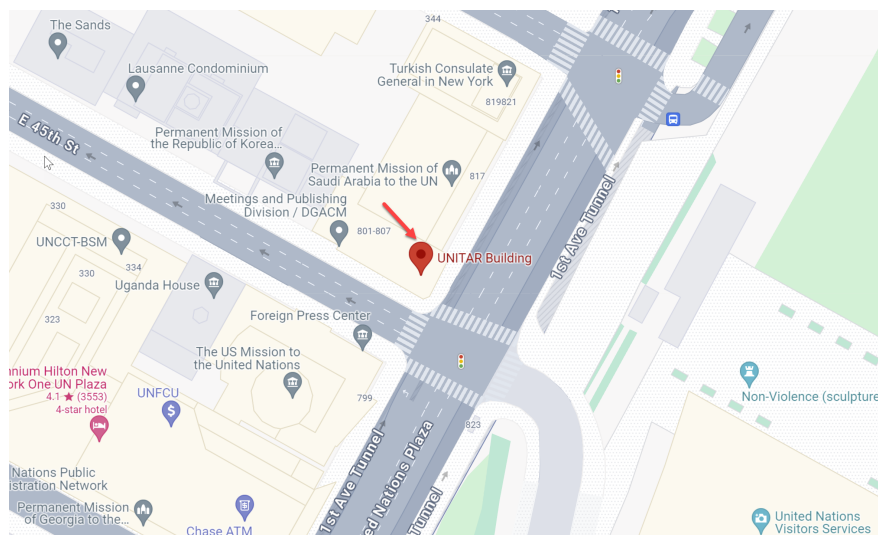
Collection of UN Grounds Pass

The following are instructions for the collection of UN Grounds Passes for registered and approved ECOSOC and Accredited NGOs to COSP, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and CRPD Members ONLY (**not for Member State delegations and UN Agencies**).

For NGOs registered via Indico, please bring your PRINTED confirmation letter (which was sent to you by email via Indico) and a government-issued photo identification (passport, state-issued driver's license, or similar documents) for the issuance of your UN Temporary Grounds Pass.

For National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and CRPD Members, please bring a government-issued photo identification (passport, state-issued driver's license, or similar documents) for the issuance of your UN Temporary Grounds Pass.

The registration will take place in the UNITAR Building located at: [801 1st Avenue and 45th Street, New York, NY 10017](#).



The desk will be open during the following dates and times:

- Monday 9 June | 8am to 1pm

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- Tuesday 10 June | 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday 11 June | 9am to 1pm

Please be very patient at the UNITAR office. It is going to be a long line of people waiting like you to get a UN Pass for the meeting and other major events happening at the UN.



Additional Information

More information on COSP 18, as well as the Programme and related documents is available on the COSP 18 webpage here: [18th Session Of The Conference Of States Parties To The CRPD \(COSP18\) | Division for Inclusive Social Development \(DISD\)](#).

