

**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 (virtually)

**Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (item 4)**

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (a):  
General debate**

**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).

Wednesday 15 June

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (CR-4)

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (i): Round Table 1.** 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 (virtually)

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

- Mr. Alexander Bankole Williams (Ghana) (virtually)
- Ms. Esther Mkamori (Kenya) (virtually)
- Ms. Diana Paola Palma Pardo (Colombia)
- Mr. Meelis Joost (Estonia)
- Mr. Ádám Kósa (Hungary)

Summary by the Co-chair

3.00 to 6.00 pm (CR-4)

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (b) (ii): Round Table 2.** 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

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

- Mr. Dan Rashal (Israel)
- Mr. Ichiro Kabasawa (Japan)
- Mr. Marek Kalbarczyk (Poland) (virtually)
- Ms. Sabina Lobato (Spain)
- Mr. Josh Wintersgill (UK)

Summary by the Co-chair

## 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>	<p><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</p> <p><b>Introduction &amp; Presentations, followed by an interactive discussion:</b></p> <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>• Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR</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> <li>• Ms. Roxana Widmer-Iliescu, Senior Coordinator for Digital Inclusion and ITU-D Focal Point for ICT accessibility, ITU (virtually)</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>  <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> <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>