



## Information Note for participants on the arrangements for COSP 17

11 - 13 June 2024

This Information Note on the arrangements for the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD (COSP 17) 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 COSP 17.

COSP 17 will consist of an in-person session taking place at the UN Headquarters in New York between 11 - 13 June 2024. The overarching theme for this year's session is "**Rethinking disability inclusion at the current international juncture and ahead of the Summit of the Future**", with the following sub-themes:

1. **International cooperation to promote technology innovations and transfer for an inclusive future;**
2. **Persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies;**
3. **Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities to decent work and sustainable livelihoods.**

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### Opening Session and General Debate

The Opening session will officially open at 10am on 11 June 2024, in the **General Assembly Hall**. Opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the Conference, the President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chair 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.

The election of the 9 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the General Debate will begin immediately following the Opening session during the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 11 June 2024. It is envisaged that the General Debate will continue into the afternoon session, and if needed, will likely be extended to the following days in order to exhaust the List of Speakers.

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## 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 12 June 2024, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm:** Roundtable 1: *“International cooperation to promote technology innovations and transfer for an inclusive future”*, co-chaired by Mr. Sugeeshwara Gunaratna, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, Vice President of the Bureau (Sri Lanka), and Mr. Joseph Murray, World Federation of the Deaf.
2. **Wednesday 12 June 2024, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm:** Roundtable 2: *“Persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies”*, co-chaired by Mr. Niko Tatulashvili, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Georgia on Human Rights Issues, Vice President of the Bureau (Georgia), and Ms Pratima Gurung, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal.
3. **Thursday 13 June 2024, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm:** Roundtable 3 *“Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities to decent work and sustainable livelihood”*, co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris, Vice President of the Bureau (Greece), and Mr. Ezekiel Kumwenda, World Federation of the Deafblind.
4. **Thursday 13 June 2024, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm:** **Interactive Dialogue** with the United Nations system and other stakeholders on the implementation of the CRPD and a **Closing** session, chaired by H.E. Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, President of the Conference (Tunisia).



## 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://media.un.org/en/webtv>.



## Accessibility

Sign Language Interpretation and Closed Captions will be provided during the Conference. The link to the closed captions will be available here:

<https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=CFI-UN-CSPD>.

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](mailto:accessibilitycentre@un.org).

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Digital copies of 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](https://www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/map1234.2022_e.pdf).

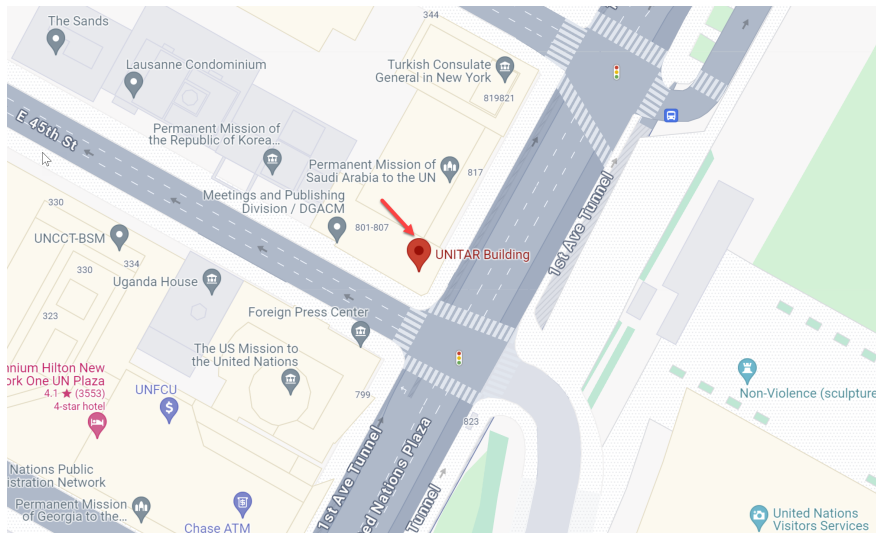
## Collection of UN Grounds Pass

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 10 June | 8:30am to 3pm
- Tuesday 11 June | 8:30am to 1pm
- Wednesday 12 June | 9am to 1pm
- Thursday 13 June | 9:30am 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.

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## Additional Information

More information on COSP 17, as well as the Programme and related documents is available on the COSP 17 webpage here: [17th Session Of The Conference Of States Parties To The CRPD \(COSP17\) | Division for Inclusive Social Development \(DISD\) \(un.org\)](#).

