

**Tentative Programme of the 17th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
11 to 13 June 2024 | United Nations Headquarters, New York**

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)	3.00 to 6.00 pm (General Assembly Hall)
<p><b>Opening of the Conference of States Parties (item 1)</b> chaired by H.E Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, President of the Conference (Tunisia)</p> <p><b>Adoption of the agenda (item 2)</b></p> <p><b>Organization of work (item 3)</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. H.E Mr Tarek Ladeb, President of Conference</li><li>2. Ms Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</li><li>3. H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly (video message)</li><li>4. Ms Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li><li>5. Ms. Heba Hagrass, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li><li>6. Ms Sanja Tarcazy, Civil Society Representative/ World Federation of the Deafblind</li><li>7. Ms. Khadija Jallouli, Youth Representative, Tunisia</li></ol> <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 5a): general debate</b></p>	<p><b>Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (item 4)</b>, (continued, if needed), chaired by H.E Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, President of the Conference (Tunisia)</p> <p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention: (item 5a) general debate</b> (continued)</p>

## Wednesday, 12 June

### 10.00 am to 1.00 pm (Conference Room 4)

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention: (item 5b (i)):**  
**Roundtable 1. International cooperation to promote technology innovations and transfer for an inclusive future**, co-chaired by: Mr. Sugeeshwara Gunaratna, Vice President of the Conference (Sri Lanka) and Dr. Joseph Murray, World Federation of the Deaf (civil society)

Presentations by panellists:

1. Mr. Constantinos Stephanidis, Hellenic National Accessibility Authority, Greece
2. Mr. Mamadou Iamine Faty, Office for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (DPPPH), Senegal
3. Ms. Maria Jose Carranza, San Carlos de Guatemala University, Guatemala
4. Ms. Hjördís Anna Haraldsdóttir, World Federation of the Deaf, Iceland

Q+A and interactive discussion

### 3.00 to 6.00 pm (Conference Room 4)

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention: (item 5 b (ii)):** **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 Conference (Georgia) and Ms Pratima Gurung, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (civil society)

Presentations by panellists:

1. Ms. Gunta Anča, Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability Organisations (SUSTENTO), Latvia
2. Mr. Anderson Henao Orozco, National Disability Council, Colombia
3. Ms. Virginia Gamba, Office of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Argentina
4. Mr. Waqar Puri, Transforming Communities for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities-Global, Pakistan

Q+A and interactive discussion

## Thursday, 13 June

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (Conference Room 4)	3.00 to 6.00 pm (Conference Room 4)
<p><b>Matters related to the implementation of the Convention: (item 5b (iii))</b>  <b>Roundtable 3: Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities to decent work and sustainable livelihood</b>, co-chaired by: H.E Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris, Vice President of the Conference (Greece) and Mr. Ezekiel Kumwenda, World Federation of the Deafblind (civil society)</p> <p>Presentations by panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, ILO Special Representative to the UN</li> <li>2. Mr. Josh Tseng, Digital Accessibility Services at Etch Empathy, Singapore</li> <li>3. Mr. Michael Cox, Down Syndrome Australia</li> <li>4. Ms. Mariana Lozano Medina, Human Rights Watch, Colombia</li> </ol> <p>Q+A and interactive discussion</p>	<p><b>Interactive Dialogue among States Parties, the United Nations system and other stakeholders on Implementation of the Convention between States Parties and the UN System (item 5 (c))</b>, chaired by H.E Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, President of the Conference (Tunisia)</p> <p>Presentations by panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UNDESA</li> <li>2. OHCHR</li> <li>3. World Bank</li> <li>4. UNDP</li> <li>5. OCHA</li> <li>6. ILO</li> <li>7. UNPRPD</li> <li>8. Mr. Setareki Seru Macanawai, Civil Society Representative, Pacific Disability Forum</li> </ol> <p><b>Decisions by the Conference of States Parties (item 6)</b></p> <p><b>Closure of the session (item 7)</b>  Remarks by Vice Presidents of the Conference:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sri Lanka  Georgia  Greece  Panama</p> <p>Closing remarks by H.E Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, President of the Conference</p>

\* Depending the actual progress of the proceedings under the agenda item 5 (a) (general debate), contingency arrangements where necessary may be made by the bureau to use the first 60-minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> meeting during the session on 12 and 13 June in order to exhaust the list of speakers duly inscribed.

\*\* More updates about the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD and the work of the United Nations for persons with disabilities is available at the UN ENABLE website link: <http://www.un.org/disabilities>