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**The 11th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**



 A photo of previous Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, a conference room filled with participants

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The 11th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held from 12 to 14 June 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. The session will feature an election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, among other agenda items.

**Overarching Theme of the Conference:**

“Leaving no one behind through the full implementation of the CRPD”

**Sub-themes:**

1. National fiscal space, public-private partnerships and international cooperation for strengthening the implementation of the CRPD

2. Women and girls with disabilities

3. Political participation and equal recognition before the law

**Cross-cutting theme:**

Promoting high-quality disability statistics and disaggregation of data by disability status for the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities

**Documents of the Conference:**

* Provisional Agenda[(English](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1) | [Français](https://undocs.org/fr/CRPD/CSP/2018/1) | [Español](https://undocs.org/es/CRPD/CSP/2018/1) | [Русский](https://undocs.org/ru/CRPD/CSP/2018/1) |[عربي](https://undocs.org/ar/CRPD/CSP/2018/1) | [中文](https://undocs.org/zh/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)[)](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)
* Tentative programme of work can be downloaded from [here](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/06/COP11-CRPD-Programme_06-June-2018.docx) (as of 6 June 2018). Please note that the programme is subject to change. For the most updated version, visit [here](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp11.html).
* Background Notes:
	+ **Roundtable One**: National fiscal space, public-private partnerships and international cooperation for strengthening the implementation of the CRPD[(](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)[English](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/2) | [Français](https://undocs.org/fr/CRPD/CSP/2018/2) | [Español](https://undocs.org/es/CRPD/CSP/2018/2) | [Русский](https://undocs.org/ru/CRPD/CSP/2018/2) |[عربي](https://undocs.org/ar/CRPD/CSP/2018/2) | [中文](https://undocs.org/zh/CRPD/CSP/2018/2)[)](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1);
* **Roundtable Two**: Women and girls with Disabilities [(](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)[English](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/3) | [Français](https://undocs.org/fr/CRPD/CSP/2018/3) | [Español](https://undocs.org/es/CRPD/CSP/2018/3) | [Русский](https://undocs.org/ru/CRPD/CSP/2018/3) |[عربي](https://undocs.org/ar/CRPD/CSP/2018/3) | [中文](https://undocs.org/zh/CRPD/CSP/2018/3)[);](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)
* **Roundtable Three**: Political participation and equal recognition before the law

[(](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)[English](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/4) | [Français](https://undocs.org/fr/CRPD/CSP/2018/4) | [Español](https://undocs.org/es/CRPD/CSP/2018/4) | [Русский](https://undocs.org/ru/CRPD/CSP/2018/4) |[عربي](https://undocs.org/ar/CRPD/CSP/2018/4) | [中文](https://undocs.org/zh/CRPD/CSP/2018/4)[);](https://undocs.org/en/CRPD/CSP/2018/1)

* [PaperSmart Portal](http://papersmart.unmeetings.org/convention-treaty/crpd/cosp-crpd/11th-session/programme/) (for document/statements; queries: papersmart4@un.org)

#### Information on the election of the Members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can be found at the [OHCHR’s website](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Elections2018.aspx).

* Guidance note on the General Debate can be found from [here](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/05/Guidance-Note-on-General-Debate-.docx).

**Side events**

The list of side events is posted online. Download from [here](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/06/COSP11-List-SideEvents-6June-2.doc) (as of 6 June 2018). Please note that the list is subject to change. For the most updated version, visit [here](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp11.html).

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<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp11.html>

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