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19th Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

Civil Society Forum

Monday 8 June 2026, 10:00am – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York

The Civil Society Forum will follow a format of a “People’s Assembly”. Following a brief opening, four substantive sessions will be held, focused on specific topics; three sessions will mirror the three COSP themes, and the fourth will cover the overarching COSP theme on the 20 Year Anniversary of the CRPD, as well as incorporating wider UN Reform processes.

Each session will start off with the moderator briefly laying out the outline of the topic. The moderator will then invite organizations that have already been shortlisted through an open call for presentation to deliver a 3-minute statement, presentation or call to action, related to the topic in hand. Civil society organizations were invited to express interest in presenting during the CSF well in advance and short-listed applicants were informed. 15 minutes at the end of each session will be allocated for any final interventions from the floor – these will be limited to one-minute reflections directly related to the discussion. A Civil Society statement will also be issued at the end of the day, reflecting the days discussions.

10:00–10:30 AM: Opening Session & Remarks

- Civil Society Representative: Setting the scene for the Forum; explaining the format of the day
- Presentation by UN about the UN80 Initiative; UN Reform

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Session 1 – 20 Years of the CRPD: Gains, Gaps and the Future in a Reforming UN

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12:00 – 12:15 PM

Break

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

Session 2 – COSP Theme: Creating a world free from exploitation, violence and abuse for all persons with disabilities.

Moderated by: tbc

1:00–3:00 PM

Lunch Break

3:00–4:15 PM

Session 3 – COSP Theme: Resilient societies: strengthening care and support systems to ensure the empowerment, autonomy and independence of all persons with disabilities.

Moderated by: tbc

4:30–5:45 PM

Session 4 – COSP theme: From participation to representation: enhancing accessible civic engagement, leadership and advocacy in political and public life.

Moderated by: tbc

5:45–6:00 PM

Reflections, Wrap up and Closing
