

19th Session Of The Conference Of States Parties To The CRPD (COSP19)

Side Event Concept Note

Date and Time: Tuesday, 9 June, 2026, 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM (Tentative)

Location: Conference Room, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Organized by Japan Disability Forum (JDF)

Co-organized by Japan

Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN,

Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN,

Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the UN

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Event Title:

20 Years Since the Adoption of the CRPD

Reflecting on Progress to Date and Strengthening Partnerships for Future Implementation

Background

As the world faces a wide range of challenges—including political, economic, and social issues—the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is playing an increasingly vital and foundational role in protecting and promoting of the human rights for all.

This side event will examine, from multiple perspectives, the respective progress, challenges, and prospects of civil society (OPDs), States Parties, and the CRPD Committee in implementing the Convention over the past 20 years and in the years ahead. It will also explore potential avenues for future collaboration in light of these two decades.

1. Objectives and Expected Outcomes

- Mark 20 years since the adoption of the CRPD in 2006, and reflect on progress achieved to date as well as remaining challenges.
- Share reports and perspectives from both State Parties and civil society organizations / organizations of people with disabilities on achievements, ongoing efforts, and key challenges in implementation of the CRPD.
- Identify priority actions to be taken by the CRPD Committee, States Parties, and civil society for the effective future implementation of the Convention.
- Explore and strengthen partnerships among all stakeholders to advance implementation in the next decade.

2. Agenda and Structure (Tentative)

- Opening Remarks / Introduction
- 20 Years of Progress and Key Issues under the CRPD
 - Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Statements from States Parties: Efforts and Challenges
 - Japan

(Statements from other States Parties may also be coordinated)

- Statements from Civil Society Organizations: Efforts and Challenges
 - Japan Disability Forum (JDF)
 - International Disability Alliance (IDA)
- Interactive Discussion / Q&A
- Closing Remarks

3. Language and Accessibility

- Languages: English, Japanese
- International Sign interpretation, English captioning