



# Disability

## UN Entities

- **enable** - United Nations Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/>
- Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility: <http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/sga1738.doc.htm>
- Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx>
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Human Rights of persons with disabilities: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/Pages/DisabilityIndex.aspx>
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/SRDisabilities/Pages/SRDisabilitiesIndex.aspx>
- International Labour Organization (ILO) – Disability and work: <http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/disability-and-work/lang--en/index.htm>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
  - Education for persons with disabilities: <https://en.unesco.org/themes/inclusion-in-education/disabilities>
  - ICTs for Persons living with Disabilities: <http://en.unesco.org/partnerships/partnering/icts-persons-living-disabilities>
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Disabilities: <https://www.unicef.org/disabilities/>
- World Bank – Disability Inclusion: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/disability>
- World Health Organization (WHO) - Disabilities: <http://www.who.int/topics/disabilities/en/>

## UN Treaties, Declarations and Major Documents

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol (2006) <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/convention/convoptprot-e.pdf>
- Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (1993) <http://undocs.org/A/RES/48/96>
- World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons (1982) <http://undocs.org/A/37/351/Add.1> and <http://undocs.org/A/37/351/Add.1/Corr.1>
- Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons (1975) [http://undocs.org/A/RES/3447\(XXX\)](http://undocs.org/A/RES/3447(XXX))
- OHCHR Studies, reports & papers: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/Pages/StudiesReportsPapers.aspx>
- Towards the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities: report of the Secretary-General (A/71/344, 19 August 2016): <http://undocs.org/A/71/344>
- Mainstreaming disability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/2017/4, 22 November 2016): <http://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2017/4>

## Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Remove All Physical, Cultural Barriers to Persons with Disabilities, Secretary-General Urges in Message for International Observance (SG/SM/18806-HR/5377-OBV/1760, 1 December 2017): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/sqsm18806.doc.htm>
- We must end discrimination against persons with disabilities, Secretary-General says in Remarks to General Assembly Panel Discussion (SG/SM/18325-GA/11684-HR/5337, 2 December 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm18325.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls for inclusive world embracing all humanity's diversity, in Message on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (SG/SM/18322-HR/5336-OBV/1695, 1 December 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm18322.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General hails advances in disability rights, telling meeting on tenth anniversary of landmark convention 'we must go further still' (SG/SM/17909-HR/5320, 7 July 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17909.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General stresses 'disability is not inability' in video message for event marking anniversary of states parties to convention (SG/SM/17852-HR/5314, 14 June 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17852.doc.htm>
- Integrating rights of persons with disabilities across development efforts builds better, inclusive world, Secretary-General tells states parties conference (SG/SM/17851-HR/5313, 14 June 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17851.doc.htm>
- Rights of people with disabilities central to 'leave no one behind' commitment in 2030 Agenda, Secretary-General says upon receiving Helen Keller Award (SG/SM/17726, 2 May 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17726.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General stresses need to account for 'unconsidered and unheard' needs of persons with 'invisible' disabilities, at International Day Observance (SG/SM/17385-HR/5278-OBV/1563, 3 December 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm17385.doc.htm>
- We can move world forward by leaving no one behind, secretary-general says, in message for International Day of Persons with Disabilities (SG/SM/17362-OBV/1558, 25 November 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm17362.doc.htm>
- In message to World Federation of Deaf, Secretary-General calls recognition of disability 'fundamental' to new sustainable development agenda (SG/SM/16973, 28 July 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm16973.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General tells states parties 2006 disabilities convention marked conceptual shift from charity to human rights-based approach (DSG/SM/873-HR/5257, 9 June 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/dsqsm873.doc.htm>

## Selected Publications available online

- WHO Publications on Disabilities and rehabilitation: <http://www.who.int/disabilities/publications/en/index.html>
- WHO Publications on Mental Health: [http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/publications/en/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/en/)
- ILO Publications on Disability and work: <http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/disability-and-work/publications/lang--en/index.htm>
- Promoting Inclusion Through Social Protection - Report on the World Social Situation 2017: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/report-on-the-world-social-situation-rwss-social-policy-and-development-division.html>
- Reporting on Disability: Guidelines for the media (ILO, 2nd ed. 2015): [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_emp/---ifp\\_skills/documents/publication/wcms\\_127002.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---ifp_skills/documents/publication/wcms_127002.pdf)
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Training Guide (OHCHR, 2014): [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/CRPD\\_TrainingGuide\\_PTS19\\_EN%20Accessible.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/CRPD_TrainingGuide_PTS19_EN%20Accessible.pdf)

- It's About Ability: An explanation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNICEF, 2013): [http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Its\\_About\\_Ability\\_final\\_.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Its_About_Ability_final_.pdf)
- It's About Ability: Learning Guide on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNICEF, 2013): [http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Its\\_About\\_Ability\\_Learning\\_Guide\\_EN.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Its_About_Ability_Learning_Guide_EN.pdf)
- Monitoring the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Guidance for Human Rights Monitors (April 2010): [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Disabilities\\_training\\_17EN.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Disabilities_training_17EN.pdf)
- From Exclusion to Equality: Realizing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention (October 2007): <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/training14en.pdf>

## Further Information

- Audiovisual Library of International Law - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006): <http://legal.un.org/avl/ha/crpd/crpd.html>
- How was the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities established? AskDAG: <http://ask.un.org/faq/25317>
- ILO Library Research Guide - Disability: <http://libguides.ilo.org/disability-en>

## UN Observances

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3 December  
<http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/>  
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>
- World Down Syndrome Day - 21 March  
<http://www.un.org/en/events/downsyndromeday/>
- World Autism Day - 2 April  
<http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/>

## UN Events

- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on "The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond" (23 September 2013)  
<http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/disability/>  
<http://un-library.tumblr.com/post/52635382314/un-general-assembly-first-high-level-meeting-for>