



Civil Society CRPD Forum

Monday 10 June 2024, 10:00am – 6:00pm

Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York

Format of the Civil Society Forum

The Civil Society Forum will follow a format of a “People’s Assembly” or a Townhall meeting. Following a brief opening, three substantive sessions will be held. The three sessions will be focused on specific pre-determined topics, namely mirroring the three COSP themes. The session will start off in a chat show style with the moderator very briefly laying out the outline of the topic. There will be no panel. Once the brief introduction is done, the moderator will invite organizations that have already been shortlisted through an open call for presentation to deliver a 3-minute statement, presentation or call to action on the topic in hand. Civil society organisations were invited to express interest in presenting during the CSF well in advance and short-listed applicants were informed. We will allocate 15 mins, per session, for any final interventions – these will be limited to one-minute reflections directly related to the discussion.

10:00–10:15 AM: Opening Session

Setting the scene, and explaining the format of the day

Tentative, times subject to change

10:15–11:30 AM

Session 1 – COSP theme 1: International cooperation to promote technology innovations and transfer for an inclusive future.

Moderated by: Mohammed Loutfy, G3ict

11:30–11:45 AM

Break

11:45 AM –1:00 PM

Session 2 Pt 1– COSP Theme 2: Persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Moderated by: Diane Bergeron, World Blind Union

1:00–3:00 PM

Lunch Break

3:00–4:00 PM

Session 2 Pt 2 – COSP Theme 2

Moderated by: Diane Bergeron, World Blind Union

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4:00–5:45 PM *(a 15-minute break will be built into this session)*

Session 3 – COSP theme 3: Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities to decent work and sustainable livelihood.

Moderated by: Waqar Puri, Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) Global

5:45–6:00 PM

Reflections, Wrap up and Closing
