



Disability

UN Entities

- **UN Programme on Disability:** <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability>
- United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy: <https://www.un.org/en/content/disabilitystrategy/>
- Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility: <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/special-envoy-of-the-secretary-general-on-disability-and-accessibility>
- Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development: <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/special-rapporteur-on-disability-of-the-commission-for-social-development>
- Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/crpd>
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Human Rights of persons with disabilities: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/disabilities>
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/sr-disability>
- International Labour Organization (ILO) – Disability and work: <https://www.ilo.org/topics-and-sectors/disability-and-work>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - Inclusion in Education: <https://www.unesco.org/en/inclusion-education>
 - Disability equality in the media: <https://www.unesco.org/en/media-pluralism-diversity/media-diversity/disability-equality-media>
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Children with disabilities: <https://www.unicef.org/disabilities>
- World Bank – Disability Inclusion: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/disability>
- World Health Organization (WHO) - Disabilities: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/disability>

UN Treaties, Declarations and Major Documents

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol (2006) <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/crpd/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd>
- Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (1993) <https://docs.un.org/A/RES/48/96>
- World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons (1982) <https://docs.un.org/A/37/351/Add.1> and <https://docs.un.org/A/37/351/Add.1/Corr.1>
- Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons (1975) [https://docs.un.org/A/RES/3447\(XXX\)](https://docs.un.org/A/RES/3447(XXX))
- OHCHR Studies, reports & papers: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/disabilities/reports>
- 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): <https://docs.un.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): <https://docs.un.org/E/CN.5/2017/4>
- Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by, for and with persons with disabilities: report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/2019/4, 21 November 2018): <https://docs.un.org/E/CN.5/2019/4>
- 2018 Flagship Report on Disability and Development: <https://docs.un.org/A/73/220>, <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/publication-disability-sdgs.html>
- Further documents – *click [here](#)*

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Marking International Day, Secretary-General says persons with disabilities essential in shaping inclusive, sustainable future for all people (SG/SM/22480, 26 November 2024): <https://press.un.org/en/2024/sqsm22480.doc.htm>
- Paralympic Games 'shine spotlight on possibilities, potential of more than 1 billion persons with disabilities', Secretary-General tells Conference (SG/SM/22344, 27 August 2024): <https://press.un.org/en/2024/sqsm22344.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General urges more efforts to provide people with disabilities access to assistive technologies, decent work, at Conference of States Parties' Session (DSG/SM/1912, 11 June 2024): <https://press.un.org/en/2024/dsgsm1912.doc.htm>
- Truly sustainable development for persons with disabilities means ensuring equal rights, ending discrimination, Secretary-General tells Commemorative Event (SG/SM/22062, 1 December 2023): <https://press.un.org/en/2023/sqsm22062.doc.htm>
- Marking International Day, Secretary-General urges world to work side by side with persons with disabilities, deliver solutions based on equal rights (SG/SM/22045, 22 November 2023): <https://press.un.org/en/2023/sqsm22045.doc.htm>
- Stressing United Nations commitment to inclusion, Secretary-General tells State Parties Conference on Disabilities Convention 'We must pick up the pace' (SG/SM/21835, 13 June 2023): <https://press.un.org/en/2023/sqsm21835.doc.htm>
- Stressing need to safeguard human rights in digital space, Secretary-General Observance Message urges full inclusion, accessibility for persons with disabilities (SG/SM/21601, 25 November 2022): <https://press.un.org/en/2022/sqsm21601.doc.htm>
- 'We need the leadership of persons with disabilities', Secretary-General tells States Parties to Convention, calling for inclusion on all fronts (SG/SM/21321, 14 June 2022): <https://press.un.org/en/2022/sqsm21321.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General stresses need to ensure all members of human family have chance at living full lives, in Message for Global Disability Summit (SG/SM/21143, 16 February 2022): <https://press.un.org/en/2022/sqsm21143.doc.htm>
- Assistive technology 'not only a right, but a practical pathway to inclusion', Deputy Secretary-General tells Global Disability Summit (DSG/SM/1678, 15 January 2022): <https://press.un.org/en/2022/dsgsm1678.doc.htm>
- Involving persons with disabilities in COVID-19 Pandemic Response key for building more inclusive, accessible world, Secretary-General Observance Message stresses (SG/SM/21040, 24 November 2021): <https://press.un.org/en/2021/sqsm21040.doc.htm>
- Recover better, build back accessible, Secretary-General tells Convention States Parties, stressing 'persons with disabilities must no longer be left behind' (SG/SM/20778, 15 June 2021): <https://press.un.org/en/2021/sqsm20778.doc.htm>

Selected Publications available online

- WHO Publications on Disabilities and rehabilitation: <https://bit.ly/45StZ2n>
- ILO Publications on Disability and work: <https://www.ilo.org/topics-and-sectors/disability-and-work#publications>
- Disability and Development Report 2024: Accelerating the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals by, for and with persons with disabilities (UN DESA): <https://social.desa.un.org/publications/un-flagship-report-on-disability-and-development-2024>

- Implementing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – the Role of Independent Monitoring Frameworks: Practical Guide (OHCHR, 2024): <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/publications/professional-training/CRPD-Practical-Guide-web-compressed.pdf>
- Businesses leading the way on disability inclusion: A compilation of good corporate practices (ILO, 2023): <https://www.ilo.org/publications/businesses-leading-way-disability-inclusion>
- 2023 Global Survey Report on Persons with Disabilities and Disasters (UNDRR): <https://www.undrr.org/report/2023-gobal-survey-report-on-persons-with-disabilities-and-disasters>
- Toolkit: ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OHCHR, 2023): <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/En-CRPD-Ratification-Toolkit.pdf>
- Toolkit: ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OHCHR, 2023): <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/En-OP-CRPD-Ratification-Toolkit.pdf>
- Included, Every Step of the Way: Upholding the rights of migrant and displaced children with disabilities (UNICEF, 2023) https://data.unicef.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Included_Every_Step_of_the_Way.pdf
- UN DESA Policy Brief No. 147: Old age inequality begins at birth: life course influences on late-life disability (4 January 2023): <https://bit.ly/45Rt9CM>
- Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities (WHO, December 2022): <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240063600>
- Policy Brief: A Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19 (May 2020): <https://bit.ly/45rMXgg>
 - Easy to read MS Word document: <https://bit.ly/3L3MDfH>
 - EPUB file: <https://bit.ly/3RinQZl>
- OHCHR Guidelines on COVID-19 and the rights of persons with disabilities (OHCHR, 2020): <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/ohchr-guidelines-covid-19-and-rights-persons-disabilities>
- International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities (2020): <https://social.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/migrated/15/2020/10/Access-to-Justice-EN.pdf>
- Pivoting to Inclusion: Leveraging Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis for Learners with Disabilities (World Bank, 2020): <https://bit.ly/3g9P52D>
- UN Disability and Development Report 2018 - Realizing the SDGs by, for and with persons with disabilities: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/publication-disability-sdgs.html>
- Report on the World Social Situation 2018 - Promoting Inclusion Through Social Protection: <https://desapublications.un.org/publications/report-world-social-situation-2018-promoting-inclusion-through-social-protection>
- Reporting on Disability: Guidelines for the media (ILO, 2nd ed. 2015): https://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): https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Publications/CRPD_TrainingGuide_PTS19_EN_Accessible.pdf
- Monitoring the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Guidance for Human Rights Monitors (April 2010): https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Disabilities_training_17EN.pdf
- It's About Ability: Learning Guide on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNICEF, 2009): https://www.unicef.org/media/85751/file/Its_About_Ability_Learning_Guide_EN.pdf
- It's About Ability: An explanation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNICEF, 2008): <https://www.unicef.org/reports/its-about-ability>
- From Exclusion to Equality: Realizing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention (October 2007): <https://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): <https://legal.un.org/avl/ha/crpd/crpd.html>
- ILO Library Research Guide - Disability: <https://libguides.ilo.org/disability-en>
- UNOG Library Research Guide - Disability Inclusion: <https://libraryresources.unog.ch/disability>

UN Observances & Events

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3 December
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities>
<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december>
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on “The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond” (23 September 2013)
<https://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/disability/>
<https://un-library.tumblr.com/post/52635382314/un-general-assembly-first-high-level-meeting-for>