Informative note for the participation of stakeholders in CRPD initiatives during the first half of 2021

**SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## 24th session of the CRPD (public programme of work: [here](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCRPD%2fPOW%2f24%2f31939&Lang=en))

**Dates and time:**

Monday, 8 March to 29 March 2021, 12:30- 14:30 Geneva time.

29 March 2021 to Thursday, 1 April 2021, 13:00-14:00 Geneva time.

**Format:**

All meetings will take place online. The platform will be confirmed closer to the session*.* Kindly note that the platform may experience incompatibility with JAWS and other speech to text programmes. International Sign and captioning in English will be available in public meetings. Interpretation is provided in English, French and Spanish.

**Meetings open to the public (all times are Geneva local time):**

8 March 2021 at 12:30: Opening meeting

12 March 2021 at 12:30 Online dialogue with Estonia

15 March 2021 at 12:30 continuation of the online dialogue with Estonia

17 March 2021 at 12:30 continuation online dialogue with Estonia

22 March 2021 at 12:30 General Discussion on the right of persons with disabilities to work and employment

24 March 2021 at 12:30 General Discussion on the right of persons with disabilities to work and employment

1 April at 14:30 closing meeting

**How to follow meetings open to the public?**

All public meetings are webcast on [UN Web TV](https://www.un.org/webcast/schedule/latest.html) in the three languages of the CPRD Committee, English, French and Spanish, with captioning in English and interpretation in International Sign.

**How to participate in meetings open to the public?**

1. Opening meeting: organizations of persons with disabilities or other interested participants that wish to take the floor should send a request to [crpd@ohchr.org](mailto:crpd@ohchr.org) no later than 1 March 2021. Speaking time will be divided among all speakers and shall be approximately 3-5 mins. An electronic version of your statement needs to be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
2. Online dialogue with Estonia: organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and other interested parties will be able to follow the dialogue in streaming ([UN Web TV](https://www.un.org/webcast/schedule/latest.html)). Those organizations willing to brief the Committee are invited to a **private meeting** on 10 March 2021 at 13:30 Geneva time. If your organization wants to participate, please send a request no later than 1 March 2021. Priority will be given to those organizations that also submit **written information** by 1 March 2021. Submissions should be in text (Word) files, not exceed **10,700** words and will be posted on the CRPD website unless you clearly indicate that they are confidential.
3. General Discussion on the right of persons with disabilities to work and employment: a **call for written submissions** is open from 25 January 2021. Please check [Committee’s website](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crpd/pages/crpdindex.aspx) for more information on making written submissions and participating in the general discussion.
4. Closing meeting: organizations or other interested participants that wish to take the floor should send a request to [crpd@ohchr.org](mailto:crpd@ohchr.org) no later than 1 March 2021.

## Regional consultations on deinstitutionalization, including emergency deinstitutionalization

Dates:

25 February 2021 regional consultation for OPDs in Central Asia and Eastern Europe

2 March 2021 regional consultation for OPDs from Spanish-speaking Latin American countries

Please consult the [Committee’s website](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crpd/pages/crpdindex.aspx) for more information.

## Contact

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The consideration of the initial reports of Bangladesh, Djibouti, France, Jamaica, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Lao People’s Democratic Republic have been postponed to the second half of 2021. Information on the specific dates of the consideration of these reports will be posted later on.