



# Disability Climate Caucus Overview

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## Introduction

This report was written by Marie Renahan, an independent consultant working with the European Disability Forum on the project “Mapping of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and other Organisations Constituting the UNFCCC Disability Caucus.” All data and results in this report were written in collaboration with members of the UNFCCC Disability Caucus. The aim of this report is to provide an analytical overview of the makeup of the caucus, highlighting the types of organisations in the caucus and their geographic distribution.

## Data Collection and Analysis

Caucus member organisations and individual representatives who had accepted the caucus Terms of Reference completed a brief survey with basic information (organisation name, geographic scale, observer status under the UNFCCC, etc.). Data analyzed in this report reflects survey responses as of 15 January, 2026. Any personally identifiable information (names, email addresses, etc.) was removed from the survey data prior to analysis to protect the identities of these individuals and minimize bias.

Each organisation or individual’s countr(ies) and global region(s) were initially determined based on survey responses from caucus members. Additional background research was conducted using the websites or social media pages linked in the survey or found online to determine geographic working locations when these details were not provided by survey respondents. Because the caucus and many of its members work on an international scale, several organisations were found to work in multiple global regions.

## Overall Membership

As of 15 January 2026, the Disability Caucus has **122 members** and includes members from all six inhabited continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and Oceania).

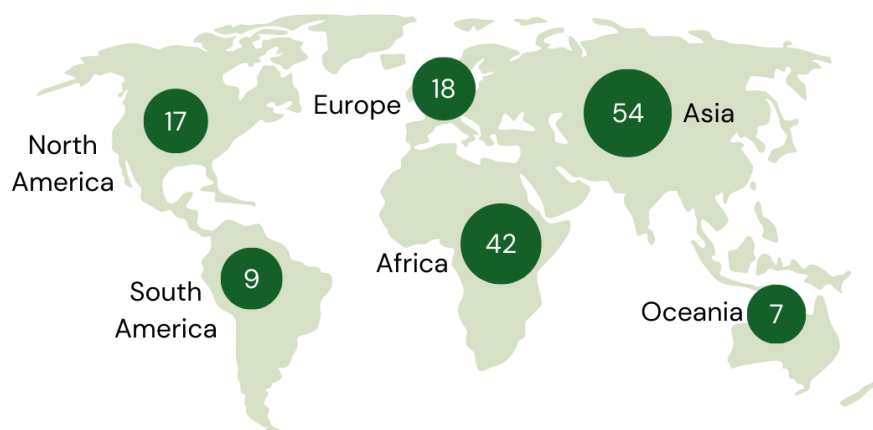
## Geographic Profile

The number of caucus member organisations and individuals operating in each global region varies by continent. 54 members operate in Asia, 42 in Africa, 18 in Europe, 17 in North America, 9 in South America, and 7 in Oceania. Many organisations work in more than one country or even more

than one continent. 40 members indicated that they are already working on an international scale. Some member organisations specifically work in only one country, including organisations that are affiliated with their national governments as well as nonprofits and research institutions. 47 unique countries were individually represented by these country-specific members.

### Geographic Profile Map

## The Disability Caucus has **GLOBAL REACH**



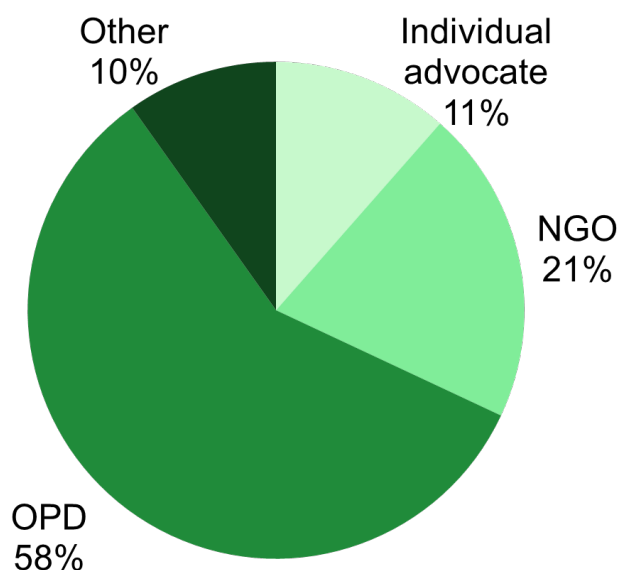
Number of caucus members operating in each region

### Membership Profile

The caucus is predominantly made up of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). OPDs made up 58% of the members of the caucus, followed by NGOs which made up 21% of the members. Individual Advocates, members who are not affiliated with a specific organisation, made up 11% of the caucus membership. Other members, which may include universities, research institutions, and government entities, made up the final 10% of the caucus.

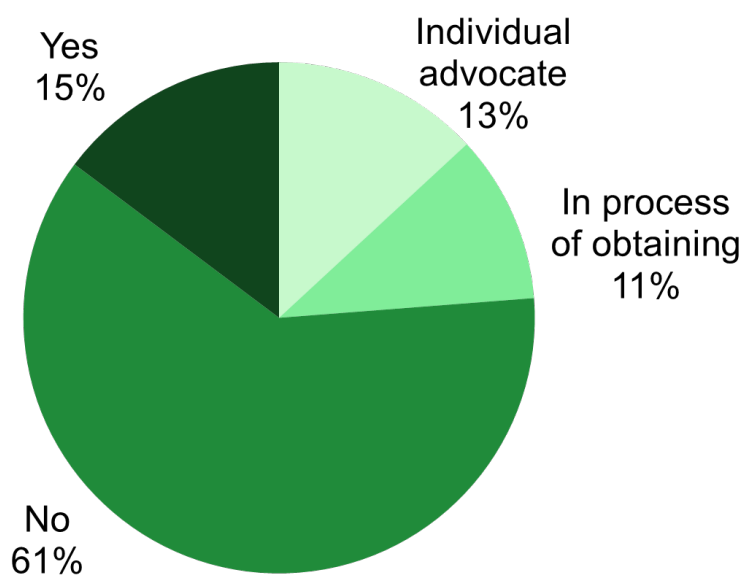
The fact that the caucus is made up of almost 60% OPDs highlights the caucus's emphasis on inclusion of persons with disabilities directly into the UNFCCC proceedings.

### Organisation Type



The survey also asked members about their accreditation status with the UNFCCC. 18 responded that they are already accredited observers to the UNFCCC, with an additional 13 members in process of attaining official accreditation. While many organisations have been involved with previous Conference of the Parties (COP) events or may have collaborated with the UNFCCC in other projects, only a few caucus members are actually formally recognized UNFCCC observers.

### UNFCCC Observer Accreditation



## Recommendations for Caucus Engagement and Communications

As the caucus continues to grow and push for formal constituency recognition from the UNFCCC, it is important that members stay coordinated and aligned in the group's mission. Improvements to the communications systems used by the caucus can help facilitate this. The current system of communicating updates to caucus members is an email list that the two focal points maintain on behalf of the caucus. Additionally, a WhatsApp group is used by both members and non-members to communicate updates.

The communications pathways within the caucus could be streamlined in several different ways—use of an email marketing platform (Mailchimp, Brevo, ActiveCampaign, etc.), group messaging platform (Facebook Groups, Skool, Basecamp), or simply a more direct use of the current email list and WhatsApp system. Some UNFCCC constituencies like the Research and Independent Non-Governmental Organisations ([RINGO](#)) operate similarly to the current Disability Caucus system by maintaining an email listserv with all members, and using WhatsApp sub-groups to coordinate smaller member groups on specific topics or events.

External communication will become increasingly important as the Disability Caucus gains a global platform and widens its reach. A public website would provide a landing page for anyone interested in the caucus to find contact information, learn about past work that the caucus and its members have done, and much more. Websites for the [Women and Gender Constituency](#) and the [Youth Constituency](#) (YOUNGO) serve as great examples of how a UNFCCC-recognized group might explain its mission or share network news updates, for example. Additionally, websites from caucus members like [Attiva Mente](#) display how accessibility features can be embedded into a website so that users can easily switch to a dyslexia-friendly font or change the contrast and text size for improved readability. The [World Blind Union](#) website can also serve as inspiration with its stylized but still easily navigable page.

Finally, brand guidelines and the use of social media should also be considered to improve external communications. Consistent use of a caucus logo, colour palette, and specific fonts can reflect the cohesion of the group and convey a sense of professionalism and togetherness on online platforms. As the caucus continues pursuing formal recognition as a constituency under the UNFCCC, it would be wise to begin drafting brand guidelines for the caucus to consider now and begin implementing at a future date. The same is true for social media platforms. The Disability Caucus should consider which platform(s) would best serve

caucus members and their networks for future use as a constituency. For example, LinkedIn and Facebook may be useful to many members who already use those platforms in a professional capacity, while platforms like X and TikTok may not be directly beneficial.

## Conclusion

The Disability Caucus is made of 122 members, with almost 60% of these members being Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (as of 15 January 2026). As the Disability Caucus continues to grow internationally and under the UNFCCC, overall membership and global reach of the member network will continue to expand. It is important that the communications strategies implemented by the caucus reflect the increasing need to coordinate internally and connect with external partners and prospective members. A website should be developed alongside a streamlined logo to create a consistent visual presence for the Disability Caucus moving forward.

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