

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December 2016, UN Headquarters , New York

Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been celebrated annually on 3 December around the world. The theme for this year's international Day was « **Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We want** ». This theme noted the recent adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the role of these goals in building a more inclusive and equitable world for persons with disabilities. This year's objectives included assessing the current status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and SDGs and laying the foundation for a future of greater inclusion for persons with disabilities.

Events at UN Headquarters

Friday, 2 December :

Events were organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with Member States, the UN system, academic institutions, civil society, disabled persons organizations, and the private sector

- Opening and High-level Panel Discussion on CRPD + 10, including a message from the UN Secretary-General .
- Accessible Cities United : mayors of cities from around the world shared their advances and plans for inclusive, accessible and sustainable cities for all, with special attention to persons with disabilities.
- Accessible Cities for All : this event brought together city leaders, celebrities, practitioners and decision makers to celebrate their successes in reducing inequalities and promoting inclusive development through improving accessibilities in cities.
- Global award for Good Practices in the Employment of Persons with Disabilities : organized by the Government of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- CRPD mobile App soft launch : this is the first mobile app of its kind, with the aim to raise awareness of this critical disability policy framework, its contents, and its significance for human rights and disability rights. This beta version of the mobile app will facilitate greater broad public understanding of the CRPD and feature a listing of the articles of the CRPD, as well as indices of countries that have signed and ratified the Convention with corresponding dates.
- Disability Inclusive Development in Africa : building Capacity for inclusive development : this event presented the main challenges persons with disabilities face in the Africa region, such as exclusion, discrimination and challenges to the enjoyment of their fundamental rights and inclusion in development.
- 10th Anniversary of the CRPD : A United Nations Celebration : this session reviewed ten years of progress in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

5CRPD) to achieve inclusive, accessible and sustainable society and development. The session concluded with a discussion of priorities which CRPD States parties and stakeholders will pursue for the next ten years.

- Heidi Latsky Dance Installation :it staged a movement installation of 20-30 performers who together formed a living gallery ;

- One billion voices digital exhibit entitled « I am.....1 of 1 billion voices » and created by a group of students

- UN Enable Film Festival : included short disability-related films selected on the basis of their content and message that could help raise awareness of disability issues.

- UN Enable Photograph Exhibition : this year the exhibition highlighted the positive ways in which the Convention has impacted the lives of people around the world.