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: http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/disability-and-work/lang--en/index.htm
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
  - Inclusion in Education: https://www.unesco.org/en/inclusion-education
  - ICTs for Persons living with Disabilities: http://en.unesco.org/partnerships/partnering/icts-persons-living-disabilities
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – Children with disabilities: https://www.unicef.org/disabilities
- World Bank – Disability Inclusion: http://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://undocs.org/A/RES/48/96
- World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons (1982) https://undocs.org/A/37/351/Add.1 and https://undocs.org/A/37/351/Add.1/Corr.1
- Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons (1975) https://undocs.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://undocs.org/A/71/344

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- 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://undocs.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://undocs.org/E/CN.5/2019/4
- 2018 Flagship Report on Disability and Development: https://undocs.org/A/73/220, https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/publication-disability-sdgs.html
- Further documents – *click here*

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- 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/sgsm21601.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/sgsm21321.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/sgsm21143.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/sgsm21040.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/sgsm20778.doc.htm
- Secretary-General's Observance Message stresses need to account for hopes, rights of persons with disabilities in accessible, sustainable post-pandemic world (SG/SM/20462, 1 December 2020): https://press.un.org/en/2020/sgsm20462.doc.htm
- United Nations aims to be 'employer of choice' for world's 1 billion persons with disabilities, Secretary-General tells Conference of States Parties (SG/SM/20456, 30 November 2020): https://press.un.org/en/2020/sgsm20456.doc.htm
- Promoting report on disability inclusion strategy, Deputy Secretary-General stresses need to measure progress, while raising standards, ambition (DSG/SM/1487, 15 October 2020): https://press.un.org/en/2020/dsgsm1487.doc.htm
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- Pivoting to Inclusion: Leveraging Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis for Learners with Disabilities (World Bank, 2020): https://bit.ly/3g9P52D
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- From Exclusion to Equality: Realizing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention (October 2007): http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/training14en.pdf

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- ILO Library Research Guide - Disability: http://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
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- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on "The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond" (23 September 2013)
  http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/disability/
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