***Nothing about us without us***

Raising our voices for the participation of persons with disabilities

in CRPD implementation and monitoring

The UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has endorsed a draft general comment on Articles 4.3 and 33.3 of the CRPD (you may access it by clicking: [**http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/GC.aspx**](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/GC.aspx)**)**, which will be discussed in the upcoming session. Its purpose is to provide further guidance to States on their obligations to consult and involve organisations of persons with disabilities in CRPD implementation and monitoring. This creates a unique opportunity for us, organisations of persons with disabilities, to raise our voice, and provide our concerns and views, based on our international, regional, national and local experiences. We must not let this opportunity pass!

We, at the International Disability Alliance, are enthusiastic of launching this online consultation to receive your insights on such a relevant topic for us and the overall future of CRPD implementation worldwide. We are also looking forward to collect examples of good practices, including legislations, regulations, and policies in your countries.

We estimate that responding to this online consultation takes around 15 minutes. We will be very thankful if you could provide your inputs soon and especially **before April 30**.

All the inputs will be made available to IDA’s members and will be reviewed to inform IDA’s advocacy and written submissions before the CRPD Committee till the adoption of the General Comment!

This online consultation is part of wider work of IDA to monitor the extent and quality of engagement and consultation of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations at all levels. Let’s stand by our main motto “Nothing about us without us” to have the General Comment that we need to ensure our rights! It is key and will be highly appreciated!

**Please complete this survey and send by email to** **ikocic@ida-secretariat.org** **by 30 April.**

**INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS**

i) Please indicate your country:

i2) If you wish to respond this online consultation with your experience at the **regional level**, please indicate the corresponding regional integration organisation:

Brief open answer **\*(150 characters)\***

**Important note**: *For the purpose of this online consultation, the reference to “country” in the following questions refers to:*

1. *States,* ***whether or not*** *they have ratified the CRPD,*
2. *regional integration organisations (Article 44 of the CRPD), such as the European Union which has ratified the CRPD.*

If you wish to respond to this online consultation, sharing your views from your country practices, and also sharing views on practices of the regional integration organization to which your country is party to, please respond separately for each, filling in the item above corresponding to the regional integration organization if your responses refer to it.

ii) Name (optional):

iii) Organisation (optional):

iv) Contact email (optional):

v) Are you a representative of

(a) organization of persons with disabilities (OPD),

(b) coalition of OPDs,

(c) other civil society organization,

(d) individual not representing any organization,

(e) academic institution,

(f) other.

**FIRST PART**

**Article 4.3: Close consultation and active involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities in CRPD implementation**

**1)** What is your general opinion on the way persons with disabilities and their representative organisations are guaranteed participation in public decision making processes in your country, in line with the “nothing about us without us” motto/slogan?

Brief open answer **\*(200 words)\***

**2)** In your country, are there mechanisms or procedures for individuals to participate in the **adoption** of legislation and public policies to implement the Convention?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**2a)** **If yes**, **in your opinion**, are they inclusive of and accessible to all persons with disabilities?

1. yes
2. partially
3. no

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**3)** In your country, are there mechanisms or procedures for individuals to participate in the **implementation** of public policies?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**3a)** **If yes**, **in your opinion,** are they inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities?

1. yes
2. partially
3. no

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**4)** Is there any **legislations, regulations or policies** that explicitly **require** broad consultation and involvement of representative organisations of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes concerning issues relating to them (article 4.3)?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**4a)** **If yes**, could you please refer to and/or provide us a link to the official source?

Brief Open answer \***(250 characters)\***

**4b) Is consulting with organisations of persons with disabilities required under legislation, regulation or public policy, at all levels of decision making, local, regional and state level?**

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

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**5)** Is there any **legislation that** explicitly establish a **permanent consultation mechanism or body** composed by **or** that includes organisations of persons with disabilities?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**5a)** **If yes**, could you please refer to and/or provide us a link to the official source?

Brief Open answer \***(250 characters)\***

**5b)** If there is a permanent consultation mechanism or body in place, what is **your opinion** on its structure and current functioning?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

**6)** If there is no legal or regulatory obligation to consult and involve organisations of persons with disabilities in public decision making, has there been **any informal practice of consulting** with persons with disabilities that you could share?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**6a) If yes**, could you please briefly describe the experience?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

**6b)** If the practice has been documented, could you please refer to and/or provide us a link to the official source?

Brief Open answer \***(250 characters)\***

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**7) In your opinion**, how should the State undertake consultations and involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities “in **decision-making processes** concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities” **in the following stages**?

*Please share with us your own views on how consultations should be undertaken and on whatever you consider key for the State officials to do for their successful development.*

1. BEFORE launching the process for adoption of a legislation, policy or decision

Brief open answer **\*(100 words)\***

1. DURING the process for the adoption of a legislation, policy or decision

Brief open answer **\*(100 words)\***

1. AFTER the adoption and for the implementation of a legislation, policy or decision

Brief open answer **\*(100 words)\***

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**8) In your opinion**, how do you think State decision makers should incorporate and/or reflect the results of consultations in the decisions adopted?

*Please share with us your insights on how decision makers should consider and assess the views of organisations of persons with disabilities in the public decision-making process.*

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

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**9)** Please explain if any public body provides funding to OPDs to support their work in representing and advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**9a) If yes**, how does it work in practice?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

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10) Please explain if any **independent umbrella organisation that represent a united and diverse voice of persons with disabilities** in your State party receives public funding to allow for adequate consultation and involvement in decision making processes?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**10a) If yes**, how does it work in practice?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

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**11)** Please explain if any public body provides capacity building to OPDs?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**11a) If yes**,how does it work in practice?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

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**12)** Has there been any **administrative or judicial decision by a court or another public body** upholding and enforcing the right to close consultation and involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**12a) If yes**, could you please refer to and/or provide us a link to the official source?

Brief Open answer \***(250 characters)\***

**SECOND PART**

**Article 33: Participation of organisations of persons with disabilities in monitoring of CRPD implementation**

**1)** Has your State appointed the independent monitoring mechanism required by Article 33.2 of the CRPD to monitor State compliance with the CRPD?

a) yes

b) no

c) not aware

**1a) If yes**, could you please identify the body appointed and provide a source?

Brief open answer **\*(150 words)\***

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**2)** is there **any legislation, regulation or policy** that explicitly require participation of organisations of persons with disabilities **in monitoring** CRPD implementation?

Answer: yes or no or not aware

**2a) If yes**, could you please refer to and/or provide us a link to the official source?

Brief Open answer \***(250 characters)\***

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**3)** **In your opinion**, how should the State increase participation of organisations of persons with disabilities in **monitoring** of CRPD implementation?

*Please share with us your insights on how State officials should increase participation of organisations of persons with disabilities in monitoring of CRPD implementation. What should they do? What should they foresee?*

Brief open answer **\*(200 words)\***

**Additional comments or recommendations**

Are there any further comments or recommendations you wish to share with regards to ensuring participation of persons with disabilities in implementation and monitoring of the CRPD, as per the “nothing about us without us” motto?”

Brief open answer **\*(200 words)\***