**Conference of States Parties**

**to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

12-14 June 2018

**Nomination Form: Opening and Closing Session Speakers, Conference of States Parties**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY 20 APRIL**

**Overview:**

The 11th session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place from Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 June 2017 at UN Headquarters in New York. On Monday 11 June, a Civil Society CRPD Forum will be held to complement the Conference.

The overarching theme of the Conference is **“Leaving no one behind through the full implementation of the CRPD**”.

The COSP Bureau has invited civil society, through the Civil Society Coordination Mechanism (CSCM), to select two civil society speakers, one for the opening session and one for the closing session of the Conference. Applicants must have demonstrated knowledge on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and must be actively engaged in working for the rights of persons with disabilities nationally, regionally or globally.

**Applicants must be able to cover the cost of any flights, visas, accommodation and daily expenses. Applicants who require funding will not be considered.**

**If you would like to nominate a speaker for the opening or closing sessions, please fill out the form below and submit to** **tavades@ida-secretariat.org** **with subject ‘*Opening and Closing Session Speakers*’ by Friday 20 April. Please note the nomination criteria below when making your submission.**

**Only one submission from each applicant will be accepted.**

**Nomination Criteria:**

1. Person with a disability
2. Nominated by an organization (no individual nominations)
3. Demonstrated record of working for the rights of persons with disabilities nationally, regionally or globally
4. Demonstrated knowledge of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
5. Commitment to upholding and promoting all articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
6. Demonstrated commitment to working for the benefit of persons with disabilities across all constituencies
7. Availability to be present at the Civil Society CRPD Forum (11 June) and Conference (12 – 14 June)

Consideration of gender balance, regional representation and disability constituency will be taken into account. Speakers will be selected through the voting process established by the Civil Society Coordination Mechanism. Successful applicants only will be notified by email by Friday 27 April.

**NOMINATION FORM**

1. **Organization Nominating the Representative:**
2. **Organization Status (DPO, NGO, Other):**
3. **First Name:**
4. **Last Name:**
5. **Gender:**
6. **Email Address of the Individual:**
7. **Organization’s Representation (National/Regional/Global):**
8. **If Applicable, Country/Region the Organization Represents:**
9. **Disability Constituency the Organization Represents:**
10. **Country in which the applicant is based:**
11. **Do you have funding to attend the event in New York (Yes or No):**
12. **Which session would you like to be considered for? (Please select one of the following three options):**
* Opening Session (Tuesday 12 June)
* Closing session: “Interactive dialogue with States Parties on the implementation of the Convention” (Thursday 14 June)
* Opening or Closing Session
1. **Experience:**
	1. What is your experience with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and what initiatives, actions or measures have you been involved in regarding the implementation of the CRPD? Please provide specific examples. (max. 300 words)
	2. What key elements would you highlight as speaker? (max. 200 words)
2. **General Speaker Bio (Max. 200 Words):**