

Civil Society Forum under the auspice of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Conference of States Parties (CoSP) to the UN CRPD  
*Conference Room 4 | United Nations Headquarters, New York*  
*10 June 2019 | 10am to 6pm*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

The [Civil Society Coordination Mechanism](#), facilitated by the [International Disability Alliance](#) will host a Civil Society Forum, as an addition to the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the CoSP to the CRPD, to leverage the opportunity to amplify the voice and facilitate the adequate and active participation of persons with disabilities, in particular the most marginalised groups.

We will dedicate a session in the afternoon - 3.00 – 4.30pm - for an interactive dialogue on “Protecting the rights of children with disabilities to live with their family”, through deinstitutionalization & inclusive education, and access to community-based support services, health & adequate medical services.

**Background on this theme**

SDG 4 (ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) will be under review for this year’s High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), therefore it will be crucial to collect technical input from the participants of the CoSP 12 to better frame the debate during the HLPF in July 2019. In addition, in 2019, there will be a resolution in the General Assembly to address deinstitutionalization and inclusive education (third committee resolution on institutional care and the rights of children without parental care). Finally, as stipulated in [Resolution 72/245](#), the UN General Assembly has invited the Independent Expert for the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty to submit a final report on the Study during its 74<sup>th</sup> session in September 2019. As such, it will be key to hold a debate on this theme at the expert-level in order to properly frame the language of the resolution and to contribute to the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty report. The forum will also provide an open a discussion on community-based support services, including support for families, personal assistance, health, habilitation and rehabilitation services.

**Format of session**

After brief introductions and remarks, the moderators will open to the floor for general debate and dialogue. Participants will be welcome to make statements and provide substantive inputs to the **Civil Society Statement** on this topic, that will be issued shortly after the Forum.

**Statements**

**Please send your statements prior to the discussion, directly to [tavades@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:tavades@ida-secretariat.org).** Participants are asked to keep statements to 3 minutes, to ensure a breadth of input to the statement. Reasonable accommodation will be taken into consideration. Please consider accessibility of your statements (including in plain language). The meeting will be held in English only. International Sign and close captioning will be provided.