**Conference of States Parties**

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

12-14 June 2018

**Nomination Form: Civil Society Co-Chair, Thematic Round Tables**

**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**”. Three round tables will address the following themes:

* **Roundtable One:** National fiscal space, public-private partnerships and international cooperation for strengthening the implementation of the CRPD
* **Roundtable Two:** Women and girls with disabilities
* **Roundtable Three:** Political participation and equal recognition before the law

**Cross-cutting theme:**

Promoting high-quality disability statistics and disaggregation of data by disability status for the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities

The COSP Bureau has invited civil society, through the Civil Society Coordination Mechanism (CSCM), to select a civil society co-chair for each of the round tables. Co-chairs are required to co-moderate the round table with a high-level Member State representative of the COSP Bureau. Applicants must have demonstrated expertise on the round table theme for which they are applying. Experience in facilitation of high-level events (national, regional or global) is required. Strong proficiency in writing is preferred.

**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 co-chair for a round table, please fill out the form below and submit to** **tavades@ida-secretariat.org** **with the subject title ‘Co-chair, Thematic Round Tables’ 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. Demonstrated expertise on the round table topic the applicant is nominated for
8. Availability to be present at the Civil Society CRPD Forum (12 June) and Conference (13 – 15 June)

Consideration of gender balance, regional representation and disability constituency will be taken into account. Co-chairs 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 round table would you like to co-chair? (Please select one only):**
* **Roundtable One:** National fiscal space, public-private partnerships and international cooperation for strengthening the implementation of the CRPD
* **Roundtable Two:** Women and girls with disabilities
* **Roundtable Three:** Political participation and equal recognition before the law
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 is your experience on the theme for which you would like to be considered? (max. 200 words)
	3. What key elements would you highlight as co-chair? (max. 200 words)
2. **General Speaker Bio (Max. 200 Words):**