

# Civil Society CRPD Forum

Monday 14 June 2021 | 9:00am – 12:00pm EDT

Registration & More Information [Available Here](#)

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## 9:00–9:30 AM: Opening Session

**Moderated by:** Mohammed Ali Loutfy, *Civil Society Coordination Mechanism*

Mark Lowcock, *Under-Secretary General of OCHA*  
Ambassador Jukka Salovaara, *Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN*  
Kari Hauge Riisøen, *Government of Norway*  
Ana Lucia Arellano, *International Disability Alliance*  
Andrew Parsons, *International Paralympic Committee*

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**9:30 – 10:00 AM:** The Covid-19 Pandemic: What do we know and what is being done?

**Moderated by:** Dominic Haslam, *International Disability and Development Consortium*

### Research Updates:

- Mohammed Ali Loutfy, *Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities*
- Angelique Hardy, *International Disability and Development Consortium*

### Speakers:

- Elham Youssefian, *International Disability Alliance*
  - Sarah Kamau, *United Disabled People of Kenya*
  - Yeni Rosa Damayanti, *Transforming Communities for Inclusion*
  - Ohyong Kweon, *Korean Alliance for Mobilizing Inclusion of people with Psychosocial Disabilities*
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**10:00 – 10:50 AM:** Our Communities Online: How are we adapting to this online world?

**Moderated by:** Gagan Chhabra, *Atlas Alliance*

**Speakers:**

- Sonnia Margarita Villacrès Mejía, *World Federation of the Deafblind*
  - Dipendra Manocha, *DAISY Consortium*
  - Jenny Lay-Flurrie, *Microsoft*
  - Joseph Murray, *World Federation of the Deaf*
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**11:00 – 11: 50 AM: Our Communities “IRL” In Real Life: The Right to Live Independently in the Community**

**Moderated by:** Alexandre Cote, *UNICEF*

**Speakers:**

- Bhargavi Davar, *Transforming Communities for Inclusion*
  - Fatma Wangare, *Inclusion International*
  - Adolf Ratzka, *Independent Living Institute*
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**11:50 AM – 12:00 PM: Concluding Comments and Closing Remarks**

- Jose Viera, *Civil Society Coordination Mechanism*
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