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Global News

• 13th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on Haiti

The Council adopted a resolution, which includes a reference to persons with disabilities. IDA delivered a short statement and requested that the Human Rights Council include persons with disabilities in this resolution. To access this resolution, please click the links here: [pdf version](#) or [word version](#)

• Fourth session of the Advisory Committee (January 25-29)

IDA had submitted a contribution to this session, which included the proposal to add a specific reference to persons with disabilities in the draft declaration on human rights education and training being prepared by the Advisory Committee. During this session, IDA made a short statement based on the written contribution. Finally, the revised declaration includes a reference to persons with disabilities in the paragraph 7 of the Annex. Please [click here](#) to see this declaration, which will be discussed at the upcoming 13th session of the Human Rights Council.

• CRPD Ratifications reach 79

The ratifications of the CRPD in February by Ukraine and Zambia have increased to 79 the number of States Parties to the CRPD. Ratification by Ukraine and Nicaragua of the Optional Protocol (OP) increased to 50 the number of the States Parties to the OP. The signature of the OP by Latvia increases to 88 the number of signatures to the OP, while the Convention has 144 signatures.

Treaty Bodies

• **The 45th session of the CEDAW Committee** took place from January 18 to February 5 in Geneva. The Committee held two sessions with NGOs: Monday, January 18, for Uzbekistan, Ukraine and Malawi and Monday, January 25, for UAE, Netherlands, Egypt, Botswana and Panama.

The IDA Secretariat presented on Monday, January 25, its work to mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities in all treaty

bodies. Based on the analysis made of the State reports under review in this session, IDA highlighted the little attention given to the rights of women with disabilities by States in their reports and gave some examples on how the Committee could increase and improve the attention of States to the rights of women with disabilities in the future. IDA has also made proposals for concluding observations and lists of issues, which were uploaded on the CEDAW website.

• **The CRC Committee**, in its 53rd session, considered from January 11-29 reports from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ecuador, El Salvador, Norway, Mongolia, Paraguay and Tajikistan. OPSC: Ecuador; El Salvador; Estonia; Mongolia and Sierra Leone. OPAC: Ecuador; Israel; Liechtenstein; Mongolia and Sierra Leone. To have access to the disability analysis of the Concluding Observations adopted by the Committee during this session, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Session of the Human Rights Council

The 13th session of the Human Rights Council will take place from March 1-26, in Geneva. IDA has undertaken a disability analysis of the reports that have been prepared for the 13th session of the Council.

The following **Special Procedures reports**, which have been presented to the 13th session of the Human Rights Council, include references to persons with disabilities: Special Rapporteur on adequate housing; Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Independent Expert on minority issues; Working Group on arbitrary detention; Working Group on involuntary disappearances; Special Rapporteur on the right to food and Special Rapporteur on Torture. For detailed information on the references to persons with disabilities in these reports, please [click here](#).

All **UPR Working Group reports**, which were prepared at the 6th session of the UPR (November 30 to December 11, 2009) and will be presented to the 13th session of the Council, include references to persons with disabilities. [Click here](#) for the disability analysis of these reports.

Panel on the rights of persons with disabilities

On March 5, the Human Rights Council will hold a debate on national implementation and monitoring frameworks of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. For detailed information, please [click here](#).

To support the debate, the Office of the High Commissioner has produced a thematic study on the structure and role of national mechanisms for the implementation and monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of

Persons with Disabilities. To access this study click here for [PDF version](#) and here for [Word version](#)

Other reports

IDA has undertaken an analysis of other reports that have also been prepared for the 13th session of the Human Rights Council. Especially relevant is the report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, which includes the IDA contribution to the consultation undertaken by the OHCHR following Human Rights Council Resolution 10/6 on international cooperation. [Click here](#) to access this analysis.

Upcoming Meetings

The 3rd session of the CRPD Committee will take place from February 22-26, in Geneva. The draft agenda and programme of work for this session are now available on the CRPD Committee website. Most of the meetings of the Committee are planned to be closed and will focus on finalising rules of procedure and working methods. The Committee will also discuss follow-up issues related to the day of general discussion on Article 12 (including the option to draft a General Comment on Article 12) as well as plans for a day of general discussion to be held at the fourth session of the CRPD Committee. IDA has invited all members of the CRPD Committee to a joint meeting in the afternoon of Sunday, February 21, the day before the CRPD Committee will meet. For further information on the 3rd session of the CRPD Committee

(draft agenda and Programme of work), please [click here](#).

The 98th session of the Human Rights Committee (March 8-26) will consider reports from New Zealand, Argentina, Mexico and Uzbekistan. [Click here](#) for the references to Persons with disabilities in state reports, list of issues and written replies.

IDA has prepared a document with suggested recommendations for the Concluding Observations that will be adopted by the Committee during this session. [Click here](#) for this document (uploaded on the Human Rights Committee website).

During this session, **the Human Rights Committee Task Forces** will consider the following states reports, which will be revised in the next sessions: Jordan, Hungary, Serbia, Poland and Belgium. For the disability analysis of the reports submitted by these States, please [click here](#).

IDA prepared a document with suggested questions for the list of issues, which could be made by the Committee to the States under review. [Click here](#) to access this document.

About the IDA Disability Rights Bulletin

This bulletin is intended for experts advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities, in particular within the Geneva-based human rights framework. It is prepared by the IDA CRPD Forum, which also provides support to the Group of States Friends of the CRPD.

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