## 25th session of the CRPD (public programme of work [coming](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCRPD%2fPOW%2f24%2f31939&Lang=en) soon)

During the 25th session, the CRPD Committee will consider the initial reports of Djibouti and France.

**Dates and time:**

Monday, 16 August to 14 September 2021, 12:30- 14:30 Geneva time.

**These meetings are open to the public (all times are Geneva local time):**

Monday 16 August 2021 at 12:30: Opening meeting. The Committee invites you to share the efforts you and your organizations are taking to fulfil “building back better, an inclusive response and recovery of Covid-19 pandemic for persons with disabilities” from a human rights perspective.

Wednesday 18 August 2021 at 12:30 Online dialogue with France

Friday 20 August 2021 at 12:30 continuation of the online dialogue with France

Monday 23 August 2021 at 12:30 continuation online dialogue with France

Friday 27 August 2021 at 12:30 Online dialogue with Djibouti

Monday 30 August 2021 at 12:30 continuation of the online dialogue with Djibouti

Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 12:30 continuation of the online dialogue with Djibouti

Tuesday 14 September 2021 at **14:00** closing meeting: opportunity for interacting with the Committee.

You can follow the meetings open to the public on[**UN Web TV**](https://www.un.org/webcast/schedule/latest.html) in the three languages of the CPRD Committee: English, French and Spanish, with captioning in English and interpretation in International Sign.

**How to participate in meetings open to the public?**

1. Opening meeting: organizations of persons with disabilities or other interested participants that wish to take the floor should send a request to [jaraya@ohchr.org](mailto:jaraya@ohchr.org) no later than 6 August 2021. Speaking time will be divided among all speakers and shall be approximately 3 minutes. An electronic version of your statement needs to be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
2. Online dialogue with France: organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and other interested parties will be able to follow the dialogue in streaming ([UN Web TV](https://www.un.org/webcast/schedule/latest.html)). Organizations willing to brief the Committee on the country-specific situation of persons with disabilities are invited to a **private meeting** on 16 August 2021 at 13:30 Geneva time. If your organization wants to participate, please send a request no later than 6 August 2021. Priority will be given to those organizations that also submit **written information** by 6 August 2021. Submissions should be in text (Word) files and below **10,700** words. Written submissions will be posted on the CRPD website unless you clearly indicate that they are confidential.
3. Online dialogue with Djibouti: organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and other interested parties will be able to follow the dialogue in streaming ([UN Web TV](https://www.un.org/webcast/schedule/latest.html)). Organizations willing to brief the Committee on the country-specific situation of persons with disabilities are invited to a **private meeting** on 25 August 2021 at 13:30 Geneva time. If your organization wants to participate, please send a request no later than 6 August 2021. Priority will be given to those organizations that also submit **written information** by 6 August 2021. Submissions should be in text (Word) files and below **10,700** words. Written submissions will be posted on the CRPD website unless you clearly indicate that they are confidential.
4. Draft General Comment on the right of persons with disabilities to work and employment: Please consult the [Committee’s website](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx) for updated information.
5. Closing meeting: organizations of persons with disabilities and other interested parties that wish to take the floor should send a request to [jaraya@ohchr.org](mailto:crpd@ohchr.org) no later than 6 August 2021.

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The consideration of the initial reports of Bangladesh, Jamaica, Japan, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Lao People’s Democratic Republic have been postponed to future sessions. Information on the specific dates of the consideration of these reports will be posted later on.