**Articles 1 to 4 - List of illustrative indicators on the purpose, definitions, principles and general obligations of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

**Attributes/Indicators**

* **CRPD and its OP Status and legal harmonization**
* **Institutional framework and policy development**
* **Participation of persons with disabilities**

**Structure**

1/4.1 Absence or effective withdrawal of:

- any reservation issued when ratifying or acceding to the CRPD; and/or

- any interpretative declaration made to provisions of the CRPD which are incompatible with the object and purpose of the treaty.

1/4.2 Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD.

1/4.3 Adoption of appropriate measure(s) to incorporate the CRPD in the domestic legal order and/or ensure its direct applicability and enforceability by courts.[[1]](#endnote-1)

1/4.4 Legislation enacted on the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the purpose, definitions, principles and general obligations of the CRPD.[[2]](#endnote-2)

1/4.5 Existence of a national plan/strategy for legal harmonisation in line with the CRPD.[[3]](#endnote-3)

1/4.6 Adoption of a national action plan/strategy for the implementation of the Convention, which includes timeframes, specific indicators and benchmarks, and data collection and disaggregation by disability and resource allocation.[[4]](#endnote-4)

1/4.7 Legal and/or statutory appointment of one or more focal points within government (i.e. in all branches and levels of government; all ministries, etc.) with sufficient authority to mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities for implementation of the Convention (idem 33.1)

1/4.8 To enhance national implementation, legal and/or statutory appointment of a coordination mechanism within government to facilitate related action in different sectors and levels, with a clear structure, mandate, leadership, and sufficient authority to ensure mainstreaming and implementation of the Convention (idem 33.2)

1/4.9 Legal or administrative provision( which establish inclusive and accessible procedures and mechanisms for the involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, across all disability constituencies, in the development and implementation of legislation and policies to implement the Convention (similar 33.7)[[5]](#endnote-5)

1/4.10 Legislation enacted on the right to freedom of association inclusive of persons with disabilities, notably supporting the development of organizations of persons with disabilities, including protection against intimidation, harassment and reprisals, particularly when expressing dissenting opinions (idem 29).

1/4.11 Legal provision(s) requiring allocation of funds from national budget to financially support the development and strengthening of organizations of persons with disabilities to participate in the development and implementation of legislation and policies to implement the Convention.[[6]](#endnote-6) (similar 33.8)

**Process**

1/4.12 Any disability assessment and certification systems must be compatible with the CRPD, free of charge and accessible to all persons with disabilities, including in rural and remote areas.[[7]](#endnote-7)

1/4.13 Overall budget allocated for the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights of persons with disabilities.

1/4.14 Budget allocated to undertaking or promoting research and development of:

* Universally designed goods, services, equipment and facilities.
* New technologies including information and communication technologies, mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies, giving priority to those at an affordable cost.

1/4.15 Regulations and measures to ensure registration systems of civil society organizations (e.g. associations, foundations, etc.) that are simple, flexible, expeditious, fully accessible, non- onerous and/or free of charge (idem 29.22)

1/4.16 Budget allocated from national budget and distributed among organizations of persons with disabilities, for their strengthening and to ensure their participation in the development and implementation of legislation and policies in line with the Convention. (similar 33.18)

1/4.17 Number of capacity building activities funded by the State to strengthen the capacity of organisations of persons with disabilities. (similar 33.19)

1/4.18 Number of public officials involved in consultation process, trained on non-discrimination and the provision of reasonable accommodation.

1/4.19 Awareness raising campaigns and activities to promote and inform persons with disabilities, their families and the general public, on the rights of persons with disabilities under the CRPD, including dissemination of the CRPD and of the General Comments by the CRPD Committee.

1/4.20 Number and proportion of public officials and relevant professionals, including e.g. judges, law enforcement officials, health care professionals, teachers, trained on the rights of persons with disabilities, including on reasonable accommodation, procedural accommodation and universal design.

1/4.21 Consultation processes undertaken to ensure active involvement of children, youth and adults with disabilities, including through their representative organizations, in the design, implementation and monitoring of laws, regulations, policies and programs related to the rights of persons with disabilities under the CRPD, disaggregated by topic and geographical location.[[8]](#endnote-8)

1/4.22 Number of received complaints alleging non-compliance with CRPD provisions, investigated and adjudicated in favour of the complainant, disaggregated by kind of mechanism, and the proportion of these complied with by the government or duty bearer.

**Outcome**

1/4.23 Number of remaining reservations and/or interpretative declarations to provisions of the CRPD.

1/4.24 Number of judicial decisions from national high-courts on the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the CRPD per year.

1/4.25 Number of relevant legislation reformed to be harmonized with the CRPD and its provisions.

1/4.26 Number of persons with disabilities who have undergone a disability assessment and are in possession of disability certification, based on administrative data of the disability assessment(s) and certification system compatible with the CRPD.

1/4.27 Number of research projects funded by the State which are concluded or on-going on

- Universally designed goods, services, equipment and facilities.

- New technologies, including information and communication technologies, mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies

1/4.28 Number and proportion of organizations of persons with disabilities, taking part in consultation processes for the implementation of the CRPD, disaggregated by kind of organization of persons with disability,[[9]](#endnote-9) constituency represented among persons with disabilities and geographical location (based on 33.26).

1/4.29 Number of persons with disabilities and organizations benefitting from capacity building activities funded or provided by the State, disaggregated by age, sex, disability and geographical location.

1/4.30 Proportion of population who believe decision making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group (SDG indicator 16.7.2) (Idem 29.32).

**ANNEX**

1. The appropriate measure(s) will vary depending on their legal traditions. In some cases, ratification of an international human rights law instrument is sufficient for its incorporation in the domestic legal order and direct application. In other cases, passing a national legislation is a mandatory step. In connection to this, official translation to the national language of the Convention must be available and be fully respectful of the text and meaning of the Convention. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Such legislation must:

   Fully enshrine the human rights model of disability and seek to eliminate the charity and medical models;

   Include the concept of persons with disabilities in line with article 1 of the Convention, recognizing all persons with disabilities as right-holders, irrespective of age, sex, faith, race, gender identity or sexual orientation, migrant or other status, including persons with psychosocial disabilities and other groups;

   Reaffirm the definitions and principles provided in articles 2 and 3 of the Convention;

   Ensure protection of persons with disabilities against discrimination on the grounds of disability and on other grounds on equal basis with others and recognize that the denial of reasonable accommodation amounts to disability-based discrimination;

   * require amendment or repeal of existing laws, regulations, customs and practices that constitute discrimination against persons with disabilities;
   * prohibit from engaging in any act or practice that is inconsistent with the principles and provisions of the Convention and ensure that public authorities and institutions act in conformity with the them;

   Ensure that national data collection efforts (census, surveys, administrative data systems) are inclusive of persons with disabilities and disaggregate all relevant data “by disability”

   Prevent the use of and repeal pejorative terminology to refer to persons with disabilities;

   Ensure the availability of effective remedies in case of violation of or non-compliance with the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as appropriate sanctions of perpetrators;

   Not refer to policies aimed at prevention of primary impairments as a measure of implementation of the Convention and the rights of persons with disabilities;

   Ensure close consultation with and active involvement of persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Such plan must ensure:

   mainstreaming of the human rights based approach to disability as enshrined in the CRPD perspective in all legislations and plans of actions;

   * amending or repealing existing laws, regulations, customs and practices that constitute discrimination against persons with disabilities;
   * prohibiting from engaging in any act or practice that is inconsistent with the principles and provisions of the Convention and ensure that public authorities and institutions act in conformity with the them;

   Repealing pejorative terminology to refer to persons with disabilities;

   Close consultation with, and active involvement of persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. This must include measures to:

   * ensure mainstreaming of the human rights based approach to disability as enshrined in the CRPD across general policies and include disability specific measures as required;
   * Explicitly incorporate provisions in connection to women, children and older persons with disabilities, recognizing multiple and intersecting identities of persons with disabilities.
   * ensure appropriate budget allocation with the adoption of a marker on disability to track budgeting and spending;
   * undertake or promote research and development of universally designed goods, services, equipment and facilities.
   * undertake or promote research and development of new technologies, including information and communication technologies, mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies, giving priority to those at an affordable cost.
   * Provide accessible information to persons with disabilities about mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies, including new technologies, as well as other forms of assistance, support services and facilities;
   * conduct training and capacity building of professionals and staff working with persons with disabilities in the rights recognized in the CRPD;
   * ensure close consultation with, and active involvement of persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations.

   [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Such provisions must ensure that:

   Mechanisms for and information about consultation processes are available in accessible formats for all persons with disabilities.

   Mechanisms for consultation allow for meaningful participation, by providing clear and sufficient timeframes for organizations of persons with disabilities to conduct internal processes of consultation towards their members and prepare their inputs.

   Consultation mechanisms and processes are inclusive of all constituencies and backgrounds among persons with disabilities, including women, children, older persons, refugees and asylum seekers, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities, persons with hearing and visual impairments, persons living with HIV/AIDS, persons living in rural areas and persons in need of a high level of support.

   Decision makers take into account the results of such consultations and reflect them in the decisions adopted. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Particular attention should be put on supporting the development of organizations of: women with disabilities, children with disabilities, persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities. Funding schemes should not compromise the independence of organizations of persons with disabilities in determining their advocacy agenda nor compromise their freedom to engage with the United Nations’ human rights mechanisms. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Such a systems should:

   assess the needs, will and preferences of the individuals concerned,

   focus on the elimination of barriers and the promotion of the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in society. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. This indicator requires verifying concrete activities undertaken by public authorities to involve persons with disabilities in decision-making processes related to issues that directly or indirectly affect them in line with article 4.3 of the CRPD, including consultation meetings, technical briefings, online consultation surveys, call for comments on drafts legislations and policies, among other participatory methods. In this regard, see General Comment no 7 of the CRPD Committee (CRPD/C/GC/7) where it is elaborated that States must:

   ensure that consultation processes are transparent;

   ensure provision of appropriate and accessible information;

   not withhold information, condition or prevent organizations of persons with disabilities from freely expressing their opinions;

   include both registered and unregistered organizations;

   ensure early and continuous involvement; and

   cover related expenses of participants (e.g. transport and other expenses to attend meetings and technical briefings). [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. Including explicitly information on organizations of women with disabilities, children with disabilities and youth with disabilities. See CRPD Committee’s General comment no 7 on Articles 4(3) and 33(3) of the CRPD, [↑](#endnote-ref-9)