Questionnaire on the right of persons with disabilities to participation in decision-making  
  
Questions for civil society (English):  
  
1. Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place in your country related to the status, establishment, resourcing, and functioning of representative organizations of persons with disabilities at the national, regional and local levels;  
  
**On the right of women with disabilities to participation in decision-making (Japan)**

There is no legislative and policy framework for this in Japan.  
  
Concerning the actual situation  
Of the 28 members of the Cabinet Office’s Second Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities (CPPD)\*, only two are women with disabilities. These two members are continuing to voice their opinion that more women with disabilities should be included in the Commission, but no progress is being made.  
There are efforts being made to gain participation by women with disabilities in local municipalities, and there are actual cases where these views are reflected in local municipality ordinances and basic plans for persons with disabilities. (Examples are the Okinawa Prefecture ordinance, Kyoto Prefecture ordinance, Hyogo Prefecture basic plan, etc.) At present there are no national Diet members who have disabilities. While in local assemblies there are a small number of assembly members who have disabilities, there are very few women assembly members with disabilities.  
  
 \*The Cabinet Office’s Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities (CPPD) is the independent monitoring mechanisms as stated in the article 33 of the CPRD  
  
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