# **Elections 2024**

# **Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

# **Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**

# **Human Rights Committee (HR Cttee)**

# **Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**

Questionnaire for candidates

Four UN Treaty Bodies, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Human Rights Committee (HRCttee), and Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), will have elections organised in 2024.

In order to strengthen the treaty bodies, the International Disability Alliance, Child Rights Connect and IWRAW Asia-Pacific – as part of [TB-Net](https://tbnet.org/en/), the NGO network on the UN Treaty Bodies – seek to promote quality, independence and diversity of treaty body membership through transparent and participators nomination and elections processes.

This questionnaire, which is sent to all nominated candidates and is based on the criteria set forth in the relevant treaties and in the General Assembly Resolution 68/268, will enable all States and other stakeholders to better understand the skills, experiences and motivation of running candidates to CRPD, CEDAW, HRCttee, CRC and CESCR in advance of the elections.

The written responses to the questionnaires will be made available on the website [www.untbelections.org](http://www.untbelections.org), while the video responses will be shared on a dedicated [YouTube page](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3AE1yyjFFbfT9G9lFKAaTQ).

*This initiative does not imply that we support or oppose any individual candidates.*

## Questions for all treaty bodies candidates

1. Name:

2. Nationality:

3. Current position:

4. Are you currently holding, or have you previously held any position on behalf of, or for, your Government (Executive branch) that may compromise your actual or perceived independence and impartiality? If so, please give details:

5. Please indicate any current or potential conflict of interest that may prevent you from exercising independence and impartiality in your work as a member of a UN treaty body:

6. Was the nomination process for your candidacy a transparent and participatory process? Was civil society or other relevant stakeholders involved?

7. During your possible mandate as a Committee member, what other positions or professional activities do you intend to engage in?

8. The commitments as a Committee member are very time-consuming during and outside session time. How will you ensure to have the capacity to dedicate the necessary time to the work of the Committee, both in person and online?

9. What are the current and main challenges that you see for the treaty body system and what are your ideas for improvement?

10. **(Updated question!)** The COVID-19 pandemic has stalled, set back progress and exacerbated the challenge of ensuring that children's needs are met and their rights guaranteed. In recognition of these negative effects that are expected to persist in the long term and the multiplicity of crises that disproportionally affect children worldwide, the UN Secretary General released in July 2023 a [Guidance Note on Child Rights Mainstreaming](https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/Guidance-Note-Secretary-General-Child-Rights-Mainstreaming-July-2023.pdf) mandating the mobilisation of the UN system to collectively strengthen and elevate a shared UN child rights agenda. How can the Committee contribute to this mobilisation and ensure that children's rights are mainstreamed across all pillars of the UN?

Link to your full resume:

**Questions for candidates to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**

*Please provide responses that are as precise as possible and in no more than* ***200 words per question****.*

***Your motivation, experience and qualifications to become a member***

1.What motivates you to be a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child? **(**[**video option**](https://childrightsconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/crc_guidelinesvideo_en.docx)**)**

2. Taking into account the current composition and expertise of the Committee, what would be your added value? **(**[**video option**](https://childrightsconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/crc_guidelinesvideo_en.docx)**)**

3. What do you think are the emerging issues and challenges in the implementation of the CRC and its Optional Protocols on a global scale as well as in your country/region?

4. What do you think are the areas where the Committee needs to strengthen international child rights standards?

5. How do you envision the work of the Committee in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?

6. How do you think the Committee could advance the standards and practices on child participation, and particularly children’s right to participate in political life and child human rights defenders?

7. What can the Committee do to further strengthen its engagement with civil society?