



Supporting participation program

Part 1

AHRC

Roles and responsibilities





Australian Government

Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

- The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing

We say **DHDA** for short.



Australian
Human Rights
Commission

- The Australian Human Rights Commission

We say **AHRC** for short.

Wrote this together.

When you see the word **we** it means
DHDA and AHRC.



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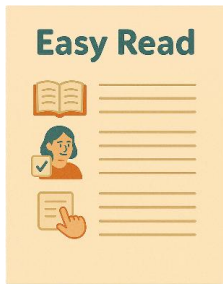
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We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



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You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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Supporting Participation Program



This talks about the
Supporting Participation Program.

We call it **SPP** for short.



Participation means taking part in something.



Programs are done to support people in the
community.



SPP supports people with disability to go to **international forums on human rights**.

Like the **United Nations Conference of States Parties**.



The **United Nations** is an organisation where countries come together to

- Talk about world issues
- Fix world issues.

We call it the **UN** for short.



The **Conference of States Parties** is a meeting for all countries that agreed to support the rights of people with disability.

We call it **COSP** for short.



International forums are meetings where people from different countries talk about important issues.



Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



SPP helps Australia to follow the

- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We say **CRPD** for short.



CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

CRPD says how people with disability **must** have their **rights** respected.



SPP also supports people with disability to

- Speak up about their rights



- Represent their organisation.

International forums in 2027

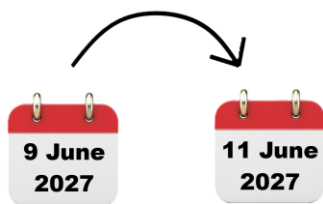


There are 3 international forums in 2027.

They are

1. 20th session of COSP

We call it **COSP20** for short.



COSP20 will be in the **United States of America** on

- 9 June to 11 June 2027.

We call it the **USA** for short.



2. 71st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

We say **CSW71** for short.



CSW is about

- The **rights of women**
- **Gender equality**

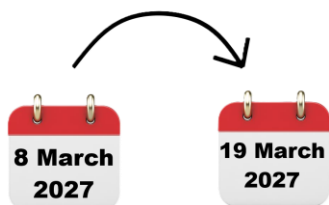
Gender equality means that everyone is treated equal no matter your **gender**.



People say what gender they are.

They might be

- A man
- A woman
- A different gender
- No gender.



CSW71 will be in the USA on

- 8 March to 19 March 2027.



3. Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

We say **APMCDRR** for short.



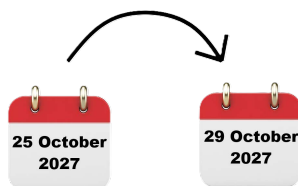
APMCDRR is about

- Preparing for **disasters**
- Keeping people safe during disasters.



Natural disasters are things like

- Cyclones
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Volcanoes.



APMCDRR will be in Japan on

- 25October to 29 October 2027.

About this document



This document is in **3 parts**.

Part 1 is about the AHRC



- **Objectives**



Objectives are things that we want to do.



- **Roles and responsibilities.**

Roles and responsibilities are the things you need to do for SPP.

This makes sure everyone knows what they need to do.



Australian Government

Part 2 is about the Australian Government

- Objectives



- Roles and responsibilities.



Part 3 is about

- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DROs** for short.



- **Advocacy** organisations

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



- Their roles and responsibilities.



This is **part 1**.

AHRC objectives



AHRC have things they want to do at all international forums.



AHRC want to

- Support **civil society**

Civil society is groups of people working together to support something.

It is **not**

- The government
- Business.

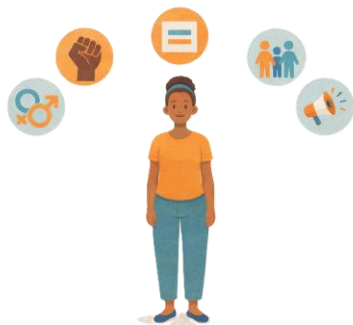


- Include people with disability.



AHRC want to help organisations and people to

- Take part in decisions about CRPD



- Understand human rights



- **Promote** human rights

Promote means to encourage other people to do something.



- Work with other countries on human rights

This is called **international engagement**.



- Work to support human rights around the world.



AHRC is a **National Human Rights Institution**.

We call them **NHRI** for short.

NHRIs help

- Protect human rights in their country



- Human rights around the world.



- Share and learn about how to follow the CRPD.

AHRC support



AHRC will work with DHDA for the

- **Applications** to be part of SPP.



An application is when someone says they want to take part in something.



AHRC and DHDA will

- Make the rules for the application



- Write information about the application.



AHRC will

- Be fair when they look at applications
- Follow the rules when they look at all applications.



- Write a report about who should get a grant.

They will share the report with DHDA to decide.



AHRC will

- Tell the people who put in an application if they
 - Got a grant
 - Did **not** get a grant.



- Look after the SPP information on their website



- Support activities **before** each forum

This will be done with the government.



- Support activities **after** each forum.

This will be done with the government.

AHRC contact information



You can contact **AHRC** if you need more information about



- Your application



- Ideas about activities
 - Before the forum
 - After the forum.



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