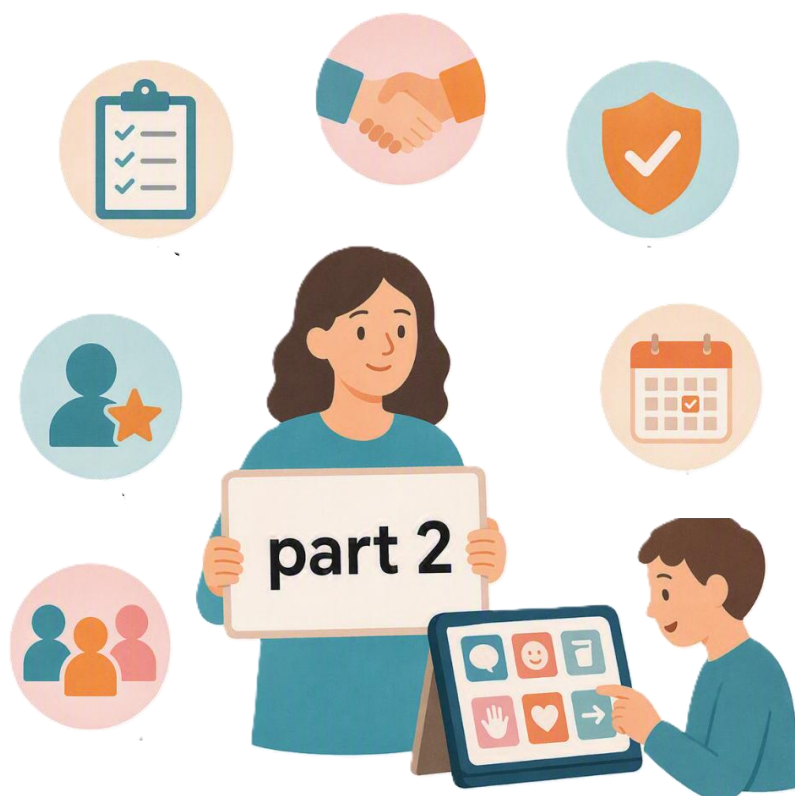




Supporting participation program

Part 2

Australian Government
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.

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



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

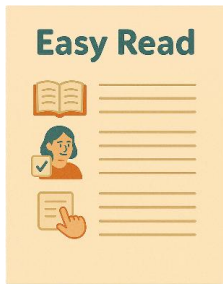
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We have some words in **bold**.

Not 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.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us disability@humanrights.gov.au



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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

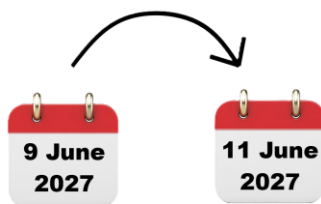


There are 3 international forums in 2027.

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**

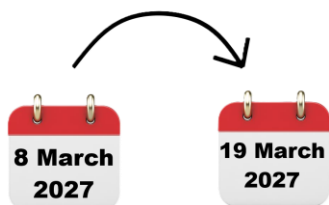
Gender equality means that everyone is treated equal no matter your **gender**.



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.



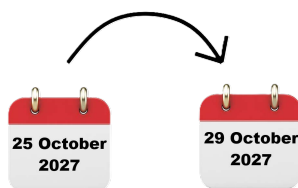
APMCDRR is about

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



Natural disasters are things like

- Cyclones
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Volcanoes.



APMCDRR will be in Japan on

- 25 October 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 2**.

Australian Government objectives



The Australian Government has things they want to do at all international forums.



The Australian Government wants to

- Represent Australia at international meetings



- Say the **National Statement**.

This is the message from the Australian Government.

It says all the good things they are doing about disability issues.



The Australian Government wants to

- Support **joint government statements**

This is the message from 2 or more different governments.

They all agree

- On the same message
- About the issues together.

1 person will say the statement.



- Share the work Australia is doing on disability issues like

- **Policies**

Policies are plans for how to do things.



- **Best practice**

Best practice is the way of doing things.

They are ways that give good results.



- Things we have learned.



The Australian Government wants to

- Have meetings with other countries



- Support **Ministers** to take part in international forums

Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.



- Help Australia be a leader to support the rights of people with disability.



The Australian Government wants to

- Show that Australia thinks it is important to take part at the UN for
 - Civil society
 - People with disability
 - DROs
 - Advocacy organisations



- Support civil society to take part in work for the CRPD



- Have good relationships with people in different countries to talk about disability policy work



- Learn from other countries about their work on the CRPD.

Australian Government support



The Australian Government funds the SPP.

This supports people with disability to go to the forums.



The Australian Government

- Makes the final decision about who gets a grant

DHDA uses information from the report
AHRC writes to decide.



- Shares information about the UN.



The Australian Government

- Supports organisations and people going to the forums

- Before the forum



- At the forum



- After the forum



- Gives information to people while they are at the forum.

Australian Government contact information



You can contact the Australian Government if you have questions about

- Funding
- Your accessibility needs for the
 - Forums
 - Events
- Ideas about activities
 - Before the forum
 - After the forum.



You can send an email to

SystemicDisabilityAdvocacy@health.gov.au

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