



Supporting participation program

Part 3

Disability organisations

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.



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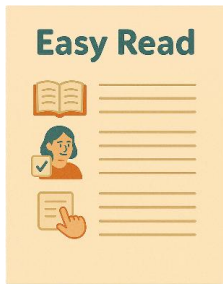
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We have some words in **bold**.

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

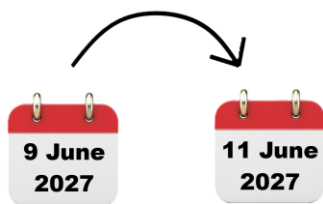


There are 3 international forums in 2027.

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**

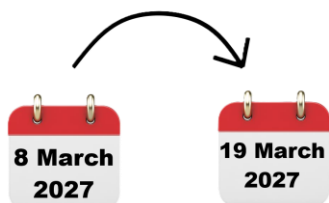
Gender equality means that everyone is treated equal no matter your **gender**.



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.



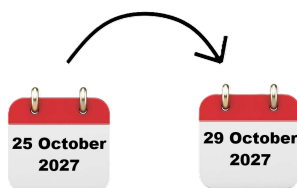
APMCDRR is about

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



Natural disasters are things like

- Cyclones
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Volcanoes.



APMCDRR will be in Japan on

- 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 3**.

Organisations roles and responsibilities



Organisations need to have approval to go to some of the forums.

They must have

- **UN Economic and Social Council Consultative Status**

We say **ECOSOC** for short.



ECOSOC status means

- Your organisation has been approved to take part in these meetings.

ECOSOC invites people from other countries to talk about ways to make the world a better place.



- **Approval** to go to the forums.

This means you can go to the forum.



Organisations will

- Make sure everyone follows **Work Health and Safety** rules

We call it **WHS** for short.



- Check the UN websites
- Share information with everyone going to the forum.



Organisations will support people with things like

- **Passport**

A passport is a document from the government.

It says

- Who you are
- What country you are from.

It helps you travel to different countries.



- **Visa**

A visa is a document that says you can go to another country for a certain amount of time.



- Travel insurance.

This covers lots of different things while you are travelling.

It can cover things like if you

- Miss your flight
- There are changes to your flight
- Get sick or hurt while travelling
- Lose your **luggage**.

Luggage are the bags and things you bring with you when you travel.



Organisations will support people to follow the laws in countries

- The forums are in



- They travel through to get to the forum.



Organisations will support people to

- Follow the rules of the UN



- Look for events to go to



- Look for chances to **network**.

Networking is when people meet and talk to each other.



Organisations will

- Manage **risks** when travelling

Risks are the chance that something bad might happen to you.



- Share information after the forum.



Organisations **must** give all the funding to the person who is going to the forum.

They can **not** keep any funding for

- Paying staff
- Office supplies
- Costs of applying for the grant.

What you will do for SPP



To take part in SPP you will work with other

- People going to the forum

This is called the **Australian Delegation**.



- Organisations about ideas to talk about at the forum.

This includes what to put in **interventions**.



Interventions are talking about an issue from the floor at a forum.

You can only talk for a short time.



To take part in SPP you will

- Be part of activities for the forum



- Give information quickly when it is asked for

This includes

- Contact information
- Forms.

What you must do for SPP



To take part in SPP you must

- Do all the things for the grant in the time given



- Go **in person** to more than half of the forum.



Some people will go as a

- **General Delegate**

General Delegates are given **funding** to support everyone going to an international forum.



General Delegates must

- Support the Australian Delegation



- **Mentor** at least 1 person from the Emerging Young Leaders Delegation.



A mentor is someone you can

- Ask for advice
- Get support from.

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