

## Women with Disabilities:

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
(CRPD) and Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action  
(BPFA)



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# Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- The Convention is an international treaty that seeks to protect all human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities. It was adopted in 2006.
- It aims to ensure the full and equal realization of all civil, political, economic, and social rights of persons with disabilities.
- The Convention is a paradigm shift in the treatment of persons with disabilities from a medical or charity perspective to a rights-based approach.
- The Convention was signed/ratified by all Arab countries.



Status of signing/ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Arab region

Optional Protocol		Convention		Country
Confirmed/acceded to/ratified	Signed	Confirmed/acceded to/ratified	Signed	
-	30/3/2007	31/3/2008	30/3/2007	Jordan
-	12/2/2008	19/3/2010	8/2/2008	United Arab Emirates
-	-	22/9/2011	25/6/2007	Bahrain
2/4/2008	30/3/2007	2/4/2008	30/3/2007	Tunisia
-	30/3/2007	4/12/2009	30/3/2007	Algeria
-	-	16/6/2016	26/9/2007	Comoros
10/7/2009	-	10/7/2009	30/3/2007	Syrian Arab Republic
18/6/2012	-	18/6/2012	-	Djibouti
24/4/2009	-	24/4/2009	30/3/2007	Sudan
-	-	6/8/2019	2/10/2018	Somalia
-	-	20/3/2013	-	Iraq
-	-	6/1/2009	17/3/2008	Oman
10/4/2019	-	2/4/2014	-	State of Palestine
-	9/7/2007	13/5/2008	9/7/2007	Qatar
-	-	22/8/2013	-	Kuwait
-	14/6/2007	-	14/6/2007	Lebanon
-	-	13/2/2018	1/5/2008	Libya
-	-	14/4/2008	4/4/2007	Egypt
8/4/2009	-	8/4/2009	30/3/2007	Morocco
24/6/2008	-	24/6/2008	-	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
3/4/2012	-	3/4/2012	-	Mauritania
26/3/2009	11/4/2007	26/3/2009	30/3/2007	Yemen

Source: United Nations Treaty Collection (as of 15 July 2021).



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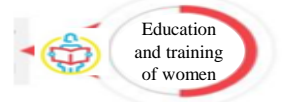
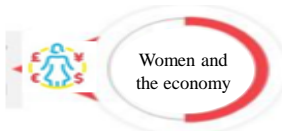


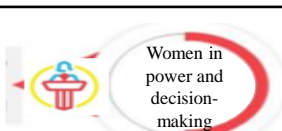
## Article 6: Women with disabilities:

States Parties recognize that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination forms, and in this regard shall:

Take measures to ensure the full and equal enjoyment by them of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Take all appropriate measures to ensure the full development, advancement and empowerment of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in the present Convention.

### Intersection between the BPFA, the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

BPFA	CRPD	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
	<p><b>Article 27: Work and employment</b> (Prohibit discrimination, promote the realization of the right to decent work and professional rehabilitation, and ensure that reasonable accommodation is provided to persons with disabilities in the workplace)</p> <p><b>Article 28: Adequate standard of living and social protection</b> (Promote the realization of the right of persons with disabilities to an adequate standard of living, ensure access by persons with disabilities to social protection programmes and poverty reduction programmes)</p>	No poverty: 1.1, 1.2 Quality Education: 4.4, 4.5 Decent work and Economic Growth: 8.5, 8.6 Reduced Inequalities: 10.2
	<p><b>Article 24: Education</b> Ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy the right to inclusive education at all educational stages and are not excluded from the general education system, taking into account their individual needs.</p>	Quality Education: 4.5
	<p><b>Article 27: Work and employment</b> Protect the rights of women with disabilities, on an equal basis with others, to just and favourable conditions of work, including equal opportunities and equal remuneration for work of equal value, safe and healthy working conditions, including protection from harassment, and the redress of grievances</p>	Decent work and Economic Growth: 8.5
	<p><b>Article 16: Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse</b> Take all appropriate legislative and administrative measures to protect persons with disabilities from all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse, including through the provision of information and education on how to recognize and report instances of exploitation, violence and abuse.</p>	Gender Equality: 5.2 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16.2
	<p><b>Article 25: Health</b> Recognize that persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination on the basis of disability, including early identification and intervention as appropriate, and services designed to minimize and prevent further disabilities.</p>	Good health and well-being: 3.7, 3.8
	<p><b>Article 29: Participation in political and public life</b> Guarantee to persons with disabilities political rights and the opportunity to enjoy them on an equal basis with others, including the right to vote, stand for elections, and hold public office. And ensure their right to participate in non-governmental organizations and form/join organizations of persons with disabilities to represent persons with disabilities at international, national, regional and local levels.</p>	Gender Equality: 5.5 Reduced Inequalities: 10.2 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16.7



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# Some key messages

# Raising awareness about the BPFA, the SDGs and the CRPD

Help women with disabilities understand, assert and access their rights.

Break down social barriers and challenge stereotypes associated with disability.

Promote the adoption and implementation of disability-inclusive policies. This includes ensuring access to infrastructure, inclusive education, information and communications technologies, and equal employment opportunities.

Increased awareness acts as a catalyst for change, encouraging governments, organizations and communities to prioritize disability rights and inclusion, and ensuring accountability and progress monitoring.

Allow people to participate in policy and decision-making processes and raise awareness through collaboration with organizations of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations.

# Intersection between the BPFA, the SDGs and the CRPD

Intersectionality allows for a deeper understanding of the root causes of discrimination and inequality. It recognizes that social, economic and political systems are interconnected.

By addressing these intersecting forms of discrimination, policies and actions can target the underlying structural barriers and contribute to transformative change.

Intersectionality allows for the amplification/highlighting of diverse voices and experiences. It recognizes that individuals have multiple identities and that their perspectives and needs should be valued and heard.

Intersectionality facilitates policy coherence and alignment across different areas. It encourages governments and stakeholders to align their policies, strategies and initiatives toward achieving the interconnected goals and targets of the BPFA, the SDGs and the CRPD.

## Increase accessibility through integration of the principles and objectives of the BPFAs, the SDGs and the CRPD into national plans and policies

Remove barriers in urban and digital environments to ensure access to all rights and services, by promoting the formulation and implementation of comprehensive policies and programmes that address access barriers.

Call for the integration of disability-specific targets and indicators mentioned under the BPFAs' critical areas of concern into national policies and plans. This includes areas such as education, health care, employment and access to justice.

Encourage the active participation of organizations of persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the BPFAs; and ensure that their views and experiences are included and integrated.





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# Thank You

## Questions?

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