

# International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on December 3rd

About International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Theme of 2020 is 'Building Back Better:** toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World'

History

- The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was **proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3.**
- It aims **to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development,** and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.
- Building on many decades of UN's work in the field of disability, the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006,** has further advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks, such as
  - the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
  - the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action
  - the New Urban Agenda, and
  - the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development.

## The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy

- The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy was launched in the year 2019
- The Strategy provides the foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion through all pillars of the work of the United Nations.
- Through the Strategy, the United Nations system reaffirms that the full and complete realization of the human rights of all persons with disabilities is an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- In recognition of this commitment, the Secretary-General submitted in October 2020, the first comprehensive report on steps taken by the United Nations system to mainstream disability inclusion and implement the Strategy since its launch.