



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION & SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD) COMMITTEE**

Kenya is a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities having signed the Convention on 30th March 2007 and ratified on 19th May 2008. In this regard, Article 40 of the Convention states that, "The State Parties shall meet regularly in a conference of State Parties in order to consider any matters with regard to the implementation of the present Convention." In June 2025, the Conference of States Parties announced that its nineteenth session will be held in New York from 9th to 11th June 2026. During this session, elections will be conducted to appoint nine new members to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The CRPD Committee plays a key role in the international monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It is the authoritative body which oversees the implementation and interpretation of the CRPD. It is the body that reviews State reports and in so doing, it also receives and considers parallel reports prepared by OPDs. On the basis of this information, the CRPD Committee issues Concluding Observations addressed to the State consisting of recommendations to ensure the effective implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities. The CRPD Committee also has the mandate to adopt General Comments on the CRPD which provide interpretation and guidance on specific elements of the CRPD and is in charge of dealing with communications submitted by individuals or groups of individuals, as well as requests for inquiry procedures relating to States that have ratified the Optional Protocol to the CRPD.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and through the State Department seeks to nominate a candidate for membership in the Committee during the upcoming 19th Session of the Conference of State Parties on the Implementation of the CRPD in June 2026.

Candidates should fulfil the following criteria:

1. Knowledge of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its importance to diverse constituencies of people with disabilities, and demonstrated

commitment to full realization of the CRPD, including consultation and joint work with persons with disabilities and OPDs.

2. Demonstrated commitment to non-discrimination and the social model approach to disability that recognizes the role which society plays in creating and maintaining barriers to the full and equal enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities, and the obligation to remove those barriers.
3. Personal experience of disability and participation in the associative movement of persons with disabilities.
4. Proven experience in the area of expertise (which may be human rights, policy, law, sociology, political science, research or technical applications) reflecting the purpose and principles of the CRPD.
5. Independence from government or governmental influence, and independence from industries or the influence of industries
6. Innovative and creative approach to eliminating all barriers to inclusion or equality, within the framework and principles provided by the CRPD.
7. Adequate time and resources to actively perform as Committee member.
8. Candidates should be fluent in one of the official languages of the UN (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian)
9. Availability: Adequate time and resources to perform Committee duties in Geneva.

It should be emphasized that members of the Committee serve in a voluntary capacity and are not entitled to any form of remuneration. Members travel to and from Geneva for each session and receive a daily subsistence allowance. For those requiring personal assistants, the travel and daily subsistence allowance of personal assistants is also covered.

Interested candidates should fill in the application form below and attach the following documents during submission. Copy of the National Identity Card, Passport Bio Data Page, and Certificate of Good Conduct.

All applications should be sent to the Director of Social Development via email address directorsocialdev@socialprotection.go.ke on or by 28th January 2026.



Joseph M. Motari, CBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Family name and first name:

Date and place of birth:

Place of residence:

Nationality:

Email address:

United Nations working languages:

Current position/function:
(Five lines maximum)
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Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:
(Ten lines maximum)
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Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities
(Five lines maximum)
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Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.
(Three lines maximum)
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Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities
Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.
(Five lines maximum)
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List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:
(Five lines maximum)
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