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## Bridging the gap at the COSP 11

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Bridging the Gap is going to be at the core of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp11.html>) (COSP11 CRPD), which will take place at the UN Headquarters in New York from Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 June 2018. The project organizes a side event and co-sponsors another within this 11th session whose overarching theme is 'Leaving no one behind through the full implementation of the CRPD'.

The side event 'Bridging the Gap: European commitment to data collection and use for the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities' will take place on June 14th, from 6:30 to 8:00pm (local time) at United Nations headquarters in New York (venue: CR Room 7) and will pivot around the contribution of Bridging the gap project to the implementation of art. 31 and 32 of the CRPD, related, respectively, to data collection and disaggregation, and the inclusion of people with disabilities in international cooperation.

The event, coordinated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and supported by the European Commission (EC), will be moderated by the Inmaculada Placencia Porrero from the Directorate

General of Employment of the EC.

As regards the panelists, the event will be attended by representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection of Austria, the European Disability Forum (EDF), the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), the National Council for Persons with Disabilities of Paraguay (CONADIS) and the African Disability Forum (ADF).

According to the cross-cutting theme of this 11th session, 'Promoting high-quality disability statistics and disaggregation of data by disability status for the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities', BtG's side-event aims to discussing different approaches to data generation, use and disaggregation, as well as to indicators for monitoring CRPD-implementing policies.

Thus, the event will present and discuss the project's contribution to the collection and analysis of disaggregated data and production of indicators, and their uses, with particular regards to gender disaggregation. Concrete project activities in Paraguay and Ethiopia will be presented, serving the project's experience as a basis for discussion and debate with the audience.

Additionally, on 12 June from 10 to 11:15am at UN Headquarters (Conference Room B), Bridging the gap will co-sponsor the side-event 'Leverage investment through partnerships: Inclusive Education for girls and boys with disabilities in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC)', organized by the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations. The event is of great relevance for, in particular, Bridging the Gap in Ecuador, whose thematic approach is actually on inclusive education.

[Download the agenda of the side event: 'Bridging the Gap: European commitment to data collection and use for the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities' \(https://bridgingthegap-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/Side-event-Bridging-the-gap-CoSP11.pdf\)](https://bridgingthegap-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/Side-event-Bridging-the-gap-CoSP11.pdf)





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