

October 11, 2023

**EXPERTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

In accordance with Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee *for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities* (CEDDIS), the Committee will be composed of a representative and two alternates designated by each State Party to the Convention. Their appointment shall remain in force until the appointing State decides otherwise.

To maintain a proper record of the members of the Committee and their respective alternates, States Parties must communicate, by means of notification addressed to the Technical Secretariat of CEDDIS and through their Permanent Missions to the Organization of American States (OAS), the name, personal data and contact information of their national experts as soon as they are appointed.

Similarly, Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that each State Party shall immediately notify the OAS General Secretariat of any change in the designation of their experts to the Committee.

By virtue of the foregoing, the following list shall confirm as members of the Committee those representatives originally designated who, whether or not they have attended the last meetings convened by the Committee, have not been formally replaced by official communication from the Permanent Mission of their State to the OAS addressed to the Technical Secretariat. Therefore, their appointment is presumed to remain valid.

This list has taken as a reference the countries in the region that have ratified (not just signed) the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS), or have acceded to it.

I. COMMITTEE AUTHORITIES¹

PRESIDENCY	
PANAMA	Iris Gonzalez de Valenzuela Director, National Secretariat for Disability (SENADIS) Election Date: December 13, 2021
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENCY	
URUGUAY	Nicolas Scarela National Secretary for the System of Care and Disability, Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) Election Date: December 13, 2021
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENCY	
PARAGUAY	Zulma Ferreira Servín Director of Decentralization, Community Affairs and Citizen Participation, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS) Election Date: December 13, 2021

¹Rule 4 of the Committee's rules of procedure

The Committee shall elect a Chairman and two Vice-Presidents, taking into account the principles of gender equity and geographic representation. The President and Vice Presidents shall serve for a period of two years and may not be reelected for one additional term. In case of absence or temporary disability of the President, First Vice President shall replace him or her. In case of absence or permanent disability of the President and/or Vice Presidents, the Committee will elect new officers, as appropriate, to hold those positions.

II. NATIONAL EXPERTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE²

	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
ARGENTINA	Fernando Gastón Galarraga Executive Director, National Agency of Disability (ANDIS).	Celeste Di Meglio President Non-Governmental Organization "I+E Civil Association for Full Inclusion and Equity"	María Agustina Ciancio Advisor to the Executive Directorate, National Agency of Disability (ANDIS).
BOLIVIA	Roxana Zaconeta Molina Director-General for Persons with Disabilities, Vice-Ministry of Equal Opportunities.	Victor Nina Pajarito Disability Technician, Vice-Ministry of Equal Opportunities.	Pending designation
BRAZIL	Daiane Mantoanelli General Coordinator of Research, Data and Information, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SNDPD)	Rodrigo Abreu de Freitas Coordinator, Accessibility Specialist, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SNDPD).	Andrei Suárez Dillon International Cabinet Advisor, Specialist in Human Rights Indicators, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SNDPD).
CHILE	Daniel Concha National Director, National Disability Service (SENADIS)	Eva Veloso Perez Deputy National Director, National Disability Service (SENADIS).	María Pilar Iturrieta Head of the Department of Advocacy for Inclusion, National Disability Service

² Rule 2 of the Committee's rules of procedure

The Committee shall comprise one representative and two alternates appointed by each state party to the Convention and shall remain in force until the designating State decides otherwise.

The members of the Committee shall be persons of high moral authority and shall have sound technical knowledge and experience in the different topics covered by the Convention, including knowledge of human rights, disability issues and public policy.

In the absence of the principal representative, alternates shall enjoy the same privileges.

The States Parties shall promote in the appointment of their representatives, primarily, the participation of people with disabilities, pursuant to Article V of the Convention, and their families, as well as the designation of at least one representative of civil society.

The states parties shall provide the OAS General Secretariat with the names and personal data of their representatives, such as their postal and e-mail addresses and their telephone and fax numbers, as soon as they have been appointed. Each state party shall notify the OAS General Secretariat immediately of any change in the appointment of its representative on the Committee.

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COLOMBIA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Anderson Henao Orozco President of the National Council on Disability (CND), and Manager of Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities of the Vice-Presidency of the Republic.	Cielo Elaine Rusinque Director of the Administrative Department for Social Prosperity (DPS)	María Eugenia Escobar National Disability Counsellor/Civil Society Representative, National Council on Disability (CND).
COSTA RICA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Bilbia González Ulate Executive Director, National Council of Persons with Disabilities (CONAPDIS).	Manuel A. Zamora Herrera Representative of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities on the Board of Directors, National Council of Persons with Disabilities (CONAPDIS).	Ileana Chacón Chacón Representative of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities on the Board of Directors, National Council of Persons with Disabilities (CONAPDIS).
ECUADOR	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Yobani Patiño Head of the Comprehensive Protection and Social Security Section, National Council for Disability Equality (CONADIS).	Carlos Caicedo Tapia Analyst National Council for Disability Equality (CONADIS).	Verónica Sandoval Proaño Analyst National Council for Disability Equality (CONADIS).
EL SALVADOR	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Carlos Gabriel Alvarenga President of the Plenary, National Council for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (CONAIPD).	María Cristina Herrera Executive Director, National Council for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (CONAIPD).	José Mauricio Villanueva Representative of the sector for Persons with Visual Disability, National Council for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (CONAIPD).
GUATEMALA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Clarivel Castillo Barrientos Chair of the Board of Directors, National Council for the Attention of Persons with Disabilities (CONADI).	Veronica Azuris Molina Perez Member of the Board of Directors, National Council for the Attention of Persons with Disabilities (CONADI).	Edgar Leonel Tzun Puac Treasurer of the Board of Directors, National Council for the Attention of Persons with Disabilities (CONADI).

	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
HAITI	Pending designation		
HONDURAS	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
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MEXICO	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	María del Rocío García Pérez Assistance Secretary of Welfare, Ministry of Welfare	Daniel Vélez Ramírez Head of the Office of the National Council for the Development and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities	Vianey Flores Luján Head of Department, Unit for the Care of Priority Groups, Ministry of Welfare
NICARAGUA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Sandra Lopez Sanchez Ombudsperson for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Office of the Ombudsperson for the Defense of Human Rights (PDDH).	Guillermo Mairena Larios Transitory Coordinator of the “Everyone with a Voice” Program, Ministry of Health (MINSA).	David López Ordóñez Coordinator of the Cabinet of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Health (MINSA).
PANAMA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Iris Gonzalez de Valenzuela Director, National Secretariat for Disability (SENADIS).	Miguel Atencio, Sub Director General, National Secretariat for Disability (SENADIS).	Margarita Pacheco National Director of Sectoral Policies for Persons with Disabilities, National Secretariat for Disability (SENADIS).
PARAGUAY	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Mariela Ramírez Burgos Minister and Executive Secretary, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS).	Zulma Ferreira Servín Director of Decentralization, Community Affairs and Citizen Participation, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS).	Rocío Armoa Ayala Cabinet Advisor, National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS).
PERU	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Sandra Piro Marcos President, National Council for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities (CONADIS).	Ana Gabriela Vásquez Rivasplata Minister Counselor, Alternate Representative of Peru to the OAS.	Maria Luisa Chavez Director II of Policy and Research, National Council for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities (CONADIS).

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Carlos Yunén President, National Council on Disability (CONADIS).	Claudia Pimentel Executive Director, National Council on Disability (CONADIS).	Katherine Rodriguez Head of the Department of Social Promotion, National Council on Disability (CONADIS).
URUGUAY	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Nicolas Scarela National Secretary of the System of Care and Disability, Ministry of Social Development (MIDES).	Karen Sass National Director of Disability, Ministry of Social Development (MIDES).	Antonia Irazábal Gender specialist, National Disability Program (PRONADIS). Ministry of Social Development (MIDES).
VENEZUELA	Principal	First Alternate	Second Alternate
	Victor Baute Research professor. Specialist in Human Rights. Former Coordinator of the Human Rights Monitoring Unit of the Deaf Confederation of Venezuela.	Delia Rivas Castillo Legal Advisor and Coordinator of Centers of the Nueva Mujer Margarita Foundation. Vice-president of the civil association “Aprendo y Emprendo”.	Lucía Nieves Acevedo Lawyer. Experience in teaching/facilitating Braille reading and writing courses at the Latin American Union of the Blind, the Venezuelan Federation of Institutions for the Blind and the Association of the Blind of Venezuela.