



How to use international complaints to challenge institutionalization under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

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Date: May 28, 2026 (Thursday)

Time: 15:00 – 17:00 CET

Place: Virtual/Zoom

This webinar will discuss different procedures, complaints, and review pathways, under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that can be used to challenge institutionalization and advance deinstitutionalization advocacy. Through examples from inquiries, individual communications, requests for further information, follow-up processes, and domestic CRPD-like review mechanisms, the session will highlight how OPDs, civil society actors, and advocates have used these mechanisms in practice, what opportunities they create, and how their outcomes can support national-level advocacy for independent living in the community and freedom from institutionalization and coercive practices.

AGENDA

Moderator: Richa Sharma, Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI Global)

Time	Topic	Presenter
3:00-3:05 pm	Welcome and introductions	Richa Sharma, Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI Global)
3:05-3:10 pm	Housekeeping guidelines	Sabeeha Majid, University of Pretoria
3:10-3:3:20 pm	Overview of CRPD Mechanisms for Challenging Institutionalization	Miriam Nthenge, International Disability Alliance (IDA)
3:20-3:25 pm	Webinar flow and structure	Moderator
3:25-3:35 pm	Using the Inquiry Procedure: Lessons from Mexico	Priscila Rodriguez, Disability Rights International (DRI)
3:35-3:45 pm	Using the Inquiry Procedure: Lessons from the UK	Ines Bulic Cojocariu, European Network of Independent Living (ENIL)
3:45-3:55 pm	Using the Inquiry Procedure: Lessons from Hungary	Sándor Gurbai, Validity Foundation (VF)
3:55-4:05 pm	Article 36(1): Requesting Further Information from States	Dorothy Gould, Liberation, UK (TCI member)
4:05-4:15 pm	Individual Communications: Case Example from Australia	Piers Gooding, La Trobe University, Australia
4:15-4:25 pm	Overview of domestic CRPD like review mechanisms for non-UN member state	Nagase Osamu, Inclusion International (II)
4:25-4:35 pm	OPD experience from Taiwan of using domestic CRPD like review for DI advocacy	Wang Shiou-Wu, Taiwan Mad Alliance (TMA), Taiwan (TCI member)
4:35-4:50 pm	Questions and Discussion	Moderator with GCDI support
4:50-4:55 pm	Closing remarks	Jamie Cooke, Inclusion International
4:55-5:00 pm	Wrap up	Moderator