

**MARMARA TEKNOKENT
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STUDY GUIDE

SOCHUM

**(SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND
HUMANATARIAN COMMITTEE)**



LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Participants,

We are honored to host you at the first of the Marmara Teknokent and Gebze Technical University Model United Nations conference. Our conference consists of two committees. In these committees, where entrepreneurship will be discussed in general, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women will focus on women entrepreneurs, while the Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee will focus on the entrepreneurship of disabled individuals.

Since we are organizing a conference focusing on academia, we have high expectations from you, our delegates. I am fully sure that you are going to come up with great resolutions, be committed to the country's policies, and most importantly, discuss in a way that is respectful to all cultures. We wish everyone a pleasant conference.

Yours sincerely,

Ali Baran YAYLA

Secretary General of MARTEK-GTU MUN'22

LETTER FROM THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of Gebze Technical University and Marmara Teknokent, I would like to welcome you to the first Marmara Teknokent-GTU MUN Conference.

We are delighted to have new delegates, advisors and families come to our campus and join the delegation. I, Elif Yağmur Pekcan, Under-Secretary General of the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs Committee, am very excited to welcome you all to the SOCHUM Committee and to hear what you have prepared for the debate. We know we will be overwhelmed by your creativity, preparation and the high level of knowledge that your delegates bring to the committee, and we cannot wait to hear what you have to say this year.

We have been working hard for many months to prepare this conference and we have been building on the feedback. We hope to make this the best conference to date, making this committee and the conference a memorable experience for everyone. If you have any questions about the SOCHUM Committee, your nation appointments or position papers, please feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to meeting you in December.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

The Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, or the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)

The Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, or the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM), focuses on issues dealing with fundamental human rights in the international community.

SOCHUM was founded in 1945 in reaction to the establishment of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The Third Committee promotes and enforces basic freedoms and ideals meant to be enjoyed by the entire international community such as the right to life, the expression of cultures, the freedom of political participation, the protection of children's rights, and the promotion of social development, among many others.

SOCHUM derives its legitimacy from the original United Nations Charter and operates with the goal of designing peaceful settlements for issues within the large spectrum of social, humanitarian, and cultural complications in the international community. This body does so by initiating studies that encourage recommendations for the promotion of international cooperation and fundamental freedoms for all.

INTRODUCTION TO THE AGENDA ITEM

Empowering Role of Individuals with Disabilities in Entrepreneurship

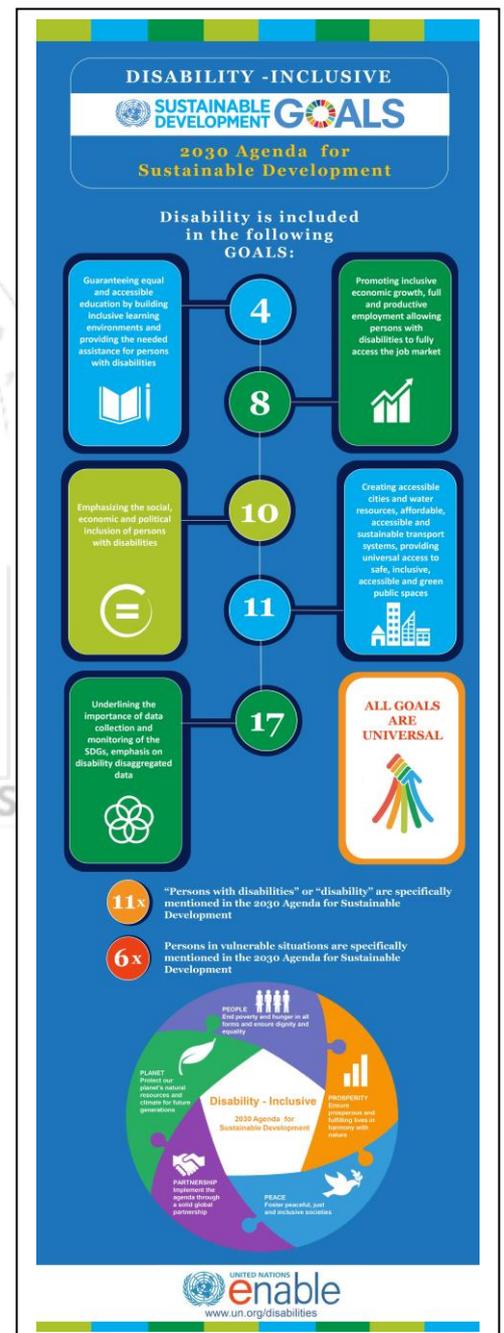
In total, there are over one billion people all over the world who have disabilities. According to the World Bank, there are 370 million indigenous people, among whom an estimated 54 million (nearly fifteen percent) have disabilities.

Indigenous people already face many types of discrimination in the countries they live in, which makes it more difficult for Disabled and Indigenous Persons to protect their rights.

While the UN has not created an agency to specifically address issues related to Disabled and Indigenous Persons, it has been working to improve the lives of these people by creating several programs and adopting policies to enforce the rights of people who can be categorized as belonging to indigenous groups, and who also happen to be disabled.

“In 2006, the General Assembly adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which entered into force in 2008.” The goal of this document is to have countries view people who are disabled in a different light, as well as emphasize the fact that these people should be able to exercise their rights. Additionally, the General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007.

Both of these documents have made progress with the issue of the integration of Disabled and Indigenous Persons, however there still has not been a complete change towards the attitude of the people, and the rights of these people have not been explicitly stated.



Delegates must come together to determine how to define Empowering Role of Individuals with Disabilities in Entrepreneurship of Disabled, how their concerns can be addressed on the international level, as well as figure out the best ways for them to be integrated into society, especially for women and girls with disabilities.

KEY TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS

Equalization: the act of making things equal in size, quantity, value, etc. in the whole of a place or group

Unhindered: without anything stopping or preventing the progress of somebody/something

Repressive: (of a system of government) controlling people by force and limiting their freedom

Feminism: the belief and aim that women should have the same rights and opportunities as men; the struggle to achieve this aim.

Bias: a strong feeling in favour of or against one group of people, or one side in an argument, often not based on fair judgement

Occupational Segregation: The division of occupational roles on the basis of gender.

Empowerment: the act of giving somebody more control over their own life or the situation they are in

Egalitarian: a person who believes that everyone is equal and should have the same rights and opportunities

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

- Is there any way that the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can be improved or better enforced?
 - Does it go far enough in protecting Disabled?
- How can the General Assembly persuade countries with different perspectives to give more rights to disabled people and not have them underprivileged?
- What kind of initiatives can be taken in which women and girls with disabilities can take an active role?
- What are the difficulties that disabled person entrepreneurs faced?
 - What measures can be taken to overcome employers' bias against people with disabilities?

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