



## UNESCO patronage request form

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The sponsorship application form, together with the letter of support, must reach UNESCO headquarters in Paris at least three months before the start of the event.

Event name	First World Congress on Disability
Event start and end dates	September 09, 2024
City and country of event	PARIS, France
Name and address of your organization	PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT FRANCE 32 ter, Avenue du Général Leclerc, 77330 OZOIR, France
Legal identity of your organization	PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL District France (Association PIDFRA) N°RNA : W381018767
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**Please provide a full description of the event.** The 1st World Congress on Disability, will be held in Paris on September 09, 2024, the day after the Closing Ceremony of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, and see France's proposals as a lever of opportunities and reflections for other countries.

The aim of this event is to bring together various players from the worlds of medicine, sport, health and work, and to develop a new medical-cultural vision, a positive valorization and a renewal of commonly negative terms and notions around disability. This paradigm shift will enable better employability of victims or people affected by a disability, work in a multi-disciplinary way, on a national and global scale, to determine the practices already existing in each country, and help to dynamically anticipate good practices in the future.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of our thematic proposals for the congress:

- Revisiting current schemes to value physical, mental and sensory abilities, beyond disabilities
- Reorganize national medico-social approach models in line with this new concept.
- Exchanges of best practice in countries around the world via UNESCO delegations and representatives of Paralympic delegations.  
For example:
  - A dynamic of hiring opportunities for the disabled worldwide, in the form of hubs or dedicated platforms,
  - A dynamic for global civic services,
  - Recognition of French sports medicine - and that of other countries - as a specialty rather than simply as a skill in France (8,000 doctors concerned in France) and other countries, following the example of 14 other European countries, including Great Britain, which obtained such recognition during the London Olympics.
  - Medical skills grids to enhance employability and support disabled people.
  - Recognition of disabilities, particularly autism
- The health benefits of sport and the recognition of employment through sport considered more important. from a professional rather than an exclusively leisure perspective, as part of the

major national cause in France 2024.

- Specific national training and globalization of practices
- Launch of global employment forums for disabled people
- The event will continue in the evening after a joint performance of disability dances, with the screening of a documentary film "le Silence des autres", by Tarik Ben salah and Daoud Tatou, accompanied by an exchange with the filmmakers and le Silence des Justes.

**Please explain how the event contributes to UNESCO's mandate and mission, and works towards sustainable peace through international cooperation, dialogue and mutual understanding.**

- 15% of the world's population is affected by disability, i.e. virtually all families are affected, and over 70% of the elderly are victims.
- The project was born of a meeting between two doctors, 1 French, Dr Marc ROZENBLAT, and 1 Portuguese, Pr Antonio MARCELINO LEAL.
- A dialogue will be set up around a memorial book of the Congress with a collection of visions of the future concerning disabilities, with all UNESCO delegations, Paralympic delegations, as well as ministerial sectors concerned by this theme, i.e. all countries, and each in its own language.
- A global reflection will therefore be launched on best practices linked to inclusion, thanks to the combination of sport, health and work, and will enable maximum anticipation of the problems linked to this universal cause.
- The event is intended to be repeated at least every two years, and will be a long-term affair.
- **Porto 2026; Los Angeles 2028, Grenoble 2030, Brisbane 2032, in parallel with the Olympic Games, for example.**

**UNESCO missions :**

*UNESCO is committed to advancing the rights of people with disabilities through a multidimensional approach in its fields of competence of education, science, culture and communication. To contribute to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS), which aim to achieve transformative progress in the inclusion of people with disabilities, UNESCO has led multilateral efforts through the United Nations Partnership for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), among others.*

**Please provide detailed information on the scale of the event in terms of audience and reach, and its international scope.**

At this stage, all the delegations to UNESCO have been informed, and we already have the formal and informal support of some of them, such as the UNION OF THE COMOROS delegation to UNESCO, which is an official co-partner.

Attached is a non-exhaustive list of partner organizations and celebrities supporting the event,

**- Organizations :** Patronage granted by the Ministry in charge of disabled people on the recommendation of the President of the Republic Mr Macron, The SANITUS FOUNDATION chaired by Pr Antonio MARCELINO LEAL co-organizer with the PIDFRA, chaired by Dr Marc ROZENBLAT, initiators of the project, CAPSAAA, chaired by Mr Ryadh SALLEM, Champion rugby- fauteuil, CROSIF, chaired by Mrs Evelynne CIRIEGI, La Fédération Internationale du Sport Adapté, chaired by Mr Marc TRUFFAUT, International Chair of Bioethics, (ICB), chaired by Dr Rui NUNES , le Cercle d'Études Scientifiques Pierre RAYER, chaired by Mr Thierry RAYER, PANGÉE O.N.G, Ingénierie de paix, chaired by Ms Nathalie KESLER, etc.

**- Other Personalities:**, Mr. Yannick NOAH, Official Captain of the wheelchair tennis teams for the 2024 Paralympics, His Excellency Prince Henry Reynaud of Madrid, etc.

**Explain how the activity is financed, including information on the source of funding:**

The event will be financed by its organizers, and a grant of €15,000 has already been approved by the Réseau-main IDF association, chaired by Marc ROZENBLAT. This sum will be sufficient to cover the incompressible costs of booking Room I at UNESCO (according to the latest 2023 price list: €2,795 + buffet reception room between €800 and €1,000, Japanese garden or Foyer), technical costs and translation costs for minimum English, French, Portuguese, Arabic?)

the opening of more than 200 to 500 places to be paid before the event will be open to the public of doctors and the general public. The launch of registration donations on Hello asso will be established just nine months beforehand, on January 9, 2024.

In order to release additional funds, in particular to finance the book deployed before or, failing that, after the event, and to finance any catering expenses, a call for co-support has been sent out to numerous UNESCO delegations, as well as to organizations working in the fields of disability, labor and sport, and to potential sponsors.

Attached is the letter of support from the Comoros Delegation to UNESCO.

**Please indicate on which communication media the UNESCO logo will be used.**

The Supports will be various:

- Flyers, brochures, press releases, possible TV interviews, website: [handicapacites.org](http://handicapacites.org),
- The book of the event, which will include the participation of all countries on the theme of disability,
- E-mail correspondence,
- event program, tote-bag, any goodies, banners, kakemonos, etc.

**Signé par :** Doctor Marc ROZENBLAT

**Date:** Paris, January 13, 2024

