



ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES (AHRC)

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA

25 – 29 March 2019

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host an advanced course on Women's Rights in Africa, which will run from 25 to 29 March 2019 and will take place at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

### About the course

The course provides a balance between theory and practical advocacy skills useful for practitioners from across the continent working in areas relating to women's rights.

The course examines the international and regional human rights frameworks that guarantee the human rights of women and girls in Africa, with a particular focus on the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (The Maputo Protocol).

The course provides an opportunity to critically evaluate the potential of these human rights frameworks to challenge obstacles undermining the effective protection of women's rights in Africa.

### Course components

The course components include:

- An introduction to international, regional and sub regional frameworks on the human rights of women and girls.
- A critical examination of the concept of gender equality and the approaches to understanding gender equality and gender justice, including feminism and intersectionality.

- Explore questions of cultural relativism, religion and gender norms in advancing women's rights
- Practical ideas on using the law and human rights principles in promoting women's rights
- Reflect on key elements of advocacy and lobby planning and share information on positive interventions

### Participants

This course is designed for governmental officials, managers and staff of civil society organisations, judges and magistrates, legal practitioners, as well as academics from Universities in Africa.

Participants from all over the world are, nevertheless, welcome to apply. Masters and doctoral students wishing to deepen their knowledge or expertise in a particular area of relevance to their study or research may also apply.

Between 20 and 30 participants are admitted to each course. All lectures and materials are in English, and proficiency in English is required to attend these courses.

### Course fees

Course attendance is free. Tuition, course materials, teas and lunch for the duration of the

course are covered by the Centre for Human Rights. Participants from Gauteng are encouraged to apply. However participants will need to pay for their own transport and accommodation costs.

An option of securing accommodation through the Centre for Human Rights is available at a cost of ZAR 4000 (US 330) for the duration of the course. This includes breakfast, dinner and transport from the Hotel to the University of Pretoria.

Participants interested in this option should email Dennis Antwi at [dennis.antwi@up.ac.za](mailto:dennis.antwi@up.ac.za)

## Applications

Applicants are required to apply online for this course.

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR THIS COURSE**

Please note that in order to apply for any of the Advanced Human Rights Courses, you are required to have a Google Gmail account.

**Important Notice:** A high proficiency in English is required to attend these courses. All lectures and materials are in English.

### Documents to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Academic Records (Students only)

## Deadline for applications

- Local Applicants: **18 March 2019**
- International Applicants: **10 March 2019**

## Partners

This course is presented by the Advanced Human Rights Courses programme, in collaboration with the Women's Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

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