

# DISABILITY RIGHTS IN AFRICA



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CONFERENCE, MOOT COURT COMPETITION,  
HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON PERSONS WITH ALBINISM IN AFRICA  
AND DISABILITY RIGHTS AND LAW SCHOOLS PARTNERS' MEETING

## CONFERENCE THEME

*'Advancing the rights of persons with albinism in Africa: A call to action'*

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
7 - 11 November 2016



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## SUMMARY PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016

08:30 – 17:00 Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court  
Competition: Preliminary Round I

### TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016

08:30 – 14:00 Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court  
Competition: Preliminary Round II

14:00 – 18:00 High-level Meeting:  
Persons with albinism in Africa

### WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016

08:00 – 17:10 Conference Day 1

18:30 – 20:30 Presentation and Dinner

### THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016

09:00 – 13:00 Conference Day 2

14:00 – 17:00 Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court  
Competition: Final Round

### FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016

09:00 – 17:00 Disability Rights and Law Schools  
Partners' Meeting

## VENUE INFORMATION

**FOURTH AFRICAN DISABILITY RIGHTS  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION:  
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**  
Premier Hotel

**FOURTH AFRICAN DISABILITY RIGHTS  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION:  
FINAL ROUND**  
Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A

**HIGH-LEVEL MEETING:  
PERSONS WITH ALBINISM IN AFRICA**  
Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A

**CONFERENCE: DAY 1**  
Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A & B

**CONFERENCE: DAY 2**  
Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A & B

**TEA**  
Southern Sun Hotel

**LUNCH**  
Southern Sun Hotel – Oasis Restaurant

**DISABILITY RIGHTS AND LAW SCHOOLS  
PARTNERS' MEETING**  
Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A

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# DETAILED PROGRAMME

## MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016

08:30 – 17:00	Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition: Preliminary Round I <i>Premier Hotel</i>
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## TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016

08:30 – 14:00	Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition: Preliminary Round II <i>Premier Hotel</i>
14:00 – 18:00	High-level Meeting: Persons with albinism in Africa <i>Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A</i> (Hosted by the Independent Expert on enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, Open Society Foundations and the University of Pretoria) <i>Ikponwosa Ero, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism</i>

## WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016

08:00 – 08:45	Conference Registration
08:45 – 09:10	Welcome Address <i>Anton Kok, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i> <i>Frans Viljoen, Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> <i>Charles Ngweni, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
09:10 – 09:35	Keynote Address <i>Ikponwosa Ero, UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism</i>
09:35 – 10:00	Opening Remarks <i>Honourable Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, Deputy Minister of Social Development, South Africa</i>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION: ADDRESSING RIGHTS ABUSES</b> <i>Venue: Cullinan A</i> <i>Moderator: Ikponwosa Ero, UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism</i> <i>Rapporteur: Esther Akua Gyamfi, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Albinism in Africa: A Proposed Conceptual Framework to Understand and Effectively Address a Continental Crisis <i>Mark P. Mostert, Disability Consultants International &amp; Martha M. Weich, United Evangelical Lutheran Church</i>
10:20 – 10:40	The Blubbers of the Innocent: Can't Regional Bodies Intervene to Save Persons with Albinism? <i>Waddimba Hassan, East African Center for Disability Law and Policy</i> <i>Veronica Nagadya, Disability Rights Fund</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Panel discussion <i>Abdallah Possi, Deputy Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Persons with Disability), Tanzania</i> <i>Mwaura Maigua Isaac, Member of Parliament of Kenya, Albinism Society of Kenya, Kenya Disability Parliamentary Association</i>
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>TEA</b>
<b>11:20 – 13:00</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>SESSION 1A: USING A DISABILITY RIGHTS APPROACH TO REALIZE THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH ALBINISM</b> <i>Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A</i> <i>Moderator: Heléne Combrinck, University of the North-West, South Africa</i> <i>Rapporteur: Louis Olanya Oyaró, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>SESSION 1B: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSONS WITH ALBINISM: CASE STUDIES</b> <i>Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan B</i> <i>Moderator: Boaz Muhumuza, Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA)</i> <i>Rapporteur: Peter Morris Ngoma, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i></p> </div> </div>
11:20 – 11:40	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>Weighing the Identity Question against Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination: Endorsing the Disability Rights Approach to Albinism <i>Abdallah Possi, Deputy Minister of State, Tanzania &amp; Ally Possi, Law School of Tanzania</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>Albinism, disability and discrimination: Response to the atrocities affecting persons with albinism in Malawi <i>Julian Mabangwe, Department of Disability &amp; Elderly Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Malawi</i></p> </div> </div>

11:40 – 12:00	Persons with albinism in Zimbabwe: Where do they fit? A critical appraisal of Zimbabwe's advancement of the rights of persons with albinism as disability <i>Abraham Mateta, Muvingi and Mugadza Legal Practitioners</i>	The Role of the Media in ending violence against persons with albinism in Malawi <i>Bonface Massah, Association of Persons with Albinism, Malawi; Chimwemwe Manyozo, University of Sussex; Alan Msosa, University of Essex Human Rights Centre &amp; Timothy Mtambo, University of Malawi Chancellor College</i>
12:00 – 12:20	From the periphery to the centre: Kenyan experiences of the struggle of persons with albinism towards human rights and fundamental freedom <i>Isaac Maigua Mwaura, Member of Parliament Kenya, Albinism Society of Kenya, Kenya Disability Parliamentary Association</i>	Ending violence and human rights violations against people with albinism in Malawi: Adopting, invigorating and utilising protective and awareness-raising structures at village level <i>Daniel L. Mateus, Chancellor College, University of Malawi; McLouis Chatha, Africa Awake</i>
12:20 – 12:40	Civil society reflections <i>Ruusa N Ntinda, Law Reform and Development</i>	Civil society reflections <i>Vicky Ntetema, Under The Same Sun</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Discussion	Discussion
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:40</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>SESSION 2A: RESEARCH AND SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONS OF ALBINISM</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A <i>Moderator: Ally Possi, Law School of Tanzania</i> <i>Rapporteur: Alpana Bhandari, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i>	<b>SESSION 2B: ALBINISM IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan B <i>Moderator: Deprese Muchena, Amnesty International, Southern Africa</i> <i>Rapporteur: Jorge Manhique, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Critical emancipatory research and socio-cultural constructions of albinism <i>B. M Thabethe, Albinism Society KwaZulu-Natal</i>	The Community: A key pillar of the criminal justice system: A critical appraisal of the discrimination of persons with albinism in the criminal justice system in Zimbabwe <i>Mlauzi Bekithemba, Lawyers with Disabilities Association in Zimbabwe</i>
14:20 – 14:40	The tales we tell: The construction and de-construction of albinism enigma in Kenya <i>Grace Nzomo, United States International University Africa; Nyambura Karumba, Albinism Society of Kenya &amp; Elijah Nyaga Munyi, United States International University Africa</i>	Law enforcement, prosecution and the protection of persons with albinism from violence in Malawi: Exploring the appropriate legal avenues <i>Enoch MacDonnell Chilemba &amp; Kondwani Dennis Kumitengo Chancellor College, University of Malawi</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Redefining albinism: A social reconstruction of albinism <i>Jane Waithera, Positive Exposure Kenya &amp; James Mwakazi, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights</i>	Criminal justice responses to violence against persons living with albinism: Lessons from Malawi <i>Esther Gumboh, University of Cape Town</i>
15:00 – 15:20	I was never a white girl and I do not want to be a white girl: Albinism, body politics and disability in Zimbabwe <i>Chiedza A Chinhanu, Applied Theatre Practitioner; Nehemiah Chivandikwa, University of Zimbabwe; Chikomborero Mumba, Wilmot and Bennet</i>	Civil society reflections <i>Perpetua Senkoro, Under The Same Sun</i>
15:20 – 15:40	Discussion	Discussion
<b>15:40 – 16:00</b>	<b>TEA</b>	
<b>16:00 - 17:10</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION: STIGMA AND COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO ALBINISM</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A <i>Moderator: Nomasonto Mazibuko, The Albinism Society of South Africa</i> <i>Rapporteur: John Ada Wilson Api, Disability Rights Scholarship Program Alumnus</i>	
16:00 – 16:20	Learning from the Moon Children of Guna Yala: Strategies for addressing social rejection of persons with albinism <i>Kelly Allen, Independent Researcher</i>	
16:20 – 16:40	Re-envisioning participatory development in the context of albinism <i>Aldridge Munyoro, Zimbabwe Albino Association</i>	

16:40 – 16:50	Civil society reflections <i>Jake Epelle, The Albinism Foundation of Nigeria</i>
16:50 – 17:10	Discussion
<b>18:30 – 20:30</b>	<b>PRESENTATION AND DINNER</b> Reshaping Perceptions of Albinism

## THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016

<b>09:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	
	<p><b>SESSION 3A: ALBINISM AND THE RIGHT TO HEALTH</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A <i>Moderator: Graciana Kavishe, Tanzania Albinism Society</i> <i>Rapporteur: Selina Iseme, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i></p>	<p><b>SESSION 3B: THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH ALBINISM</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan B <i>Moderator: Jamie Walling; Standing Voice</i> <i>Rapporteur: Sindile Mhlanga, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i></p>
09:00 – 09:20	Examining the barriers to access to health care for people with albinism in Malawi <i>Chikosa Banda, University of Malawi &amp; Queen Kadulira, Zomba Central Hospital</i>	Experience of students with albinism in Tanzania: an exploration of barriers to school completion <i>Simon Peter Ngalomba, University of Dar es Salaam</i>
09:20 – 09:40	Human rights and persons with albinism in Africa <i>Ebenezer Durojaye, University of the Western Cape &amp; Satang Nabaneh, Faculty of Law University of The Gambia</i>	Exploring the extent to which learners with albinism access and enjoy their educational rights in schools for the blind in Zambia: A case of two schools: Magwero and Ndola Lions <i>Thomas Mtonga &amp; Chipili Chitalu, University of Zambia</i>
09:40 – 10:00	Access to low vision care in Tanzania: Making a way <i>Rebecca Kammer, Standing Voice</i>	Unsafe in a safe haven? The challenge of children with albinism in Nigerian schools <i>Onuora-Oguno Azubike, Nigerian Supreme Court &amp; Nnadi Onuora Oguno, University of Nigeria</i>
10:00 – 10:20	The role of statistics and data collection in advancing the rights of persons with albinism <i>Ruusa N Ntinda, Ministry of Justice, Namibia</i>	Civil Society Reflections: <i>Severin Edward, Musa Kabimba, Tanzania Albinism Society</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion	Discussion
<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>	<b>TEA</b>	
<b>10:50 – 13:00</b>	<b>CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION</b> Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, Cullinan A <i>Moderator: Deprose Muchena, Amnesty International, Southern Africa</i> <i>Rapporteur: Sebastian Rodriguez, Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i>	
10:50 – 11:40	Reports from moderators of parallel sessions	
<b>11:40 – 12:50</b>	<b>CREATING A COMMON AGENDA TO END ABUSES AGAINST PERSONS WITH ALBINISM</b>	
12:50 – 13:00	Concluding remarks <i>Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>	
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
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