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High-Level Meeting on Persons with Albinism in Africa in Pretoria, South Africa

4 November 2016 (Pretoria, South Africa)

The United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, Ikponwosa Ero, will make an important announcement immediately following the High-Level Meeting on Persons with Albinism in Africa.

When: Tuesday, 8 November 2016
17:00 SAST

Where: Southern Sun Hotel Pretoria
Corner of Steve Biko and Stanza Bopape, Arcadia, Pretoria 0083

Who: - **Ikponwosa Ero**,
UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
- **Commissioner Nomasonto Mazibuko**
Commission for Gender Equality, South Africa

Violence and discrimination against persons with albinism, as well as trafficking and cross-border sale of their body parts, is a worrying trend on the African continent. In the past decade, over 500 cases of violence against persons with albinism, including murder and mutilation, have been documented in 26 African countries. This year alone, cases of violence have been documented in at least four countries.

South Africa commemorates National Disability Rights Awareness Month annually between 3 November and 3 December. To create greater disability rights awareness, Open Society Foundations and the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria are co-hosting a number of disability rights events. This High-Level Meeting on Persons with Albinism in Africa form part of these events which also include:

- Two-day Conference: 'Advancing the rights of persons with albinism in Africa: A call to action'
- Fourth African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition

The High-Level meeting is being hosted by the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, the Open Society Foundations and the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

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