Centre for Human Rights

Advanced Human Rights Course

Police Oversight and Vulnerable Groups in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, in partnership with the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) and the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR), are presenting an online course on Police Oversight and Accountability in Africa from 7 to 11 September 2020.

The aim of the course is to profile police accountability and oversight as a human rights and governance concern, and assist in building a community of practitioners on the continent who can become active advocates for increased accountability of the police, and who are skilled to identify and act in terms of overseeing the actions of the police. Training is provided to practitioners, policy-makers, scholars and post-graduate students.

Course Outline

• Police oversight: Theories and systems
• Democratic policing
• The architecture of police oversight
• Police oversight in Africa: Challenges and opportunities
• Internal and external oversight: Systems and practice
• Police standards
• Use of force
• Public order and policing elections
• Torture
• Custody visits and citizen oversight
• National security and access to information
• Policing gender and sexual violence
• The role of the police in investigating and prosecuting sexual and gender related crimes
• Working with the police to improve public health outcomes of key populations

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