



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

Disability Rights in an African context

*Venue: Online via zoom and Future Africa,
University of Pretoria, South Africa*

8 – 12 March 2021

Day 1

Monday 8 March 2021

Introduction to and overview of disability rights at international and regional levels



Moderator: Ms Dianah Msipa
*Programme Officer: Disability Rights Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (UP)*

Time

Activity

08:45 – 9:00

Registration & course logistics

Dennis Antwi

*Project Manager: Advanced Human Rights courses (AHRC),
Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Dorcas Basimanyane

Project Coordinator: AHRC, Centre for Human Rights, UP

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome address, introductions, setting the scene:

Professor Frans Viljoen

Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP

09:10 – 09:20

Overview and course objectives

Professor Charles Ngwena

Professor of Law: Centre for Human Rights, UP

09:20 – 09:50

Appropriate terminology

Wilson Macharia

Doctoral student: Centre for Human Rights, UP

- 09:50 – 10:30 Historical development of disability rights
Dr Ilze Grobbelaar-du Plessis
Senior Lecturer: Department of Public Law, UP
- 10:30 – 10:45 Health break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Introduction to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa (African Protocol)
Professor Serges Kamga
Thabo Mbeki Institute, University of South Africa (UNISA)
- 11:45– 13:00 Panel Discussion: Strategies for getting African states to ratify the African Disability Protocol
Facilitator:
Ms Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi
Programme Manager: Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP
- Panelists:*
Professor Serges Kamga
Thabo Mbeki Institute, UNISA
Mr Dagnachew Wakene
Doctoral Candidate, Institute for Comparative and International Law in Africa (ICLA), UP
Dr Elizabeth Kamundia
Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:30 Introduction to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
Professor Michael Ashley Stein
Executive Director: Harvard Law School Project on Disability, Harvard University;
Extraordinary Professor: Centre for Human Rights, UP

End of Day 1

Day 2

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Taking a closer look: Specific rights in the CRPD and the African Disability Protocol



Moderator: Mr Foluso Adegalu
*Associate manager: Litigation and implementation unit,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and recap of the first day Sabeeha Majid <i>Intern: Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
9:10 – 10:15	Equality and non-discrimination: Understanding and applying general comment six Professor Charles Ngwena <i>Professor of Law: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Health break
10:30 – 11:45	Health Ms Annabel Raw <i>Advocate: Thulamela Chambers</i>

- 11:45 – 13:00 Older persons with disabilities
Mr Alberto Vásquez Encalada
President of the NGO Society and Disability – SODIS
Member: Latin American Network of Psychosocial Diversity
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:15 The right to legal capacity and supported decision-making
Professor Robert Dinerstein
Acting Dean: Washington College of Law, American University

End of Day 2

Day 3

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Intersectionalities and specific groups



Moderator: Ms Innocentia Mgijima Konopi
*Programme manager: Disability Rights Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Time

Activity

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome and recap of the second day
Sabeeha Majid
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

- 09:10 – 10:30 **Critical reflections on intersections of gender and disability**
Professor Helene Combrinck
Professor of Law: Faculty of Law, North-West University
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Health break**
- 10:45 – 12:15 **The right to education**
Dr Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Albinism in Africa – Contemporary issues**
Mr Jake Epelle
CEO/Founder: The Albino Foundation, Nigeria
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Children with disabilities**
Dr Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP

End of Day 3

Day 4

Thursday 11 March 2021

From rhetoric to practice



Moderator: Wilson Macharia
Doctoral student and HRDA Tutor: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Time

09:00 – 09:10

Activity

Welcome and recap of the third day

Sabeeha Majid

Intern: Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

9:10 – 10:45

Workshop on advocacy for disability rights

Mrs Robyn Beere

Inclusion Southern Africa

10:45 – 11:00

Health break

11:00 – 11:15

Personal reflections from a self-advocate

Ms Sheri Brynard

11:15 – 13:00

Workshop on strategic litigation

Ms Annabel Raw

Advocate: Johannesburg Bar

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30

Workshop on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Professor Juan Bornman

*Professor of Augmentative and Alternative Communication:
Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, UP*

End of Day 4

Day 5

Friday 12 March 2021

Application of knowledge received



Moderator: Ms Tadiwanashe Mavunga
*Intern and Researcher: Disability Rights Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Time



Activity

9:00 – 11:00

Group work

11:00 – 11:15

Health break

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11:15 – 12:15

Group work: Feedback

12:15 – 12:40

Course evaluation

Dorcas Basimanyane

Project Coordinator: AHRC, Centre for Human Rights, UP

12:40 – 13:00

Certificates and closing remarks

Dennis Antwi

Project Manager: AHRC, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Dr Nkatha Murungi

Assistant Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP

End of programme

About the Disability Rights Unit

The Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights is committed to finding evidence-based ways of addressing the rights of persons with disabilities on the African continent. This includes conducting research on international disability rights standards and instruments, building capacity among governments, national human rights institutions, academia, civil society and communities, and engaging with judicial, quasi-judicial and non-judicial redress mechanisms.

Important links

Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria:
www.chr.up.ac.za/disability-rights-unit

Master's degree (LLM/MPhil) in Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA):
www.chr.up.ac.za/dria
<http://www.chr.up.ac.za/dria>

Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (RODRA):
www.rodra.co.za

African Disability Rights Yearbook:
www.adry.up.ac.za

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For more information about the Advanced Human Rights Course on Disability Rights in an African context, presented by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, please contact dennis.antwi@up.ac.za or innocentia.mgijima@up.ac.za

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African Human Rights System in Comparative Perspectives (15 – 19 March 2021)

Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights in Africa (17 – 21 May 2021)

Effective Policing and Accountability in Africa (24 – 28 May 2021)

Civil Society Law in Africa (7 – 11 June 2021)

Children's Rights in Africa (26 – 30 July 2021)

Right to Development in Africa (16 – 20 August 2021)

Police Oversight and Vulnerable Groups (6 – 10 September 2021)

Indigenous peoples' Rights in Africa (13– 17 September 2021)