



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

Disability Rights in an African context

*Venue: Online via zoom and SRC Chambers
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa*

6 – 10 March 2023

Day 1

Monday 6 March 2023

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



Moderator: Ms Dianah Msipa
*Manager, Disability Rights Unit
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and course logistics Dennis Antwi <i>Project Manager: Advanced Human Rights Courses Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> Dorcas Basimanyane <i>Project Coordinator: Advanced Human Rights Courses Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome address and introductions Professor Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
09:10 – 09:20	Overview and course objectives Dianah Msipa <i>Manager, Disability Rights Unit Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>

- 09:20 – 09:50 **Historical development of disability rights**
Professor Ilze Grobbelaar du-Plessis
*Lecturer, Department of Public Law,
University of Pretoria*
- 09:50 – 10:30 **Appropriate terminology**
Mr Wilson Macharia
*Associate Legal Advisor, Africa Regional Programme
International Commission of Jurists*
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Tea 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**
Dr Elizabeth Kamundia
*Deputy Director: Disability Rights Division
Human Rights Watch*
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion: The African Disability Protocol 5 years
on: Challenges and opportunities**
Facilitator: Ms Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi
Doctoral candidate, University of the Witwatersrand
- Panelists**
Dr Thomas Ongolo
*Regional Advisor for the Inclusion of Persons with
Disabilities, GIZ*
Shuaib Chalken
Executive Director, African Disability Forum
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break and group photo**

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, University of Pretoria

15:30 – 16:00

Introduction to moot question and assignment of participants to teams

Ms Tadiwanashe Mavunga

Researcher, Disability Rights Unit

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Ms Sabeeha Majid

Researcher, Disability Rights Unit

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

16:00

End of Day 1

Day 2

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Specific rights in the CRPD and the African Disability Protocol



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

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and recap of first day
9:10 – 10:15	Access to justice Ms Dianah Msipa <i>Manager, Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Tea break
10:30 – 11:45	Education Professor Nkatha Murungi <i>Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights University of Pretoria</i>

- 11:45 – 13:00 Living independently and being included in the community
Alberto Vasquez Encalada
Senior Advisor, Centre for Inclusive Policy
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:15 Legal capacity
Professor Robert Dinerstein
*Professor of Law and Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic, Washington College of Law
American University*
- 15:15 – 16:00 Breakout session: Group work on moot question
- 16:00 End of Day 2

Day 3

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Contemporary issues and intersectionalities



Moderator: Ms Sabeeha Majid
*Researcher, Disability Rights Unit
Centre for Human Rights*

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and recap of second day
9:10 – 10:30	Addressing human rights violations against persons with albinism in Africa: How far have we come? Ikponwosa Ero <i>Former UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism Director, Human Rights Advocacy. Under the Same Sun</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Tea break
10:45 – 11:45	Deinstitutionalisation

Steven Allen
Executive Director, Validity Foundation

11:45 – 13:00

Disability and migration
Abiy Ashenafi
*Manager, Migration Unit
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30

Children with disabilities
Professor Nkatha Murungi
*Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights,
University of Pretoria*

15:30 – 16:00

Breakout session: Group work on moot question

16:00

End of Day 3

Day 4

Thursday 9 March 2023

From rhetoric to practice



Moderator: Chelsea Williamson
Programme Manager, Inclusion and Accessibility
iSchoolAfrica
LLM/MPhil DRIA candidate

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and recap of the third day
9:10 – 10:30	Workshop on advocacy for disability rights <i>Facilitator:</i> Mrs Robyn Beere <i>Inclusion Southern Africa</i>

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- 10:30 – 10:45 Personal reflections from a self-advocate
Thato Mphuthi
Founding Director, Enabled Enlightenment
- 10:45 – 11:00 Tea break
- 11:00 – 13:00 Workshop on strategic litigation
Facilitator:
Ms Annabel Raw
Advocate, Johannesburg Society of Advocates
(Thulamela Chambers)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:30 Workshop on technology and disability rights
Facilitator:
Ms Chelsea Williamson
Programme Manager, Inclusion and Accessibility
iSchoolAfrica
LLM/MPhil DRIA candidate
- 15:30 – 16:00 Breakout session: Group work on moot question
- 16:00 End of Day 4

Day 5

Friday 10 March 2023

Application of knowledge received



Moderator: Ms Tadiwanashe Mavunga
*Researcher, Disability Rights Unit
Centre for Human Rights*

Time	Activity
9:00 – 11:00	Moot court competition
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break
11:15 – 11:30	Moot court judgment
11:30 – 12:00	Course Evaluation Ms Dorcas Basimanyane <i>Project Coordinator, AHRC, Centre for Human Rights</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Certificates and Closing remarks

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Dennis Antwi
Project Manager, AHRC, Centre for Human Rights
Professor Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights

12:30

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.

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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

Advanced Human Rights Course: Disability Rights in an African Context:
www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc

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

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



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