



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Course (AHRC)

Children's Rights in Africa

Venue: Zoom (Hybrid)
All times are SAST / CET

23 - 27 June 2025

DAY 1

Monday, 23 June 2025

TIME

ACTIVITY

09:00 - 09:15

Opening and introduction of the course programme

Prof Nkatha Murungi
*Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law,
University of Pretoria*

09:15 - 11:00

Foundations of children's rights: History, concepts and contestations in children's rights

Prof Nkatha Murungi
*Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law,
University of Pretoria*

11:00 - 11:15

Tea break

11:15 - 13:00

Normative frameworks on children's rights: Global instruments

Prof Julia Sloth-Nielson
*Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law,
University of the Western Cape, South Africa*

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 16:00

Normative frameworks on children's rights: Regional, RECs and National instruments

Prof Maria Usang Assim
Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

Tuesday, 24 June 2025

TIME

ACTIVITY

09:00 - 10:15

Access to Justice

Dr Annemarie Strohwalde

*Department of Private Law, Faculty of Law,
University of Pretoria*

10:15 - 10:30

Tea break

10:30 - 12:00

Litigating children's rights in national courts - African context

Ms Karabo Ozah

Centre for Child Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

12:00 - 13:00

Administration of child justice

Mr Nqobani Nyathi

*Doctoral candidate; Project Officer, Centre for Human Rights,
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria*

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 15:00

Linguistic barriers to access to justice by child victims and witnesses

Ms Shyreen Chirwa

*Doctoral candidate; Project Officer, Centre for Human Rights,
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria*

15:00 - 16:00

The protection of children against sexual violence in Europe

Dr Emma Bourcelet

Universite De Namur, Belgium

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 - 10:30	Intersectionality and vulnerability in children's rights Prof Nkatha Murungi <i>Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Tea break
10:45 - 12:00	Children's vulnerability and sexuality education Prof Ebenezer Durojaye <i>Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Statutory rape and the deception defense Ms Karabo Ozah <i>Centre for Child Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Children and psychological vulnerabilities Ms Tebu Tsebe <i>(Psychologist), Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
15:00 - 16:00	Children's vulnerability post parental separation Prof Geraldine Mathieu <i>Universite De Namur, Belgium</i>
END OF DAY 3	

DAY 4

Thursday, 26 June 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 - 10:15	Children's rights and climate change Ms Liesel Muller <i>Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Tea break
10:30 - 12:00	Children and Cities Dr Rongedzayi Fambasayi <i>Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Children, AI and content creation Prof Łukasz Szoszkiewicz <i>Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań (UAM), Poland</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	Monitoring and accountability for implementation of children's rights Prof Robert Nanima <i>Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape</i>
15:00 - 16:15	Child rights advocacy Dr Musa Chibwana <i>Save the Children, South Africa</i>
END OF DAY 4	

DAY 5

Friday, 27 June 2025

TIME

ACTIVITY

09:00 - 10:15

The changing philosophy of surrogacy in Africa

Dr Carmel Jacobs

Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape

10:15-10:30

Tea break

10:30-12:00

Implementation and Enforcement of children's rights: Use of the complaint's mechanisms under the CRC and the African Children's Charter

Prof Elvis Fokala

Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

12:00 -13:00

Course evaluations and certificates

Mr. Dennis Antwi

Manager, Advanced Human Rights Courses,

Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

13:00-13:30

Closing remarks

Prof Nkatha Murungi

Ms Karabo Ozah

Prof Usang Maria Assim

13:30-

Lunch - Braai

END OF DAY 5



About the **Children's Rights Unit**

The Children's Rights Unit was established in 2013 as the Centre's focal point on matters of the rights of children. The Unit works through research, advocacy, and training, to contribute to the regional discourse on the rights of children in Africa and beyond. In line with the Centre's mission, the work of the Unit has a pan-African reach, while seeking to foster a contextually relevant understanding of global issues and concerns to children in Africa. The Unit provides an essential bridge between academic research and evidence-based advocacy in the African region.

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For more information about the Advanced Human Rights Course on Children's Rights in Africa presented by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria,

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