



Centre for Human Rights

Advanced Human Rights Course

Children's Rights in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host a 5-day intensive short course on Children's Rights in Africa from 22 to 26 June 2026.

The course is an initiative intended to build the technical capacity of diverse professionals working for and with children across the African continent. During the course, participants are equipped with the necessary knowledge and practical skills that will enable them to meaningfully contribute to the realization of children's rights in Africa.

Despite African governments' commitment to the protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of children under their respective jurisdictions, a majority of children in Africa are still left behind with regards to the realization of their basic human rights and access to basic services such as adequate nutrition, adequate housing, quality education, and healthcare. One of the reasons identified as being responsible for this dire situation is the lack, among key stakeholders, of adequate knowledge of the relevant standards pertaining to the rights of children, as well as the processes and procedures through which the standards can be enforced. This gap leads to ineffective implementation of existing legal and policy frameworks at domestic level, with severe repercussions on the quality of life lived by large numbers of children on the continent.

Course Objectives

The primary goal of the course is to provide participants with theoretical and practical knowledge in the area of children's rights, and to equip them with skills for promoting and monitoring the implementation of the rights and welfare of children. The course shines a spotlight on the African context, and contextualises the universal children's rights discourse to the region.

The course has also proved to be an excellent platform for networking and collaboration towards the advancement of children's rights in Africa.

Visit www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc for more information.



Course length:
5 days



Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day



Price:
Online - 150 USD
In-person - 250 USD



Course type:
Short course



Certificate:
On successful completion



Language:
English

Course dates
22 – 26
June 2026

Apply until
1 May 2026

APPLY

