

Centre for Human Rights
Advanced Human Rights Course
Children's Rights in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, in partnership with the Centre for Child Law (CCL), University of Pretoria and Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights, University of the Western Cape will host a one-week intensive short course on Children's Rights in Africa from 21 – 25 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 realisation 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 realisation 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 the domestic level, with severe repercussions on the quality of life lived by large numbers of children on the continent.

It is against this background that the initiative of holding this course yearly came about.

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.

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
21 – 25 June 2027

Apply until
3 May 2027

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

Course content

Topics may include:

- The history of children's rights
- Concepts and philosophies underlying children's rights
- Normative frameworks and standards on children's rights
- Implementation of children's rights
- Enforcement of children's rights
- Contemporary and emerging issues in children's rights
- Intersectionality in children's rights
- Advocacy and children's rights

The course is open to individuals whose work affects, directly or indirectly, the lives of children. Participants may therefore include government officials, representatives of civil society, legal practitioners, members of the judiciary, national human rights institutions, social workers, or academics with an interest in children's rights.

The course is facilitated by renowned experts in the field of children's rights in Africa, including academics, researchers, advocates and other professionals working with and for children in Africa, and beyond.

Scholarships

All applicants wishing to apply for scholarships are required to write a short motivation. A limited number of scholarships are available. These scholarships are awarded on a very competitive basis.

Application procedure

Documents to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae (short CV in PDF or Word document, 1–2 pages, maximum 10 MB in file size)
- One Letter of Recommendation (PDF or Word document, maximum of 10 MB in file size)
- Academic Records (students only) (combined in one PDF or Word document, maximum 10 MB in file size)

**Please note that in order to apply for any of the Advanced Human Rights Courses, you are required to use a Google account.*

If you do not hear from us within 5 days after applications have closed, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Payment

Account name: University of Pretoria
Bank: ABSA Bank
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As reference please supply the following information: ***(A1H394)*** and ***surname.***

Please email a proof of payment to Mr Dennis Antwi at Dennis.Antwi@up.ac.za.

NB: Please do not make payment until you have received confirmation that you have been accepted for the course.

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