



Zelda, aged 59, is a woman of immense resilience. She has been living with disability but still makes her way around the refugee camp in a wheelchair (Mugunga III camp, Democratic Republic of the Congo).

Invitation: Conference

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Conference on the rights of women with disabilities in Africa

The Conference is on the theme '**Overcoming obstacles: Towards the effective implementation of the rights of women with disabilities in Africa**' and will be presented by scholars, practitioners and disability activists from all over the world, but particularly from Africa.

Date	4 and 5 November 2014
Time	09:00 to 17:00
Venue	Auditorium, Plant Sciences Building Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria Pretoria, South Africa
RSVP	Kindly confirm your attendance by Friday 31 October 2014 by sending an email to carole.viljoen@up.ac.za
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No registration fee is charged but pre-registration is compulsory.

About the Conference

Globally, women with disabilities experience significantly more barriers in realising human rights in both public and private settings. They are more likely to suffer multiple or aggravated forms of discrimination inside as well as outside the home. In Africa, as with many other societies around the world, the situation of women with disabilities is complicated by traditional and conservative views on the position and role of women in society. It is not insignificant that the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in its preamble and substantive provisions is cognizant of the intersectionality of gender and requires states to address gender equality. Article 6 of the CRPD is the clearest expression of the state obligation in this regard.

The conference seeks to bring together scholars, researchers, practitioners, disability activists, disabled people's organisations and policymakers from across Africa and beyond to interrogate the intersection between women with disabilities and the fulfillment of their human rights in the African region.

About the Centre for Human Rights

The Centre for Human Rights was established in 1986. It is both an academic department and a non-governmental organisation, and works towards human rights education in Africa, a greater awareness of human rights, the wide dissemination of publications on human rights in Africa, and the improvement of the rights of women, people living with HIV, indigenous peoples, sexual minorities and other disadvantaged or marginalised persons or groups across the continent.

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