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Experts' Roundtable on the

**Proposed Draft Protocol to the African Charter on
Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities in Africa**

21-22 August 2014

**Venue: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria,
Law Faculty - Law 2-2.1**

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE – 20 August 2014

Arrival of international participants

DAY TWO – 21 August 2014

- 08h00 – 09h00 **Registration**, the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
- 09h00 – 09h45 **Official Opening**
- Remarks by University of Pretoria:
Prof Frans Viljoen, Director, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law
- Remarks by Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa
- Remarks by Africa Disability Alliance:
Ms Rosewater Mudarikwa, Chairperson
- Remarks by African Union:
Mr Johan Strijdom, Head of Division Social Affairs Department
- 09h45 – 11h00 **Panel Discussion**
- Prof Viljoen, Commissioner Lawrence Mhute, African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights, Serges Kamga, University of South Africa
- The panel will address the following issues:
- The feasibility and desirability of an African disability human rights instrument
 - What are the substantive African disability rights issues? And how can this

mechanism protect these rights for Africans with disabilities?

Moderated by Mr Kudakwashe Dube, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Disability Alliance

11h00 – 11h30 **TEA BREAK**

11h30 – 12h30 **Presentation:**

Content of the Draft Protocol:
Commissioner Lawrence Mhute (ACHPR)

Moderated by Mr Lefhoko Kesamang, Senior Social Welfare Officer, African Union Commission for Social Development

12h30 – 13h30 **LUNCH BREAK**

13h30 – 16h30 **Commissions on four thematic areas of the Protocol**

Group 1: Equality/non-discrimination (Articles 3-8). **Presenter:** Justice Kwaku Srem-Sai - Open Society Initiative Disability Rights Scholarship Alumni

Group 2: Living in community and self-representation (Articles 9, 10, 16-19). **Presenter:** Edmore Masende & Gabriel DeBarros - Open Society Initiative Disability Rights Scholarship Alumni

Group 3: Socio-economic rights (Article s11-15) and Responsibilities (23). **Presenter:** Likando Kalaluka - Open Society Initiative Disability Rights Scholarship Alumni

Group 4: Particular groups (Articles 19-22, 24). **Presenter:** Frank Musukwa & Simate Simate - Open Society Initiative Disability Rights Scholarship Alumni

18h30 – 21h00 **Working Dinner** with the Deputy Minister of the Republic of South Africa Department of Social Development - Adler's Restaurant, University of Pretoria

DAY THREE – 22 August 2014

09h00 – 10h30 **Commissions' presentation and discussions in plenary**

Moderated by Professor Frans Viljoen Centre, Director - Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

10h30 – 11h00 **TEA BREAK**

11h00 – 12h00 **Continuation of Commissions' presentation and discussions**

12h00 – 13h00 **Presentation and discussion:**
The form of monitoring - should monitoring of Protocol be entrusted to a political entity within the AU, or a body of independent experts

Moderated by Ms Monica Mbaru, Judge, Industrial Court, Republic of Kenya

13h00 – 14h00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14h00 – 15h30 **Presentation of comments on the draft protocol and comments/ further inputs by the Africa Disability Alliance**

15h30 – 16h00 Remarks by University of Pretoria

Remarks by ADA

Remarks by the Government of South Africa

Remarks by the African Union

DAY FOUR – 23 August 2014

Departure