



DISABILITY RIGHTS UNIT

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Established in 2012, the Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights is committed to fostering and strengthening the implementation, domestication and formulation of disability rights in Africa.



The Unit does this through teaching, research, capacity-building trainings and workshops among governments, national human rights institutions, academia, civil society organisations and other stakeholders on disability rights on international and regional disability rights frameworks, norms and standards.

The Centre for Human Rights is an internationally recognised university-based institution combining academic excellence and effective activism to advance human rights, particularly in Africa. It aims to contribute to advancing human rights, through education, research and advocacy.

www.chr.up.ac.za/disability-rights-unit

Master's degree (LLM/MPhil) in Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA)

The Unit launched in 2019 a Master's degree programme in Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA).

The programme was established with the aim of equipping disability rights advocates, lawyers, researchers, social activists and educators from the continent with knowledge and resources on how to harness the innovations and opportunities offered by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and now the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa.

DRIA is a two-year programme offered both as an **LLM** (for scholars with a law background) and an **MPhil** (for scholars with a non-law background).

The programme takes a hybrid teaching approach comprising of online interaction and residential block-weeks in Pretoria.



Two contact sessions are scheduled every year (four contact sessions over the period of two years).

The next call for applications will be launched in **May 2020**.

Should you be interested in the programme kindly contact Dianah Msipa: dianah.msipa@up.ac.za

www.chr.up.ac.za/dria



Advanced Human Rights Course

Disability Rights in an African context

The advanced short course on disability rights in an African context is one of several advanced short courses in human rights that are offered by the Centre for Human Rights. The course which runs each year, attracts over forty participants from more than twenty different African countries.

Course participants include persons with disabilities, their families, civil servants, civil society organisations of persons with disabilities as well as advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts and students of Centre's masters programmes.

The course is aimed at building capacity and dissemination of information on disability rights more broadly in Africa by offering participants with a platform to acquire the latest knowledge and information in the discourse in an analytical and practical-solution based way.

The next course will take place on 9 – 13 March 2020.

Interested participants should contact:

Dennis Antwi

Email: dennis.antwi@up.ac.za or

Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi

Email: innocentia.mgijima@up.ac.za

For more information on this course and other courses, please visit the AHRC website:

www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc



Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (rodra)

Search RODRA

English

[HOME](#) * [ABOUT](#) * [COUNTRIES](#) * [LAWS & POLICIES](#) * [THEMATIC AREAS](#) * [TREATIES](#) * [YEARBOOK](#) * [NEWS](#) * [OPPORTUNITIES](#) * [MEDIA](#) * [CONTACT](#)

Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (rodra)

Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (RODRA)

As a response to the growing need for an open access resource platform on disability in Africa, the Centre for Human Rights as a world renowned research institution embarked on a journey in 2018 that led to the creation and the launch of the repository on disability rights in Africa (RODRA).

RODRA is the first repository of its kind in Africa aimed at tracking the development and progress in the provision, protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa.

The Centre for Human Rights sees the repository as an online library of resources that will benefit and enrich the research outputs of disability rights researchers and advocates in the Africa.

These include scholars, research institutions, civil society organisations and regional and government officials under whose docket disability falls.

The repository is accessible to persons with visual and hearing disabilities.

www.rodra.co.za