

Disability Rights in Africa

7th Annual Disability Rights Conference

Conference theme:
*Fulfilling the right of persons with disabilities
to live in the community:
Promoting choice, inclusion and participation*

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SUMMARY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019

*Annual African Disability Rights Conference
Day 1 - Conference Room: Illanga*

08:00 – 17:30

Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 1

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019

*Annual African Disability Rights Conference
Day 2 - Conference Room: Illanga*

09:00 – 17:00

Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 2

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019

Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumni Meeting

08:30 – 12:30

Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumni Meeting



DETAILED PROGRAMME

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019

Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 1

Conference Room: Illanga

08:00 – 09:00	Registration and Tea
09:00 – 09:45	WELCOME ADDRESS Moderator: Jehoshaphat Njau <i>Project Coordinator, Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (UP)</i> Rapporteur: Harry Chikasamba <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i> Dr Nkatha Murungi <i>Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> Prof Elsabe Schoeman <i>Acting Dean, Faculty of Law, UP</i> Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> WELCOMING ADDRESS: Commissioner Adv Bokankatla Joseph Malatji <i>Commissioner responsible for Disability, Older Persons and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, South African Human Rights Commission</i> KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Michael Njenga <i>Executive Director, Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya</i> <i>Executive Council Member of Africa Disability Forum</i>
09:45 – 11:00	CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION SESSION A: Conceptualising the right to live in the community Moderator: Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi <i>Programme Manager, Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> Rapporteur: Kims Banda <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i> Choice, support and inclusion: Implementing Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa Patricia Atim P'odong <i>Assistant Lecturer, School of Law, Makerere University</i> From institutions to community living: Rekindling the spirit of <i>Ubuntu</i> in compliance with the CRPD and the African Disability Protocol in Ghana Odoo Auberon Jeleel <i>Disability Rights in Africa Master's Student, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> <i>Officer, Inclusion Africa</i> CNN Documentary Screening : 'Locked up and forgotten' Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	TEA

11:30 – 13:00	CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION SESSION B: Persons with intellectual disabilities and the right to live in the community
	<p>Moderator: Esther Marigu Karanja <i>Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Public Interest, Legal Aid Human Rights Committee Member of the Law Society of Kenya</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Esther Akua Gyamfi <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumna</i></p> <p>All rights matter for me to live and be included in the community: Recognizing the voices of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families</p> <p>Fatma Wangare Haji <i>Executive Director, Kenya Association of the Intellectually Handicapped Regional Coordinator, Inclusion Africa</i></p> <p>Fayel Achieng Odeny <i>Advocacy Officer, Kenya Association of the Intellectually Handicapped</i></p> <p>Group communication as a strategy for social inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities: The case of Orione Community Centre in Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p>Jackline U. Lidubwi <i>Kenya Broadcasting Corporation Television Doctorate Student, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya</i></p> <p>Dr John O. Ndavula <i>Lecturer and Head of Department for Communication Studies, St. Paul's University, Kenya</i></p> <p>Personal reflections from a self-advocate: Limitations live only in our minds</p> <p>Shéri Brynard <i>Assistant Teacher, Lettie Fouché School for Learners with Special Educational Needs Down Syndrome International (DSI) Ambassador</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH AND NETWORKING
14:00 – 15:30	CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION SESSION C: Persons with psychosocial disabilities and the right to live in the community
	<p>Moderator: Faizah Sidi <i>Senior Human Rights Officer, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Bekithemba Mlauzi <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i></p> <p>Persons with psychosocial disabilities and the right to live in the community: Reflections from Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya</p> <p>Elizabeth Ombati <i>Disability Rights Advocate Programs Officer, Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Kenya</i></p> <p>Michael Njenga <i>Executive Director, Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Kenya Executive Council Member of Africa Disability Forum</i></p>

The right to live in the community for persons with psychosocial disabilities in Mozambique: Transit Centre Project Case-Study

Clodoaldo Castiano

Disability Law and Policy Advisor, National Human Rights Commission of Mozambique

Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus

“There is a place for us”: The right to community living of persons with psychosocial disabilities in South Africa

Professor Heléne Combrinck

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, North-West University

Personal reflection from a self-advocate: Human rights and mental health in Zambia / Breaking the yoke of injustice and poverty

Sylvester Katontoka

Mental Health Users Network of Zambia

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

TEA

16:00 – 17:30

CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION

SESSION D: The place of the family and other caregivers in promoting the right to live in the community

Moderator: Fatma Wangare Haji

*Executive Director, Kenya Association of the Intellectually Handicapped
Regional Coordinator, Inclusion Africa*

Rapporteur: Victor Mukupa

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The parents as the missing link: Lessons from work with parents of children with disabilities in Harare, Zimbabwe

Barbra Nyangairi

Executive Director, Deaf Zimbabwe Trust

Approaches to helping teachers and parents recognise and help children with autism to effectively lead fulfilled lives in the community:

A case of Lusaka Province, Zambia

Phydes Ng'uni Kaunda

Special Education Teacher, University of Zambia

Thomas Mtonga

Lecturer, University of Zambia

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Caring in the home – More than just ‘care’!

Gary Westwood

Regional Director, Epilepsy South Africa (Free State & North West)

The use of parent support group service delivery model for autism spectrum disorder

Nomsa Masoka

Speech Therapist and Audiologist

Founder of Mothers of Children With Autism (MOCWA)

Discussion

END OF DAY ONE OF THE CONFERENCE

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019

Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 2

Conference Room: Illanga

09:00 – 10:30	<p>CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION SESSION A: The place of civil society, national human rights institutions and courts in promoting the right to live in the community</p> <p>Moderator: Annabel Raw <i>Health Rights Lawyer, head of Health Rights Programme, Southern Africa Litigation Centre</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Peter Ochieng <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i></p> <p>The role of national human rights institutions in advancing Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the right of persons with disabilities to live independently and be included in the community</p> <p>Elizabeth Kamundia <i>Assistant Director, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights</i></p> <p>Faizah Sidi <i>Senior Human Rights Officer, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights</i></p> <p>The place of Kenyan courts: Realizing the right of accused persons with psychosocial disability to live in the community</p> <p>Linda Njeri Wachira <i>Project Coordinator, Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya Kenya Association for the Intellectually Handicapped</i></p> <p>The intersection between the right to live in the community and legal capacity: A Tanzanian legal and practical outlook</p> <p>Emmanuel Charles Moshi <i>Practicing Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania Assistant Lecturer, School of Law, University of Dodoma</i></p> <p>The roles and intervention approaches for social workers within the disability context: Promoting the right to inclusion and participation for children with disabilities</p> <p>Matthews Makwela <i>Social Work Department, School of Human and Community Development, University of the Witwatersrand</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:30 – 11:00	TEA
11:00 – 13:00	<p>CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION SESSION B: The intersections between the right to live in the community and other human rights</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Fish Hodgson <i>Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Alexious Kamangila <i>Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus</i></p>

The link between the right to live independently and to be included in the community, and the right to work and employment for persons with psychosocial disability: A critical review of Kenyan Law

Shirley Genga

Doctorate student at the University of Witwatersrand

Exploring the role played by digital rights in realising the human right of persons with disabilities to live in the community in Zimbabwe

Nqobani Dube

Inclusive development specialist, Inclusive Humanity Institute

Promoting the need of persons with physical disability to live in their communities

Edmos Mtetwa

Lecturer, Disability and Public Policy, University of Zimbabwe

Providing access to youth with disabilities in Cape Town:

The role of transport

Dr Marlene F. Le Roux

Chief Executive Officer, Artscape Theatre Centre, Cape Town

Dr Charles Rivasplata

*Senior Lecturer, Urban and Regional Planning Department,
San Jose State University*

Personal reflections from a self-advocate: The role of augmentive and alternative communication (AAC) in promoting the right to live in the community

Constance Ntuli

Disability Advocate

*Mentor for persons who use AAC, Centre for Augmentative and
Alternative Communication, UP*

Discussion

12:30 – 13:00

Facilitated group discussion on strategies towards implementing the right to live in the community

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

14:00 – 15:30

CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION

SESSION C: Domestic policy-making and legislation for the right to live in the community

Moderator: Lydia Pretorius

*Chief Director, Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities,
Government of South Africa*

Rapporteur: Peter Kandulu

Disability Rights Scholarship Programme Alumnus

Analysing the Zimbabwean Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2019

Esau Mandipa

*Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Midlands State University
Practising Lawyer
Co-founder of Mutatu and Mandipa Legal Practice*

	<p>The right to community living for children with disabilities in Africa: An appraisal of the domestic legislative enforcement</p> <p>Dr Enoch Chilemba <i>Lecturer in disability law, human rights and international law, Foundational Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Malawi, Chancellor College</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	TEA
16:00 – 17:0	CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION
	<p>Moderator: Dianah Msipa <i>Programme Officer, Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i></p> <p>Conference Evaluation</p> <p>Highlight of upcoming opportunities by the Disability Rights Unit</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Launch of the Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (RODRA)</p>
	END OF DAY TWO OF THE CONFERENCE

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