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## 9th ANNUAL DISABILITY RIGHTS CONFERENCE (ONLINE)

*‘Realising the Sexual and Reproductive Rights  
of Persons with Disabilities in the African Re-  
gion: The Promise of Disability Rights Treaties’*

16 – 17 November 2021

Disability Rights Unit  
**Centre for Human Rights**  
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## SUMMARY PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2021

Annual Disability Rights in Africa Conference (Day one)

*Venue: Online via zoom*

*Time: 10:00 – 16:30*

### WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021

Annual Disability Rights in Africa Conference (Day two)

*Venue: Online via zoom*

*Time: 10:00 – 16:00*

### THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021

Workshop on the ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa

*Venue: Online via zoom*

*Time: 09:00 – 12:00*

### FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021

Disability Rights Scholarship Alumni Meeting

*Venue: Online via zoom*

*Time: 10:00 – 12:00*

## DETAILED PROGRAMME

**Tuesday 16 November 2021**

*Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 1*

*Venue: Online via zoom*

### **Time**

**10:00 – 10:40**

### **Activity**

#### **WELCOME ADDRESSES**

**Moderator: Ms Dianah Msipa**

*Acting Manager, Disability Rights Unit*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Ms Bernadette Muyomi**

*Disability Rights in Africa Programme Alumni*

**Prof Elsabe Schoeman**

*Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria*

**Professor Frans Viljoen**

*Director, Centre for Human Rights*

*University of Pretoria*

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

**Professor Charles Ngwena**

*Professor of Law, Centre for Human Rights*

*University of Pretoria*

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Fatma Wangare Haji**

**Executive Director**

*Kenya Association of the Intellectually Handicapped (KAIH)*

**10:40 – 11:40**

#### **PLENARY SESSION A**

**SESSION A: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Persons with Disabilities in Africa: Setting the scene**

**Moderator: Mr Paul Juma**

*Programme Officer, Disability Rights Unit,*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Mr Kims Banda**  
*Alumnus: Disability Rights Scholarship Programme*

The myth of asexuality? Disability stigma as a barrier to sexual relationships in South Africa

**Dr Xanthe Hunt**  
*Senior Researcher at the Institute for Life Course Health Research, Stellenbosch University*

Physical disabilities, sexuality and reproductive autonomy

**Advocate Judith Murungi**  
*Advocate of the High Court, Kenya*

**11:40 – 12:00 Health break**

**12:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION B**  
**SESSION B:** The role of parents and teachers

**Moderator: Ms Sabeeha Majid**  
*Intern, Disability Rights Unit,  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Ms Esther Akua Gyamfi**  
*Alumnus: OSI Disability Rights Scholarship Programme*

The intersection between parents, educators and learners with intellectual disability and sexuality: the place of a rights discourse

**Professor Charles Ngwena**  
*Professor of Law, Centre for Human Rights  
University of Pretoria*

Experiences of parents and teachers in preparing adolescents with autism spectrum disorder for sexual life at Buleni University and Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia

**Ms Phydes Ng'uni Kaunda**  
*Lecturer, Special Needs Education, University of Zambia*

**Discussion**

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30 PLENARY SESSION**



**SESSION C: Access to Justice and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**

**Moderator: Ms Dianah Msipa**

*Acting Manager, Disability Rights Unit*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Mr Nana Akwasi Boateng**

*Community Based Rehabilitation and Disability Studies,  
University of Education, Winneba, Ghana*

Bridging the Justice Gap in the Prosecution of Sexual Violence  
Crimes against Women with Disabilities in Zimbabwe

**Mr James Tinotenda Ndemera**

*Disability Rights Researcher*

Adapting Prevention and Early Intervention measures and Parenting  
Capacity Assessments in Neglect cases involving Parents with  
Intellectual Disabilities in South African Children's Courts

**Ms Willene Holness**

*Disability Activist*

*Senior Lecturer, University of Kwazulu-Natal*

Towards Reproductive Justice for Women and Girls with  
Disabilities: A Review of Kenya's Legal and Policy Framework

**Mr Martin Onyango**

*Centre for Reproductive Rights, Head of Strategies: Africa*

**Ms Prudence Mutiso**

*Centre for Reproductive Rights, Legal Advisor: Africa*

**15:30 - 15:40**

**Health break**

**15:40 – 16:30**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**SESSION D: Safety and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**

**Moderator: Mr Foluso Adegalu**

*Associate Manager, Litigation and Implementation Unit*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Mr Nkhasi Sefuthi**

***Alumna: LLM/MPhil Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA)***

Examining access to family planning services by women with mental disabilities in Uganda: A case study of Gulu and Kampala District

**Advocate Barbara Lamara**

***Advocate of the High Court of Uganda***

On, Yet under, the Radar: Sexual risk behaviour and outcomes among university students with disabilities

**Dr Simon Peter**

***Lecturer, University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania***

**Discussion**

**16:30**

**END OF DAY 1**

## Wednesday 17 November 2021

*Annual African Disability Rights Conference Day 2*

### Time

### Activity

**10:00 – 10:15**

#### **WELCOME & OVERVIEW**

**Moderator: Professor Charles Ngweni**  
*Professor of Law, Centre for Human Rights,  
University of Pretoria*

**Brief overview of day one**  
**Ms Sabeeha Majid**  
*Intern, Disability Rights Unit  
Centre for Human Rights*

**10:15 – 11:00**

#### **PLENARY SESSION**

**Session A:** Strategies for the realisation and implementation of sexual and reproductive health and rights

**Moderator: Mr Wilson Macharia**  
*Researcher and Project Officer, Disability Rights Unit,  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Ms Margaret Zulu**  
*LLM/MPhil Candidate Disability Rights in Africa programme,  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Leaving no one behind: The operationalization of right to health approach to ensuring rights Protection of a person with a disability

**Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng**  
*United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the highest attainable standard of Physical and mental health*

Advancing Psychosocial Support and Mental Health in unearthing and addressing the hidden and complex Sexual Exploitation against girls with disabilities at water points in peri-urban of Domboromwari Epworth

**Mr Cosmas Rongoti**  
*Social Development Worker*  
**Ms Aundrance Machakanise**  
*Social Development Worker*  
**Mr Lloyd Kwambana**  
*Disability Rights Advocate*

**11:00 – 11:15      Health break**

**11:15 – 13:00**

WhatsApp as a platform for participating in sexual and reproductive issues for women with disabilities in Kenya

**Ms Jackline Lidubwi**

*American Disability Act (ADA) Fellow*

*Internews Network, Project Leader*

**Dr John Ndavula**

*Lecturer, Murang'a University of Technology, Kenya*

Implementing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women and Girls with Disabilities: Why the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Must Rethink the Existing Monitoring Framework

**Ms Mirriam Nthenge**

*Human Rights Officer, International Disability Alliance*

Realisation of sexual and reproductive rights by women with mental and intellectual disabilities in Zimbabwe: Prospects and challenges

**Mr Liberty Chimwaradze**

*Public Prosecutor, National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe*

**Mr Kennedy Madekutsikwa**

*Public Prosecutor, National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe*

**13:00 – 14:00      LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00 – 14:40      PLENARY SESSION**

**Session B: Sexuality Education**

**Moderator: Ms Faith Njahira Wangari**

*Programme officer, Disability Rights Unit*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Mr Auberon Jeleel Odoom**

*Alumna: LLM/MPhil Disability Rights in Africa*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*



Obstacles to the acquisition of Comprehensive Sexuality Education skills among learners with disabilities in Zambia

**Dr Kenneth Kapalu Muzata**

*Lecturer and Researcher, University of Zambia*

**Professor Beatrice Matafwali**

*Associate Professor, University of Zambia*

**Professor Sophie Kasonde**

*Associate Professor, University of Zambia*

Criteria for law reform on Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Children with Disabilities in South Africa

**Ms Thina Mthembu**

*Researcher, Inclusive Education and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*

**Ms Willene Holness**

*Disability Activist*

*Senior Lecturer, University of Kwa Zulu Natal*

**Discussion**

**14:40 – 14:55**

**Health break**

**14:55 – 15:30**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**Session C: Intersections**

**Moderator: Ms Tadiwanashe Mavunga**

*Intern, Disability Rights Unit*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Rapporteur: Lovemore Chidemo**

*Alumna: LLM/MPhil Disability Rights in Africa,*

*Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

The intersection of race, homosexuality and disability: exploring disabled, coloured, gay man's narrative of identity and the deployment

**Mr Benedict Khumalo**

*MPhil in Disability Studies candidate, University of Cape Town*

Disability and Sexual Rights

Self-testimony

**Ms Makgosi Letimile**

*Disability Rights Activist*

**Discussion**

**15:30 – 16:00**

## **CONCLUDING SESSION**

**Moderator: Ms Sabeeha Majid**  
*Intern, Disability Rights Unit,  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

**Facilitator: Ms Tadiwanashe Mavunga**  
*Intern, Disability Rights Unit,  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

## **Conference Evaluation**

**Highlight of upcoming opportunities by the Disability Rights Unit (promotional video)**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Dr Nkhata Murungi**  
*Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights,  
University of Pretoria*

**16:00**

## **END OF CONFERENCE**

## About the **Disability Rights Unit**

The Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights is committed to finding evidence-based ways of addressing the rights of persons with disabilities on the African continent. This includes conducting research on international disability rights standards and instruments, building capacity among governments, national human rights institutions, academia, civil society and communities, and engaging with judicial, quasi-judicial and non-judicial redress mechanisms.

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