



**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**

*Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
Venue: Online via zoom*

Thursday 18 November 2021
09:00-12:00

Time	Activity
	Moderator Dianah Msipa <i>Acting Manager, Disability Rights Unit Centre for Human Rights Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
09:00 – 09:05	Opening remarks Professor Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
09:05 – 09:10	Opening remarks Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh <i>Director, Africa Regional Office International Commission of Jurists</i>
09:10 – 09:20	Opening remarks Commissioner Marie Louise Abomo <i>Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities African Commission</i>

Session A: Substantive content

09:20 – 09:50 Overview of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa

Dianah Msipa
*Acting Manager, Disability Rights Unit
Centre for Human Rights*

09:50 – 10:20 Individual rights in the African Disability Protocol

Wilson Macharia

*Researcher, Disability Rights Unit,
Centre for Human Rights*

10:20 – 10:30 Health Break

Session B: The road to ratification

Moderator

Timothy Fish Hodgson
*Legal Advisor, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
International Commission of Jurists (Africa)*

10:30 – 11:10 Panel Discussion: Strategies for getting African states to ratify the African Disability Protocol

Panelists:

Mr Dagnachew Wakene
*Doctoral candidate
Institute for Comparative and International Law in Africa
(ICLA), Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria*

Mr Lefokho Kesamang
Senior Social Welfare Officer
African Union Commission
Facilitator:

Mr William Aseka
Validity Foundation

11:10 – 11:40

Advocacy for ratification: The role of civil society

Susan Mutambasere
Project Officer, *Women's Rights Unit,*
Centre for Human Rights
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

11:40 – 12:00

The ratification process at national level

Abebaw Abebe
Project Manager, *African Disability Forum,*
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

12:00 – 12:05

Film screening

12:05 – 12:10

Closing remarks

Dr Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

12:10

End of programme

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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Important links

Disability Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria:
www.chr.up.ac.za/disability-rights-unit

Master's degree (LLM/MPhil) in Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA): www.chr.up.ac.za/dria

Advanced Human Rights Course: Disability Rights in an African Context:
www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc

Repository on Disability Rights in Africa (RODRA): www.rodra.co.za

African Disability Rights Yearbook: www.adry.up.ac.za