



ANNUAL DISABILITY RIGHTS IN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2026

Equality and non-discrimination: Realising the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, is convening the 14th Annual Disability Rights in Africa Conference. The theme for this year's conference is ***'Equality and non-discrimination: Realising the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa'***.

EVENT DETAILS

5 - 6 November 2026

Hybrid (University of Pretoria, South Africa and online via Zoom)

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The aim of the Conference is two-fold:

1. to critically engage with the substantive content of the right to equality and non-discrimination as envisaged by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa (African Disability Protocol); and
2. to interrogate strategies for the realisation of this right and ensuring equality of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life.

It is anticipated that papers presented at this Conference will be reworked by the authors and submitted for consideration for publication in the 2027 volume of the African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY): <https://www.adry.up.ac.za/>.

The annual disability conference is a flagship platform for convening dialogue among key stakeholders on disability rights and to spotlight pertinent and emerging disability rights concerns in the African region. More information on previous editions of the annual Conference can be found at <https://www.chr.up.ac.za/disability-rights-projects/dru-annual-conference>.

Please note that participants who wish to attend the conference in-person will be required to cover their own costs (flight, accommodation, transport, and other related costs). The Centre will only cover conferencing costs. Those who wish to attend the conference virtually are requested to complete the zoom registration form, after which the zoom link will be e-mailed directly to their e-mail addresses.

Please note the following:

- Presenters will be communicated individually regarding logistical arrangements. Presenters joining virtually will also be communicated individually.
- Participants wishing to attend physically/in-person (at their own cost), are requested to email Ms Thandi Mpopo (thandi.mpopo@up.ac.za), copying Ms Sabeeha Majid (sabeeha.majid@up.ac.za) by Wednesday **28 October 2026**.
- Kindly confirm your virtual attendance by **Monday, 2 November 2026** by completing the Zoom registration form.