



Conference on Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Africa

Honouring Professor Charles Ngwena

13-14 November 2023
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In honour of Prof Charles Ngwena's contributions to human rights, and specifically highlighting his pioneering work in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa.



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DAY 1: 13 November 2023

08:30 – 09:00

Arrivals and Registration

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome

Prof Nkatha Murungi

Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Opening Remarks

Prof Elsabe Schoeman

Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

09:15 – 09:30

Tea Break & Photo Session

09:30 – 12:00

Panel: Breaking Barriers to Safe Abortion Access in Africa

Moderator

Prof Cathi Albertyn

University of the Witwatersrand

- Eastern African Perspective - **Saoyo Tabitha**, *Human Rights Lawyer*
- Southern African Perspective - **Chrispine Sibande**, *Executive Director, Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and Development*
- West African Perspective - **Dr John Kuumuori Ganle**, *Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health, School of Public Health, University of Ghana*
- North African Perspective - **Prof Irene Maffi**, *Université de Lausanne, Suisse*
- Francophone Africa - **Dr Bilgissou Balde**, *Regional Director, Ipas Francophone Africa*

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:00

Keynote Address on the Contributions of Charles Ngwena

Prof Rebecca J. Cook

Co-Director, International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program, University of Toronto

14:00 – 14:15

Tea Break

14:15 – 15:30

Panel: SRHR and Access to Gender-Affirming Care in the African Region

Moderator

Landilani Banda

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Framing Advancing Access to Gender-Affirming Care in Africa

Prof Charles Ngwena

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Noah Mirembe Gabigogo

Co-founder and Director, The Taala Foundation

Alesandra Ogeto

Deputy Director, Jinsiangu

End of Day

DAY 2: 14 November 2023

08:30 - 09:00

Arrivals and Registration

09:00 - 10:30

Panel: An Intersectional Approach to SRHR: Focus on Disability

Moderator:

Kerigo Odada

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

- **Dr Willene Holness**, *Senior Lecturer from the School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal*
- **Dr Anwuli Irene Ofuani-Sokolo**, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Private and Property Law, University of Benin, Nigeria*
- **Dianah Msipa**, *Programme Manager, Disability Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*
- **Prof Heléne Combrinck**, *Professor, Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa*

10:30 - 10:45

Tea/Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15

Roundtable: A Journey of Teaching, Research, and Community Engagement: Prof Charles Ngwena's Impact

Moderator

Prof Nkatha Murungi

Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

- **Prof Frans Viljoen**, *Professor, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*
- **Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng**, *UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Health*
- **Prof Ebenezer Durojaye**
- **Yumba Kakhobwe**, *Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

12:15 - 13:15

Lunch

13:15 - 15:00

Conversation: Shaping the Future of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Africa

Facilitators

Prof Ebenezer Durojaye & Dr Satang Nabaneh

15:00 - 15:15

Closing Remarks

Prof Nkatha Murungi

Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

15:30 - 16:30

Book Launch Cocktail: ***Choice and Conscience: Lessons from South Africa for a Global Debate*** (PULP 2023)

by Dr. Satang Nabaneh

Official Launch

Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng

UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health

End of Day