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## Presenter Biographies



### Prof Elsabe Schoeman

Elsabe Schoeman is Dean of the Faculty of Law and a professor in the Department of Private Law. She holds the degrees BLC (Pret) LLB (*cum laude*) LLD (Unisa). Prof Schoeman is the first woman to be appointed as Dean in the Faculty of Law after more than a century of its existence, marking her appointment as a significant milestone for the Faculty. Professor Schoeman was a member of the Law School at the University of Auckland (New Zealand) for fourteen years, where she served as Deputy Dean of the Faculty and Deputy Director of the cross-faculty Europe Institute. Before taking up her academic position at the University of Auckland in 2002, she spent a year at the *Institut für internationales und ausländisches Privatrecht* (University of Cologne) as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow. Prior to that she was a professor in the Department of Jurisprudence at the University of South Africa. Her main areas of research are jurisdiction in cross-border civil and commercial litigation and choice of law in contract, delict/tort and selected areas of family law.



### Prof Frans Viljoen

Professor Frans Viljoen holds the degrees MA, LLB and LLD from the University of Pretoria, and an LLM from Cambridge University. He is a professor of law and Director of the Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria. His research area is international human rights law, with a focus on the African regional human rights system. He has been involved in advocacy and training on the African regional human rights system, and published widely on international human rights law, including *International human rights law in Africa* (Oxford University Press, second edition, 2012). He is editor-in-chief of the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and co-editor of the English and French versions of the *African Human Rights Law Reports*. He is also the academic co-ordinator of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, presented by the Centre, in collaboration with partner law faculties across Africa. He has been involved with advocacy campaigns and litigation before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.



## Prof Charles Ngwena

Professor Charles Ngwena is a professor of human rights law at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. He is an expert in Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Health and Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Disability and Human Rights and Race and Common Citizenships. He has taught at law schools in the United Kingdom, Swaziland, South Africa, United States and Canada. Professor Ngwena is an author and editor of great repute and is the Convening Editor of the [\*African Disability Rights Yearbook\*](#), the first peer-reviewed journal to focus exclusively on disability and human rights in the African context. He has been an advisor on many boards and projects including the advisory board of the Joint Centre for Political and Economic Studies, and the advisory task team to the South African National AIDS Council. Professor Ngwena was recently appointed by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development as an advisory committee member for Project 148. Project 148, which is being led by the South African Law Reform Commission, seeks to domesticate the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (CRDP), which South Africa signed and ratified in 2007.



## Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng

Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng is the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. She is a medical doctor with expertise advocating for universal health access, HIV care, youth friendly services and family planning. She is Commissioner at the Commission for Gender Equality in South Africa and member of the boards of Safe Abortion Action Fund, Global Advisory Board for Sexual Health and Wellbeing, Accountability International. She is also the Chair of the Soul City Institute board. She has experience in advocacy training for healthcare professionals and her areas of focus have been on gender equality, policy, maternal and neonatal health, universal health access, post violence care, menstrual health, and HIV management.





## Dr Emma McKinney

Dr Emma McKinney is a lecturer and researcher at the University of the Western Cape's Community and Health Sciences Faculty where she integrates disability into their sports science and development Post Graduate courses. She previously completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Stellenbosch University where she conducted research into disability and access to interpretation in healthcare. She holds an M.Ed and B.Ed in Deaf Education from Wits and is an experienced teacher of children who are deaf having taught at three differing schools for the deaf and children with other disabilities at an additional three other schools. Dr McKinney is a person with a hearing disability and is involved as a board member on the South African Disability Trust, as well as is parkrun South Africa's Disability Specialist Ambassador. She also serves as the only African person on the Global parkrun Research Board.



## Prof Ebenezer Durojaye

Ebenezer is a Professor and Project Head of the Socio-Economic Rights Project of the Dullah Omar Institute. His research interests include human rights with focus on socio-economic rights issues such as poverty and human rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights, intersection between human rights and health decisions, a rights-based approach to non-communicable diseases in Africa, the intersection between culture and women's rights in Africa, women's health and adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights. From 2012-2014, he provided technical support to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.



## Dr Robert Doya Nanima

Dr Robert Nanima is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Constitutional Rights and Criminal Justice at the Faculty of Law, at the University of the Western Cape (UWC). He has lectured the law of evidence at the Faculty of Law, UWC. He is closely involved with the work of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of Children (ACERWC) and particularly on projects and outputs of the African Children's Charter Project (ACCP). He has published a number of articles and presented at national and international conferences. Facebook: Nanima. Robert Doya Twitter: @RobertNanima



## Ivan K Mugabi

Mr Ivan Mugabi is currently working as Supervisor of research for master students in oil and gas at Kampala Petroleum Institute at King Ceasor University, Bunga Kampala Uganda. In addition, he is presently undertaking the post graduate bar course at the Law development centre, to enhance his knowledge and career credentials in terms of contributing to Uganda's jurisprudence of legal practice. Ivan currently holds the following qualifications; LLB(Hons) Uganda Christian University [Uganda], LLM International Commercial law University of Glamorgan [Wales, UK], LLM Human Rights Law, Cardiff University (Wales, UK), M. Phil. Cardiff University, Wales, UK.



## Joyce Harriet Nanyanga

Joyce Harriet Nanyanga is a holder of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Makerere University and holds a Diploma in Secondary Education from the then Institute of Teacher Education Kyambogo. Joyce trained in Integration of SRHR and HIV/AIDS at Makerere University College of Health Sciences. She has been working with Makerere University Dep. of Religion and Peace Studies as a Project Officer and Assistant Manager M & E. Joyce is an advocate of Social Justice, Gender Specialist and Human Rights Activist. Joyce is a founder-member of Involve-Uganda formerly Women's HIV/AIDS Initiative (WHA1) where

she is currently acting as Executive Director and member of FIDA, FHRI, NAWOU, Women for Uganda, Uganda Feminist Forum, FOWODE, UWONET and Action Aid-Uganda.



## Samuel Umoh Uwem

Uwem Umoh Samuel lectures History and Cultural & Oral Heritage at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Before that position, he was a postgraduate Research Assistant. He is a PhD Candidate, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. He is also a field researcher for Tourism KwaZulu-Natal. Facebook: @Samuel Uwem Umoh



## Elizabeth Oyewo Adetola

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## Jackline Lidubwi

Jackline Lidubwi is a multi-award-winning disability mainstreaming activist and Senior Producer at Kenya Broadcasting Corporation. She is an American Disability Act (ADA) Fellow with over ten years' experience in media coverage for persons with disabilities. She holds an MA degree in Communication and Media Studies from the University of Nairobi and is currently pursuing a PhD in Mass

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## Dr John Ndavula

Dr. John Ndavula is a lecturer, editor and creative writer. He has published academic books, journal articles and fiction. He has scripted and produced television drama and documentary films. He is the editor of African Multidisciplinary Journal of Research, Kikwetu: A Journal of East African Literature, and Borderless Press which is a non-profit that publishes academic works by scholars from the Majority World. He conducts

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## Beryl Orai

Ms. Beryl Orai is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a human rights lawyer working with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. As a human rights practitioner, she has been involved in litigating various public interest cases and has also spearheaded trainings on the criminal trial process and the content of the right to fair trial for prisoners in various prisons in Western Kenya. In recognition of her efforts to ensure the protection of the rights of the vulnerable,

she was awarded the 2017 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by Amnesty International-Kenya, the Law Society of Kenya and the East Africa Centre for Human Rights. Ms. Orai holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and a Post-graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She also holds a Master of Laws Degree in Diplomacy and International Law from the University of Lancaster. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Pretoria's Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa. Her research focuses on the right of peaceful assembly.

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## Paul Ochieng Juma

Mr Paul Ochieng Juma is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a prosecution counsel working with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. As a prosecutor, he has been involved in the prosecution of criminal cases in Kenya. Mr Juma holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and a Post-graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. He is currently a master's candidate at the University of Pretoria. His research focuses on the right of

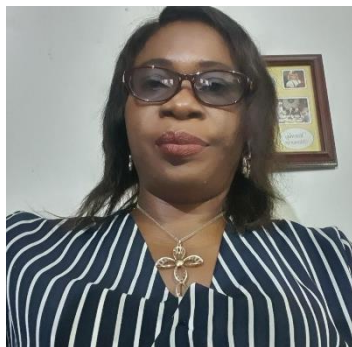
persons with disabilities.



## Dr Uzoma Prince-Oparaku

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of Law, San Francisco, California. Dr. Uzoma is a solicitor and advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.



## Dr Ngozi Chuma Umeh

Dr Ngozi Chuma Umeh is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of International Law and Jurisprudence at Imo State University Owerri, Nigeria. She has published numerous articles in international refereed journals, book chapters as well as many other publications and conference papers. Her research interests are in disability rights, socio-economic justice, child rights and sustainable development. She works closely with

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## Prof Edwin Abuya

Prof Edwin Abuya is an expert in Human Rights. Educated in Kenya (LLB-UoN), South Africa (LLM-UCT) and Australia (Sydney-SJD), he specializes in the rights of vulnerable populations, including displaced persons, those living with disabilities and individuals at risk of statelessness. Abuya has taught law in Australia (University of Sydney), the United Kingdom (Ulster University) and the United States (Seattle). He has published several articles in these areas of study.

His publications draw on hard evidence/empirical research. Consequently, some of the proposals he has made in his publications have been implemented by Governments, such as Kenya, and agencies, such as the UNHCR. Abuya has also consulted for a number of local and international agencies in his areas of expertise.



## Naomi Njuguna

Naomi Njuguna received her Bachelor of Laws Degree and Master of Laws Degree from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. She specialised in International Business Law at master's Level. She however began to take an interest in Health Law and Labour Law and is currently pursuing her PhD studies at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom pursuing research in Health Law (Realising the Right to Health particularly for workers by protecting

their right to psychosocial occupational safety and health). Naomi is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya having been admitted to the bar in 2006. She is currently a lecturer at the University of Nairobi where she teaches Labour Law, Medical Law and Ethics and Health Law and Policy. She has accumulated 15 years' experience teaching at University level in the areas of Labour Law, Health Law and Regional Integration Law. Naomi is also a member of the Law Society of Kenya and the Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship.



## Dr Roopanand Mahadew

Dr Roopanand Mahadew is a senior lecturer at the University of Mauritius, Department of Law. He specializes in international human rights law and public international law. He holds a doctoral degree from the University of Western Cape. His thesis was on land grabbing in selected African states from a human rights and development perspective.

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Bernadette Muyomi is a social justice advocate and disability rights scholar with a multi-disciplinary training background encompassing a BA in Guidance and Counselling, a Bsc in Nursing, an MPhil in Development Studies and an MPhil in Disability Rights in Africa. She has 14 years of work experience; 10 in the NGO sector in Kenya and internationally and 4 in the government. She is a fellow of the Young African Leadership Initiative (East Africa), Global Change Leaders (Canada), International Visitor Leadership Program Fellow (USA), Y-gap entrepreneurship program (Kenya) and Acumen (East Africa) among other leadership programs. She currently serves as the Executive Director of African Grassroots.

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## Felicity Kayumba Kalunga

Felicity Kayumba Kalunga is a Zambian Citizen. She holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Zambia, a Master of Laws Degree from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and is currently reading for PhD in constitutional and administrative law at the Cardiff University in Wales. She is a legal practitioner of over 12 years admitted to practice in Zambia in 2008. She works for the University of Zambia as a lecturer and researcher

in the School of Law where she has taught administrative law, legal process and clinical legal education, among other subjects. Her research interests are in human rights, disability rights, constitutional and administrative law. She has volunteered with local civil society organisations engaged in the promotion of human rights including disability and health rights. She has also conducted research on several draft legislation and submitted to the Zambian Parliament on behalf of Law Association of Zambia where she served as a member of the Association's Law Reform Committee for approximately four years. Felicity also served as a legal expert under a technical committee of Zambia's Law Reform Commission that was considering proposed amendments to the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code.

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researcher in the School of Law where she lectures human rights law, Clinical Legal Education and Legal Writing. She also coordinated the University of Zambia Human Rights Law Clinic Project and Disability Rights Law Project. She is also a human rights and legal consultant at Mushota & Associates, a Lusaka-based law firm. Chipo is a gender specialist, inclusion and human rights practitioner who is passionate about rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups and has therefore worked with many such groups to promote their inclusion in all areas of life on an equal footing as other members of society. She also runs a private legal and human rights consultancy firm which specializes in legal, gender, inclusion and human rights training, community-based empowerment programmes, paralegal training, research, development of training materials and handbooks and community awareness raising. Her top personal values are hard work and prayer and she strives for excellence in all she does.

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## William Aseka

William Aseka is a human rights lawyer who works at Validity Foundation as the Africa Advocacy Manager. William believes in advocating for the rights of the marginalised in society. He has researched, published and advocated for the inclusion of people with disabilities within the African continent. In order to achieve this inclusion, he has worked closely with the African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights to ensure inclusion of the marginalised in Africa. Currently, William is researching on how people with intellectual disabilities can effectively exercise their right to vote in Kenya. William holds a Master of Laws (LLM) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Syracuse University College of Law, USA and Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya.



## Dr Godfrey Kangaude

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Peter Chinamora is an experienced child protection practitioner and is currently the National Child Protection Manager for JF Kapnek Trust. He has worked for Childline Zimbabwe and Save The Children as a Social Worker and has vast experience in child protection. Peter holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Zimbabwe and a master's degree in Development Studies from Midlands State University in Zimbabwe. He is a PhD candidate with the University of Johannesburg. His research interests center around Child Protection and Disability, Disability and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. He contributed to the development of the Disability Sensitive Child Protection Case Management System in Zimbabwe and has co-authored professional bulletins and service manuals on Child Protection and Disability in Zimbabwe.

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## Shéri Brynard

Shéri Brynard of South Africa is the only person with Down syndrome who has a tertiary teacher's diploma (in Educare), without any amendments made to the course (or special assistance), in South Africa. This was achieved in spite of the fact that her lectures and her study material were only provided in English, her second language. Shéri has also been chosen by her Down syndrome peers as their official South African spokesperson and she is a National representative on the Down Syndrome International Board. She believes that all people have the right to be respected and the responsibility to endeavour to make the best of their circumstances and she is a living example thereof. Shéri has just been offered an ad hoc position at the University of the Free State and her book is available on Amazon.com.

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## Vanessa Macamo

Vanessa Macamo is currently a postgraduate student on the LL.M in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy at Law school at the National University of Ireland (Galway), to which she was awarded an Open Society Foundation Scholarship to undertake the studies. Her thesis is entitled “The Right to Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in early childhood care and education, under the CRPD & CRC: A Case Study of Ireland and Mozambique”. Originally from Mozambique, Vanessa obtained her degree in psychology and pedagogy in Pedagogical University in Mozambique (2004) and her

Post-Graduate in Public Health at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique (2007). Vanessa has a background in education, youth empowerment, child and health promotion with a particular interest in issues regarding health and Education (Inclusive Education), children rights and programs promoting life skills for youths. In September 2020, Kukholwa Association for Social Justice appointed Vanessa as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of their association in Mozambique.



## Alexious Kamangila

Alexious holds an LL.M in International Comparative Disability Law and Policy from the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons) from the University of Malawi, Chancellor college. Alexious has also attended a number of courses and trainings, including, International Disability Law Summer School

Certificate, June 2019, Mental Health Workshop Completion Certificate, November 2019. Alexious is currently a Fellow for Reprieve UK (& Makwanyane Institute Fellow) focusing on the following: Improving capital defence in Malawi through advocacy and training of lawyers, Advocacy for the abolition of the Death Penalty, Improving access to justice in the criminal justice system, due process and the right to fair trial, advocating for the review of law on Torture in investigation, Advocating for protection and realization of rights of persons with albinism and those in places detention. With the support of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (London Office) Alexious is pursuing appeals and clemency petitions for 15 of the 25 inmates on death row in Malawi.





## Action Amos

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## Foluso Adegale

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## Wilson Macharia

Wilson Macharia am a Senior Graduate Assistant at Strathmore University Law School. Until January 2020, he served as a Project Support Officer at Agency for Disability and Development in Africa for 2 projects; the EmployAble program which seeks to safeguard the realization of the right to work of persons with disabilities in Kenya, Ethiopia and Rwanda; and the Inclusive Education Project aimed at implementing the Kenya Sector Policy for Learners and Trainees with Disabilities. Wilson has been involved in designing and implementing key projects and policies aimed at eliminating the

barriers that impede the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities. This includes coordinating the Public Participation Disability Inclusion Index Project which seeks to enhance participation of persons with disabilities in political and public life in Kenya. He sits in the Caucus for Disability Rights Advocacy hosted by UDPK and is a member of the Reference Group which conducted a Baseline Research under the University of Nairobi School of Law Disability Rights Project.

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## Dr Ensa Johnson

Dr Ensa Johnson is a senior lecturer at the Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication where she is responsible for teaching and supervision of postgraduate students. She has supervised two PhD and six Masters students to completion and is currently supervising another three PhD students and five Masters students. Her main research focus is on the implementation of augmentative and alternative communication strategies in education, health and court settings. She has an international research collaborative grant from the NRF and STINT where researchers and students from four universities in South Africa and Sweden respectively are developing an eHealth tool for children with cancer to communicate their symptoms. To date, Dr Johnson has published 16 articles in ISI peer-reviewed journals and two book

chapters. She has presented more than 20 papers at national and international conferences.



## Prof Dr Juan Bornman

Juan Bornman is a professor in the Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, at the University of Pretoria and the President of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC). She qualified as a speech language therapist and audiologist and worked in a private practice as an audiologist in the early 1990's. Thereafter she joined academia and for the past 30 years, she has been actively involved in the disability field as trainer, researcher and activist for one of the most vulnerable groups within the disability spectrum: those individuals with little or no speech. Her recent research has focused on ensuring access to justice for these individuals. She has more than 90 publications: peer-reviewed journal papers, book chapters and four books as well as numerous presentations locally and internationally on the topic of AAC. She is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSaF) and was awarded a fellowship by ISAAC for exemplary work as well as the Distinguished Academic Achiever Award from the University of Pretoria (2018). As evidence of her contributions and standing in the field, she is frequently invited to various international universities as a visiting professor. Web: [www.caac.up.ac.za](http://www.caac.up.ac.za) and [www.isaac-online.org](http://www.isaac-online.org)



## Fatma Wangare

Ms. Fatma Wangare Haji is the current regional coordinator for Inclusion Africa and leads the project on access to justice at the Kenya Association of the Intellectually Handicapped (KAIH). She switched her career to disability rights 15 years ago after a series of discriminatory challenges faced in accessing services for her daughter with an intellectual disability. Fatma serves in the board of the African Disability Forum, which is the regional body that advocates for persons with disabilities and their families in the region and a member of the Inclusion International catalyst for inclusive education Africa response team and a Technical Advisory Committee member of Humanity and Inclusions Making



It Work project, one of the lead trainers in International Disability Alliance BRIDGE-SDG-CRPD and a BRIDGE alumni. She lives and works with a simple philosophy of “change starts with me”. This is embedded on strong values of human dignity and respect, exceeding expectations and experiencing the world through the eyes of persons with intellectual disabilities and empowering others to really understand what disability is, array their fears that it is not contagious and it is not also a myth but a reality in our society.



## Dr Josephine Mukabera

Dr Josephine Mukabera is holding a PhD in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies from Seoul National University/ South Korea, an MA degree in Development Studies from Kimmage Development Studies Centre in Ireland, and Advanced Diploma in Mental Health Nursing from Kigali Health Institute/University of Rwanda. She has a work experience of 15 years in trauma counseling and community development, 8 years of teaching at Protestant

Institute of Arts and Social Sciences, and two years at University of Rwanda. She is currently lecturer, researcher and acting Director at the Centre for Gender Studies/University of Rwanda. She did research related to Women Status and Gender Relations in the Post-Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda, and wrote many articles linked with Effects of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide against Tutsi on Women. Her recent research together with Jane Umutoni concerns Gender Based Violence in Sexual and Reproductive Rights: Experiences of Girls and Women with Disabilities/Rwanda (2019). In her professional career, she has participated to international scientific conferences where she made oral presentations in South Korea 2013, 2014, 2015 and at GENEVA in 2018. She got an Award of BEST ESSAY on African Development in South Korea in 2013. Skype ID: mukabera josepha



## Jane Umutoni

Jane Umutoni holds a Master of Social Sciences in Gender and Development Studies and Bachelor of Business Studies degree, both earned from the University of Rwanda. Presently she is a full-time teaching and Research staff at the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) affiliated to the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) at the University of Rwanda (UR). Her key research interests include women's socio-economic rights, girls' education, disability rights and reconciliation and peacebuilding in post-conflict contexts.

## Moderator Biographies



## Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi

Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi holds a master's in law degree [LLM] in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy from the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway and an LLB (Hnrs) degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. She is currently the Programme Manager for the Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. As project manager, her key responsibilities include managing the planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of all programmes undertaken by the Disability Rights Unit. Innocentia teaches the module on Contemporary Challenges in the implementation, domestication and formulation of disability rights in the LLM/Mphil in Disability Rights in Africa. Her research interests include the human rights of persons with albinism, inclusive early education and the right of older persons with albinism.



## Nkatha Murungi

Dr. Nkatha Murungi is an Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights, and a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) from the University of Pretoria, and a Doctorate in Law from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. She oversees the Centre's Women's Rights, Disability, and Children's Rights Units. Dr. Murungi is a qualified advocate of the Kenyan Bar, and a lecturer and researcher in human rights with a keen focus on the rights of vulnerable groups such as children, women and persons with disabilities, and sexual and reproductive health rights. She has extensive experience in pan-African human rights programming and advocacy, civil society engagement with the African Union and its mechanisms, as well as human rights research, particularly in Africa. Her research covers a range of human rights issues including child rights, education, sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls in Africa, disability rights, and access to justice.



## Annabel Raw

Annabel Raw is an Advocate and human rights lawyer based in Johannesburg. Prior to joining the Bar, Annabel ran the Health Rights Programme at the Southern Africa Litigation Centre where she developed and coordinated strategic litigation to advance health and human rights. She has a background in research work and was privileged to clerk for the late Justice Thembele Skweyiya at the South African Constitutional Court. She holds BA, Honours, LLB and LLM degrees.





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## Dianah Msipa

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## Jake Epelle

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## Prof Michael Stein

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## 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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