

Disability Rights Awareness Month 2015

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	Event	Host
3 Nov	National Media Launch	DSD
3-4 Nov	COPDAM Roundtable, Johannesburg	ADA
3-4 Nov	Conference on the Rights of Children and Youth with Disabilities in Africa, Pretoria	UP
3-5 Nov	WIPO Ministerial Conference on Intellectual Property (Senegal)	
6-7 Nov	Youth with Disabilities Summit, Ekurhuleni	DYSA NYDA
7 Nov	National Children's Day	DSD
7 Nov	Disabled Action Group Strand Launch	DAGS

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7 Nov	Nappy Run, Jhb	NCPPDSA
9 Nov	Disability Rights History Workshop & Activists for Disability Rights Public Lecture, Johburg	Gauteng Provincial Government Wits University
12 -13 Nov	Legal Resources Centre Conference on Disability and Gender Equity, Durban	LRC
13 Nov	Launch of 'Valley of Victory', Val Rankin Prinsloo	PPS
16-18 Nov (tbc)	UNCRPD Legislative Audit Dialogue	DoJ&CD
18-19 Nov	Disability Equity in the Workplace Workshop	SARS

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19 Nov	Disability Rights Exhibition Launch, Johburg	Afrika Tikkun
19-22 Nov	Pan Africa Albinism Conference. (Tanzania)	
23 Nov	Ministerial Roundtable on Children With Compounded Vulnerability And Severe To Profound Intellectual Disability, Pretoria	DBE
25/11-10/12	16 Days Activism on No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign	DoW
29/11-04/12	18th International Conference on AIDS & STIs in Africa (Harare)	
25-27 Nov	ICT Accessibility Symposium, Mpumalanga	DTPS

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26 Nov (TBC)	Disability Conversation Roundtable on Housing, Accommodation and Assisted Living vs Residential Facilities	DPSA
26 Nov	Seminar: The Intersection of Mental Health and Human Rights in South Africa , Jhb	UJ (SAIFAC)
27 Nov	Disability Toolkit and Monitoring Framework launch, Johburg	SAHRC
30/11- 04/12	7 th African Population Conference	DSD
01 Dec	World AIDS Day	SANAC
03 Dec	National Day of Persons with Disabilities, Pretoria	DSD

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3 Dec	IDPD celebrations for SAPS personnel, Kagiso	SAPS
3 Dec	Rights of Employees with Disabilities Dialogue, Western Cape	SAPS
04 Dec	National Disability Awards	INSETA/ SADA/DSD
04-05 Dec	National Disability Expo and Conference	SADA/ DSD

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NATIONAL MEDIA LAUNCH

Date and time of event: 03 November 2015; 10h00-13h00

Location of event: Optima College, City of Tshwane

Name of institution hosting event: Dept of Social Development

Purpose of event: To officially launch DRAM2015

Is event open to the public and media: By invitation only

Keynote Speaker(s): Minister Bathabile Dlamini

Targeted participants: Media, disability organisations representatives, government departmental representatives

Additional Information: DRAM2015 Calendar of Events and Branding will be launched

Reasonable accommodation support: Full spectrum available

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COPDAM CONTINENTAL ROUNDTABLE

Date and time of event: 03-04 November 2015

Location of event: Holiday Inn OR Tambo Airport

Name of institution hosting event: Africa Disability Alliance, Disabled People South Africa

Purpose of event: To share best practices on mainstreaming disability in government policies and programmes in different African countries

Is event open to the media: Yes

Targeted participants: SADC governments and Disabled People Organisations

Reasonable accommodation support: Full range available

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CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES IN AFRICA

Date and time of event: 03-04 November 2015

Location of event: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Name of institution hosting event: University of Pretoria

Purpose of event: To bring together scholars, researchers, practitioners, disability activists, disabled people's organisations and policymakers from across Africa to interrogate the intersection between children and youth with disabilities and the fulfilment of their human rights in the African region.

Is event open to the public and media: Yes, but registration required

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YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES SUMMIT

Date and time of event: 06 -07 November 2015

Location of event: Birchwood Conference Centre,
Ekurhuleni

Name of institution hosting event: National Youth
Development Agency; Disabled Youth South Africa

Purpose of event: Launch of Disabled Youth South Africa

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Targeted participants: 250 Youth with Disabilities

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LAUNCH OF DISABILITY ACTION GROUP STRAND

Date and time of event: 07 November 2015; 11h00-15h00

Location of event: Strand, City of Cape Town

Name of institution hosting event: DAGS

Purpose of event: Disability Indaba with a focused aim on Education discrimination and rights violations.

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Keynote Speaker(s): Ms Jennie Hoff (PACSEN); Mr Anthony George (DPSA); Ms Lidia Pretorius (DSD)

Targeted participants: Parents of children with disabilities and disabled adults in the Strand-Gordons Bay area

Additional information: This group will address the issues of human rights violations and discrimination of persons with disabilities and in particular children with disabilities.

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NAPPY RUN

Date and time of event: 7 November 2015; 09h00

Location of event: Johannesburg Zoo

Name of institution hosting event: NCPPDSA

Purpose of event: To raise awareness about children with disabilities and to collect nappies for them.

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Additional information: 5km run, walk or stroll. Donate a pack of disposable nappies. R80 per adult. R40 per child.

www.nappyrun.org.za

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DISABILITY RIGHTS HISTORY WORKSHOP

Date and time of event: 11 November 2015; 14h00-17h00

Location of event: Wits School of Education, Parktown

Name of institution hosting event: Gauteng Government;
Wits University

Purpose of event: Commemorate role played by veterans with disabilities in liberation struggle; Development of draft plan of how the history of the struggle for disability rights and human rights can be preserved, studied and made available as a tool to keep up the struggle for a society inclusive of all who live in it.

Is event open to the media: Yes

Keynote Speaker(s): 6 veterans with disabilities

Targeted participants: Disability rights activists & veterans

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DISABILITY RIGHTS ACTIVISM PUBLIC LECTURE

Date and time of event: 11 November 2015; 18h00-20h00

Location of event: Wits School of Education, Parktown

Name of institution hosting event: Gauteng Government;
Wits University

Is event open to the media: Yes

Keynote Speaker(s): Justice Albie Sachs

Targeted participants: Disability rights activists & veterans

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CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY AND GENDER EQUITY

Date and time of event: 12 – 13 November 2015

Location of event: Durban

Name of institution hosting event: Legal Resources Centre

Purpose of event: To raise awareness around legal rights that protect women and people with disabilities, provide information for wider dissemination on how and where to access these rights, create a forum within which we will be able to work together with participants to define challenges and find innovative solutions.

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Targeted participants: Persons with disabilities and their families, predominantly from KZN

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DISABILITY RIGHTS EXHIBITION

Date and time of event: 19 November 17:30hrs (opening), 20 Nov–10 Dec 2015

Location of event: The Old Fort, Constitutional Hill, Johannesburg

Name of institution hosting event: Afrika Tikkun; Constitutional Hill & Constitutional Court Art Collection.

Purpose of event: The exhibition showcases the contrast between what should be and what is in the context of human rights, disability and gender-based violence in and around Johannesburg. All children have the right to equality, dignity, safety and freedom, and a basic education. However, using multimedia, the exhibition will illustrate how children with disabilities and their caregivers experience these human rights in the inner city and outlying townships. The exhibition celebrates the agency of caregivers of children with disabilities, and the empowerment that three community-based self-help groups

Is event open to the public and media: The launch is by invitation only. The exhibition is open to public and media from 20 November. Guided walk-throughs will be offered by self-help group members and Young Urban Women activists at 11am and 3pm on 23, 25, 27, 30 November, 2, 4, 7 December.

Additional information: www.afrikatikkun.org

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MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE ON CHILDREN WITH COMPOUNDED VULNERABILITY AND SEVERE TO PROFOUND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Date and time of event: 23 Nov 2015

Location of event: DBE Conference Centre, Pretoria

Name of institution hosting event: DBE

Purpose of event: To accelerate access to quality education for children with severe and profound intellectual disability

Keynote Speaker(s): Minister Angie Motshekga

Targeted participants: Eighty invited delegates

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ICT ACCESSIBILITY SYMPOSIUM

Date and time of event: 25-27 November 2015

Location of event: Mpumalanga Province

Name of institution hosting event: Dept Telecommunications and Postal Services

Purpose of event: Progress made in the implementation of ICT legislation relevant to Access and Accessibility projects and programmes for Persons with disabilities; Disability Chamber of the National ICT Forum; Measures to improve accessibility and usability of ICT facilities and equipment including Assistive Devices and Technologies to support the mainstreaming of the needs of persons with disabilities in the workplace and at school; strengthen partnerships between the Department as the lead Ministry on ICT Policy in the country and the Disability and ICT sectors.

Targeted participants: 150 delegates from National Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (5/province) National, Provincial and Local stakeholders in the ICT Sector.

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DISABILITY CONVERSATION ROUNDTABLE ON HOUSING, ACCOMMODATION AND ASSISTED LIVING VS RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Date and time of event: 26 Nov 2015 (to be confirmed)

Location of event: Greenway Woods Resort, White River, Mpumalanga

Name of institution hosting event: Disabled People SA

Purpose of event: Evaluate the recent developments regarding special needs housing, and the approach of human settlement and its understanding and views of a universally accessible human settlement.

Is event open to the media: Yes

Targeted participants: Department of Human Settlements; National Housing Finance Corporation; National Urban Reconstruction and Housing Agency; Housing Development Agency; Other Relevant Government departments; NGO's; Disabled People Organisations

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INTERSECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA: SEMINAR

Date and time of event: 26 Nov 2015; 09h00- 17h30

Location of event: Parktonian Hotel, 120 De Korte Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg

Name of institution hosting event: South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (a Centre of the University of Johannesburg)

Purpose of event: Autonomy, agency and legal capacity of persons with mental illnesses; the duty to protect those who are vulnerable; the positive obligations upon the state in the mental health field particularly in budgetary matters; and the participation of those with mental illnesses in society.

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Keynote Speaker(s): Prof Amita Dhanda (Head of the Centre for Disability Studies and the Centre for Legal Philosophy and Justice Education, NALSAR University of Law)

Additional information: R200 registration fee. Programme:

<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/law/research/SAIFAC/Pages/Conferences-and-seminars.aspx>

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DISABILITY TOOLKIT AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK LAUNCH

Date and time of event: 27 November 2015, 10:00 – 14:00

Location of event: Braamfontein, Johannesburg

Name of institution hosting event: SA Human Rights Commission

Purpose of event: Launch of Disability Toolkit and Monitoring Framework

Is event open to the public and media: closed

Targeted participants: 50 participants, DPOs, NGOs, government and private sector

Reasonable accommodation support: Brailled material, large print, sign language interpreter, accessible venue

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NATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

National Celebrations

Date and time of event: 03 Dec 2015; 09h00-15h00

Location of event: City of Tshwane

Name of institution hosting event: Dept of Social Development; Gauteng Province; South African Disability Alliance; Disabled People South Africa

Purpose of event: To celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Is event open to the public and media: Yes

Reasonable accommodation support: Yes, full spectrum

Additional information: To be circulated in separate newsbriefs

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NATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Local Events

Date and time of event: 03 December 2015

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE MOBILISING THEIR COMMUNITIES TO JOIN THEM IN DISABILITY RIGHTS MARCHES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

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MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS CONFIRMATION OF ORGANISATIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL AND WORK PLACE EVENTS ARE CONFIRMED

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