



2014 DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS CALENDAR



Date	Activity	Host	Time/Venue	Description	Contact Person
03 Nov	Launch of National Disability Rights Awareness Month	Department of Social Development	10h00 – 13h00 Department of Communications, Tshedimosetso House, Corner Francis Baard and Festival streets, Hatfield, Pretoria	Minister Bathabile Dlamini, accompanied by Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, will officially launch the 2014 Disability Rights Awareness Month with the release of the month's logo and calendar of events. Representatives of national disability organisations will be available to engage journalists.	Ms Lumka Oliphant 083 484 8067 lumkao@dsd.gov.za
03-14 Nov	Tourism Disability Management Audit (internal activity)	Department of Tourism	07h30 – 17h00 Tourism House 17 Trevenna St Sunnyside, Pretoria	The Dept of Tourism has an employment equity figure of 4,8% for employment of persons with disabilities. The theme is: Breaking attitudinal barriers through positive contributions by persons with disabilities Profiling disability issues in the Dept of Tourism among Dept of Tourism employees	Adv Alec Mopeli 083 391 8814 amopeli@tourism.gov.za
03 Nov	Access to livelihoods for persons with disabilities Networking Session	Leonard Cheshire Disability International Southern African region	2:00pm-4:00pm Home Stay Travel Guest House 781 Cascades Road, Little Falls, 1724, Roodepoort	This Project is sponsored by Accenture	Precious Chiutare 072 389 4963 preciouschiutare@safo-lcd.org
03-05 Nov	4 th African Network for Evidence-to-Action on Disability (AfriNEAD) Conference	AfriNEAD	Malawi	AfriNEAD exists to ensure that research contributes to a better quality of life for people with disabilities in Africa. http://blogs.sun.ac.za/afriinead/	Dr Gubela Mji Tel: +27-21-938 9090 afriinead@sun.ac.za
06 Nov	Disability Awareness Celebration	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	10:00-13:00 Administration Building, 1st Floor,	Five years celebration of universal access innovation at CPUT. At the event you will have the opportunity	Ms Lillian Fortuin FortuinLi@cput.ac.za



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			Senate Hall, Bellville Campus	to engage with a number of CPUT research units who are involved in innovative endeavours geared toward enabling persons (staff and students) with disabilities to achieve true greatness in their desired pursuits.	(Confirmation of attendance required)
10-12 Nov	SA Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Annual National Conference on Child Abuse	SAPSAC	CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria	SAPSAC organizes an annual National Conference on Child Abuse with the theme: <i>Towards multi-disciplinary expertise in handling child abuse</i> . The sub theme of the conference will focus on children with special needs. http://www.sapsac.co.za/conference.php	sapsac.office@gmail.com
11-14 Nov	Disability Toolkit for Africa Training of Trainers Workshop	National School of Government Department of Social Development UN DESA	Pretoria	The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has been collaborating with South Africa, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia to develop a Disability Toolkit for Africa with the aim to accelerate implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Fifteen participants from the National School of Government and disability organisations will be trained as trainers on the finalised Toolkit	Ms Lidia Pretorius 072 215 5119 DisabilityRights@dwcpd.gov.za
11 Nov	Live Panel discussion (broadcast to different venues across SA: Topic to be announced)	National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities	10h00 – 11h00 Different venues across SA	DVDs of the discussion will be for sale afterwards	Ms Sandra Maritz 073 074 3043 sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za
12-14 Nov	Disability and Social Inclusion Symposium	University of Cape Town	08h30 -17h00 Barnard Fuller Building, UCT Medical School	Course Fees: R4 500.00 The course focuses on disability in society and new ways of thinking about disability as a social issue. We begin by exploring	R Daniels 021 4047677 r.daniels@uct.ac.za



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				our own feelings about disability and move towards understanding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how to apply these in our work places.	(Prior registration essential)
12-15 Nov	Advocacy and Human Rights Workshop	Epilepsy SA Eastern Cape	East London	No further information available	Mr Mthobisi Madlala 078 362 1078 development.ec@epilepsy.org.za
13 Nov	Child Protection and Disability Dialogue	Afrika Tikkun	08h30 – 16h30 Afrika Tikkun Uthando Centre, Johannesburg	Seminar for professionals from child protection, gender-based violence, human rights and disability sectors. Focusing on providing equitable and accessible services to children with disabilities who have been exposed to abuse or violence	Ms Jean Elphick 073 519 4878 jeane@afrikatikkun.org
16 Nov	6 th Annual Rolling Hills Wheelchair Race	Madwaleni Hospital Rehabilitation Department Circle Spar	09h00 Madwaleni Hospital	The purpose of this race is to empower and encourage participation of persons with disabilities within the community. Equally as important is education of the greater community in order to increase understanding and awareness of the difficulties faced by persons with disabilities. The races are open to any wheelchair users and include: the off-Road 5km race, the intermediate 2.5km as well as the mom and child's 800m buggy race.	Nelisa Ndzombane 0727359245 nelisa.ndzombane@yahoo.co.za Samuel Xulu 0475770396/ 0847681212 sam@circlespar.co.za Nicky Agenbag 0723756599 nicola.agenbag@gmail.com
17-22 Nov	2 nd Africa Federation of DeafBlind (AFDB) Conference and General Assembly	Deafblind South Africa (DBSA)	Holiday Inn, Garden Court, OR Tambo Int Ekurhuleni	DeafBlind SA will be hosting the the 2nd Africa Federation of the DeafBlind Conference and General Assembly. Participants from 12 African countries (Malawi, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo Brazzaville,	Mr Philip Dobson 082 448 9455 (sms only) n.d.a@deafblindsa.co.za



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				Mali, Ethiopia, Zambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Burkina Faso and Uganda) will assess progress made over the past few years on promoting the rights of Deafblind persons in Africa.	
17-19 Nov	Launch the African Disability Forum (ADF)	UN DESA	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	The Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development with the support of DESA, along with a consortium of African continental, sub-regional and national federations of organizations of persons with disabilities will launch the African Disability Forum (ADF). The ADF will function as a consortium of DPOs in Africa with the purpose of strengthening the capacity of its membership to promote disability rights and inclusion in economic and social development in Africa. The Forum will seek to strengthen and amplify the voices of Africans with disabilities via their representative organizations. The launch of the ADF will involve potential member organizations and partners to discuss, review and approve ADF statutes and other foundational documents to prepare for its formal membership and functioning as a regional Forum.	Miranda Fajerman (fajerman@un.org) Eric Zhang (zhangg@un.org)
19 Nov	Disability Rights Workshop	Epilepsy SA Free State & North West	Parys, Free State	No further information is available	Rikki van der Westhuizen (056) 811-5959
19 Nov	Signing of Disability Pledge by all Dept of	Department of Tourism	10h00-11h30 Tourism House	To strengthen the disability mainstreaming mandate among employees in order to	Adv Alec Mopeli 083 391 8814



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	Tourism employees		17 Trevenna St Sunnyside, Pretoria	support programmes aimed at responding to the rights of employees with disabilities	amopeli@tourism.gov.za
21 Nov	Departmental South African Sign Language Sensitisation Workshop	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)	The dti Campus 77 Meintjies St Sunnyside, Pretoria	No further information is available	Ms Sarah Choane 012 394 1802 SChoane@thedti.gov.za
21 Nov	Roundtable: Women with disabilities and Gender-based Violence – Are disabled women in South Africa not part of the statistics	Disabled People South Africa	Free State	Objective: To determine the actions that must be taken to ensure that the judicial system, victim empowerment centres and other safe houses are fully accessible for people with [all types of] disabilities, and to identify strategies to be implemented to allow for improved reporting. Possible Outcomes: Forward-looking programmes and strategies on women with disabilities - identify awareness campaigns to be implemented and how these should be implemented, given the lack of resources, literacy, etc. (particularly in rural areas)	Mr Thabiso Phetuka 078 505 1875 thabiso@ecdeet.co.za
24 Nov	Departmental Disability Dialogue (internal)	Department of Basic Education	13h00 – 15h00	To raise awareness and track progress across all programmes of DBE on the rights of learners with disabilities to equitable education	Ms Marie Schoeman 083 286 6977 Schoeman.m@dbe.gov.za
25 Nov	Launch of 16 Days Of Activism of No Violence Against Women	Department of Women			
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27-28 Nov	Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities	Department of Justice and Constitutional Development	City of Tshwane	The purpose of the Roundtable is to make people aware of the existence of the new Directorate on Persons with Disabilities and to give people a platform where they can highlight the challenges experienced by persons with disabilities in accessing justice and the courts. Opportunity will be given to participants to make proposals on how to overcome challenges with an aim to devise a court services model to be instituted by the courts.	Dr Praveena Sukhraj-Ely 0844544747 PSukhraj@justice.gov.za
28 Nov	Wheelchair Etiquette Campaign	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)	The dti Campus 77 Meintjies St Sunnyside, Pretoria	No further information is available	Ms Sarah Choane 012 394 1802 SChoane@thedti.gov.za
01 Dec	World Aids Day		Meloding Township Virginia, Free State		
02 Dec	Roundtable: The decline of mass disability movement in South Africa: Is DPSA still a vanguard movement	Disabled People South Africa	Cape Town	The primary motive is to have an open and frank discussion on special challenges faced by the movement and to craft key strategies and ever-green ideas to move out of the doldrums. Possible Outcomes include a new call for a National Disability Coalition, a Disability Rights Commission, a National Think Tank on disability and Revival strategies Targeted Stakeholders include past members of the movement/veterans; economically active persons with disabilities and Members of Parliament who share the ideology of mass	Mr Thabiso Phetuka 078 505 1875 thabiso@ecdeet.co.za



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02 Dec	National Disability Awards	Insurance SETA (INSETA) / Department of Social Development	Cape Town	<p>The National Disability Awards 2014 aims to showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of persons with disabilities; actively promote a positive image of persons with disabilities; and raise awareness of the challenges faced by persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The 2014 Awards will be a celebration of 20 years of democracy, honouring South Africans which contributed significantly to promoting the rights of persons with disabilities</p> <p>www.nationaldisabilityawards.co.za</p>	<p>Mr Benny Palime 076 677 7005 DisabilityRights@dwcpd.gov.za</p>
02 Dec	Preparatory Committees for Disability Rights Parliament	Department of Social Development	Cape Town	<p>Representatives of organisations of persons with disabilities, disability service organisations, disability rights activists and Members of Parliament will reflect on achievements of the past 20 years of democracy; persons with disabilities as active participants in the implementation of the National Development Plan; remaining challenges and the role Parliament should play as a legislative and oversight body.</p>	
03 Dec	National Day of Persons with Disabilities				
	Disability Rights Parliament	Department of Social Development / Parliament	10h00 – 13h00 Parliament Cape Town	<p>Representatives of organisations of persons with disabilities, disability service organisations, disability rights activists and Members of Parliament will determine a</p>	<p>Mr Mzolisi Toni 079 692 4246 MzolisiT@dsd.gov.za</p>



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				disability rights agenda for Parliament for the next five years as it relates to its functions of passing legislation, overseeing government action, and the facilitating of public involvement, co-operative government and international participation.	Ms Lumka Oliphant 083 484 8067 lumkao@dsd.gov.za
	Gauteng Provincial Day of Persons with Disabilities Celebrations	Gauteng Provincial Government	09h00 – 13h00 Munsieville Sports Complex Cnr Kgopane and Corein Streets Mogale City	Celebrating 20 years of the rights of persons with disabilities in our Democracy! Together we move Gauteng forward through radical socio-economic transformation	Mr Zain Bulbulia 079 525 5533 Zain.Bulbulia@gauteng.gov.za
	Disability Awareness Day	Department of Public Enterprises (internal event)	Infotech Building 1090 Arcadia Street Hatfield	Theatre play focusing on different types of disabilities, the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and measures that can be applied to overcome these challenges	Ms Beverley Nkumanda 073 124 5635 Beverley.nkumanda@dpe.gov.za
	Disability Awareness Day: Launch of <i>Bread-tags-for-Wheelchairs</i> Campaign	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)	The dti Campus 77 Meintjies St Sunnyside, Pretoria	No further information is available	Ms Sarah Choane 012 394 1802 SChoane@thedti.gov.za
	Career fair bringing the corporate sector and unemployed persons with disabilities together (“Realising economic rights”)	Epilepsy SA (Western Cape)	Western Cape	No further information is available	Ms Ndileka Mandaba on (021) 703-9420
	Disability Rights Open Day	Epilepsy SA South Cape/Karoo	Knysna	No further information is available	Ms Debra Warne (044) 382-2155
	Disability rights workshop	Epilepsy SA Gauteng	Soweto	No further information is available	Mr Kandas Kandawire (011) 816-2040



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	Disability rights workshop	Epilepsy SA Gauteng	Pretoria	No further information is available	Mr Kandas Kandawire (011) 816-2040
05 Dec	Handover of Inclusive ICT Centre to Impumelelo Disabled Persons	Department of Social Development	Inanda Ethekwini	MTN Foundation and the Deputy Minister of Social Development will hand over a fully equipped inclusive ICT centre to Impumelelo Disabled Persons	Ms Emilie Olifant 082 903 9250 emilieo@dsd.gov.za
10 Dec	Closing Ceremony of 16 Days Of Activism of No Violence Against Women	Department of Women			

The calendar of events for the Department of Social Development will be sent out on weekly basis.