



**PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:
TOWARDS A NEW UN CONVENTION**

An International Workshop for African National Human Rights Institutions

**Kampala, Uganda
5 - 6 June 2003
(Draft)**

Organized by the Secretariat of African National Institutions and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights,
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Venue: Speke Resort and Country Lodge, Munyonyo, Kampala

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Theme: Understanding disabilities

Thursday, 5 June 2003

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| 0830 – 0900 | Registration of Delegates |
| 0900 – 0930 | Welcome address by UHRC Chairperson, African NI Secretariat –
Mrs. Margaret Sekagya
OHCHR NI Team Leader, Mr Orest Nowosad . |
| 0930 – 0945 | Opening the Workshop” by Minister of State
for Gender and Social Development in Charge of the Elderly and People with
Disability – Hon. Florence Naiga Sekabila |
| 0945 - 1100 | Session 1
Needs and Challenges of Persons with Disabilities in Uganda: A
justification for a comprehensive legal regime” |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Methodology:</u>
Presentation by PWD Parliamentarian Hon. James Mwandha
Followed by discussion* <u>Objective:</u>
Participants will understand the challenges met by persons with disabilities and hence the need for a legal instrument to protect them* <u>Expected outcome:</u>
Participants’ full commitment to support the process of drafting a legal instrument on disability |
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| 1100 - 1115 | Break for tea / coffee |
| 1115 - 1300 | Group Discussion |
| 1300 - 1430 | Break for Lunch |

1430 - 1615

Session 2

'Mainstreaming Disability' in national and international context: presentation on existing conventions (Hard Instruments) and (Soft) UN Instruments relevant to Disability and national compliance.

• Methodology:

Chair: Commissioner **Aliro Omara**

Presentations (15 minutes each max.) – Followed by discussion

Speakers 1----- Com. **Charlotte McLain (SAHRC)**

Speaker **2----- (UN)**

Speaker 3-----

Speakers may include relevant UN staff and NGOs

References may include the UN Standard Rules of Equalization of Opportunities for People with Disabilities, the World Programme of Action, and the Mental Health Declaration on the Rights of People with Disabilities

* Objective:

Participants will familiarize themselves with existing instruments of hard and soft law relevant to disabilities

Participants will exchange measures (policy and legal) different countries have taken in compliance with international obligations.

* Expected outcome:

Participants' increased capacity to avail themselves of existing instruments to better define their input into the drafting process

1615 - 1630

Break for tea / coffee

1630 - 1815

Session 3

Role for National Human Rights Institutions in Promoting the Rights of People with Disabilities: Impact of National Legislation and Administrative Practices/Potential Areas of NHRI intervention, including with regard to Monitoring Mechanisms and Complaints Procedures

• Methodology:

Maximum of 5 presentations from selected countries (15 mins each)

[All the countries are asked to prepare their papers and will bring them to the Workshop – ideally to send them in advance. The countries will then be divided according to their sub-regions, and one each will be picked from the sub-regions, to present their papers. The other countries can highlight any striking differences in their country experiences in the Group discussion that follows.]

Chair: **Emile Short**

Speakers:

1. --- (Morocco)-----
2. --- (Cameroon)-----
3. --- Commissioner Aliro Omara—(Uganda)
4. --- (Rwanda) -----
5. --- (-----) -----

- Objective:

Participants will exchange experiences with regard to their action as NIs in the field of disabilities. Discussions will focus on best practices and identifying potential areas for intervention.

- Expected outcome:

Strengthened network and initial compilation of best practices

1815 End day 1

Day 2: Theme: Acting on disabilities

Friday, 6 June 2003

0900 - 0915 Reconvene
 Rapporteur: Recap from day 1 (**Hon Irene Ovonji- Member of the East Africa Legislative Assembly**)

0915 - 1100 **Session 4**

**Nature and Key Elements of the New UN Convention on Disability:
 Perceptions of Human Rights Institutions and NGOs**

- Methodology:

Chair: -**Prof. J.M Waliggo**

Speaker 1: Mr. **Orest Nowosad**, OHCHR NI Team Leader

Speaker 2: -----

Discussion

- Objective:

Participants will formulate their views on the nature and key elements of the new UN Convention. The session will provide a forum for exchanging views and build an initial consensus on a consolidated position which will be the final outcome of the meeting.

- * Expected outcome:

Identification by participants of key issues to be reflected in their input in a prioritized manner

1100 - 1115 Break for tea / coffee

1115 – 1300 Plenary Presentations on Group Work
 (max.7 mins each for submission to the drafting committee).
 Chair: **Comm. Adrian Sibò**
 Followed by discussion

1300 - 1430 Break for Lunch

1430 - 1600 Session 5
Nature and Elements of the New Convention: Group Work

° Methodology:

Delegates divided into five groups. Each group will be responsible for working on a distinct set of rights:

1. Civil Rights
2. Cultural Rights
3. Economic Rights
4. Political Rights
5. Social Rights

These groups will study the Conventions (CAT, CEDAW, CRC, CERD) to obtain broad agreements on the nature and elements of the new convention. Delegates will be advised to study the Quinn and Degener Report [or summary plus other background material] in advance. Five copies of the report will also be kept handy for the groups to refer to. Participants should be encouraged to envisage partnership strategies for action in the lead-up to the new UN Convention on disability.

* Objective:

Participants will be looking at all rights while studying relevant documents. This exercise will help them shape and/or sharpen the focus of their discussions with a view to strengthening consensus on a consolidated position paper.

* Expected outcome:

Consolidated paper reflecting NIs' input into the drafting process, addressing all aspects of human rights

1530 - 1545 The Drafting Committee presents Recommendations of the Workshop / Feedback.

1545 – 1600 Break for tea / coffee

1600 - 1800 Discussion and adoption of final document.

1815 **Closing Ceremony**