



ACTION NETWORK FOR THE DISABLED

OCTOBER 2017 – APRIL 2018

DISABILITY ADVOCACY COALITION UPDATES!

Multiple discrimination manifests itself in the exercise of Employability, Accessibility and Mobility rights; posing additional barriers for Persons with Disabilities in exercising their participation. Kenya has some of the most progressive disability laws in the world.

The legal regime demands equality, non-discrimination and inclusiveness for persons with disabilities in all aspects of national life; social, political and economic.

UNCRPD made the Kenya government require that all policies developed must mainstream and take into consideration issues relating to the rights of PwDs in national development thus leading to the introduction of Disability Mainstreaming indicator for the public sector in 2009. Unfortunately this has not demonstrated a redefined and restored social protection from irrational and unjustified discrimination for Persons with Disabilities.



DEC; 2017 – GROUP PHOTO - DPOS LEADERS TRAINING IN CHILD RIGHTS



Apr; 2018 CSOs Leaders Training in Disability Rights in progress



Mar; 2018 - Group photo - DPOs Leaders Training in Child Rights

☯☯ States should recognize the rights of persons with disabilities to represent persons with disabilities at national, regional and local levels. States should also recognize the advisory role of organizations of persons with disabilities in decision making on disability matters.

☯☯ *Rule 18 of the UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.*

The Disability Advocacy Coalition builds its strength on the fact that the Civil Society Organizations and Disabled Persons Organizations are considered significant part of transnational activism. They assume a relevant role in the national enhancement of all social accountability spheres, making their performance and existence as an object of shaping and influencing the behavior of state actors by being the paradigmatic form of civil society plurality as a mode of association and solidarity



April 2018 Group photo - CSOs Training in Disability Rights



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4TH WEEK OF MAY 2018
OFFICIAL SIGNING OF COALITION

KENYA'S DISABILITY ADVOCACY COALITION ON INCEPTION!

In fulfillment of UNCRPD Article 1: The purpose of the present Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity; Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY) and its partner AbleChildAfrica (ACA) mobilized for the initial resources towards formation of the Kenya's Disability Advocacy Coalition constituting of twenty (20) Disabled Persons Organisations and fifteen (15) Civil Society Organizations.



VISIT TO KIAMBU COUNTY DPOS



VISIT TO KIRINYAGA COUNTY DPOS



VISIT TO MACHAKOS COUNTY DPOS

The COALITION shall support mainstreaming disability rights by holding the government to account towards implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for its existing commitments including UNCRC, UNCRPD, The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Kenyan Persons with Disabilities Act.

The key agenda for the coalition shall address the access to mainstream education, employment discrimination within legal frameworks and the government budget allocation for inclusion.

The COALITION shall review national legislation and make decisions as to when to weigh in with support or opposition; to mainstream inclusion. The COALITION shall ensure disability rights and child rights are not as separate but as inherently entwined, not only in terms of policy design, but in the allocation of government budgets as well.

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Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY) is a tax – exempt national Kenyan Non-Governmental Organization founded and formed by and for youths with disabilities. ANDY mainstreams child rights and disability rights in development programmes through projects delivery and participation in national networks.

Are you interested in supporting this Coalition? Please may you contact:

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