

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS FORUM:

- To guide NCPPDSA staff regarding policies and services for woman with disabilities.
- To liaise with other women's forums.
- To ensure the inclusion of girls with physical disabilities in the "girl child" projects in South Africa.
- To liaise with the gender commission.
- To liaise with the HIV/AIDS council.
- To stimulate woman's activities within the provincial APD structures.
- To participate in woman's day and woman's month activities (August).
- To build and enhance the profile of woman with disabilities within the media, government structures and formal business.
- To be role models to girl children with disabilities.
- To build a support structure for all woman with physical disabilities.
- To propose and start a woman's column on the NCPPDSA website.
- To liaise with women with disabilities in other countries.
- To economically and socially empower woman with disabilities.



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WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES FORUM





The South African Constitution provides for the equality of men and women, as a fundamental part of its human rights approach. However, worldwide; women are discriminated against.

South Africa's definition of and goals towards achieving gender equality are guided by a vision of human rights which incorporates acceptance of equal and undeniable rights of all women and men. This ideal is a fundamental principle under the Bill of Rights of The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996).

The challenges facing South Africa have been translated into national priorities for ALL woman. The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities is making sure that women with disabilities are at the forefront with all these challenges and the NCPPDSA has relevant programs of action to address these.



NATIONAL CHALLENGES	NCPPDSA PROGRAMS FOR WOMAN WITH DISABILITIES
POVERTY	Enterprise Development
GLOBALIZATION	Networking and Exchange Programmes with Women in Seventeen Countries through Rehabilitation International
HIV/AIDS	Leaders with Disabilities running Programmes in 6 Provinces
VIOLENCE	Self Representation and Media Coverage to Minimize Violence
ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS/ RESOURCES	Universal Access programmes by dedicated access officer and programme
ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT	Job placement and reasonable accommodation programme by dedicated employment officer
WOMAN'S ACCESS TO POLITICAL POWER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training the Trainer Program • Self Representation Program



Furthermore, South Africa ratified on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2008 and Article 6 of this convention states the following regarding Women with disabilities:



- States Parties must recognize that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discriminations, and in this regard shall take measures to ensure the full and equal enjoyment by them of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the full development, advancement and empowerment of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in the present Convention.

Girls and women of all ages with any form of disability are generally among the more vulnerable and marginalized of any society and statistics taught us that if you empower one woman, you empower an extended family.

The purpose of the Woman's Forum of the NCPPDSA is therefore: a call for action at all levels, especially in the rural areas, to ensure non-discrimination, enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and inclusion into the mainstream of development in South Africa, for all Women with Disabilities!