

# Growing Disability Studies in Africa

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## Vision

The Disability Studies Division seeks to be the centre of critical disciplinary research, teaching and social responsiveness focused on developing leadership capacity in monitoring disability inclusion in policy processes, particularly implementation.

For the production and dissemination of African knowledge on disability

Rooted in Africa, by Africans

As a way of achieving equity for and inclusion of disabled persons and their families in all aspects of society



## Conceptual frameworks

- Disability as a human rights issue to ensure equal opportunities in terms of access to services, activities, information and documentation
- Rural development
- Disability inclusion in the Millennium Development Goals

## Postgraduate programmes

### Course work: Postgraduate diploma and Masters in Philosophy

- Introduction to disability as diversity
- Critical priorities in disability and development
- Monitoring disability in society
- Policy processes and disability rights
- Developing critical research literacy
- Research methods
- Minor research dissertation

### Masters in Philosophy (by full thesis)

### PhD (by full thesis)

## Research focus: Equity in livelihoods

- Health and rehabilitation service provision, including assistive devices and technology
- Inclusive education across the continuum
- Inclusive employment and entrepreneurship
- Family life and community living

## Challenges

- Develop networks to grow strategic leadership to create interdisciplinary and inter-university collaboration across continents
- Foster reciprocal partnerships to generate knowledge on disability practice, policy and research

## Graduate work opportunities

- Disability organisations, non-government organisations and consultancies
- All departments in national and local government
- Higher education institutions – academics, researchers, administrators as well as transformation officers