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January	04	International	World Braille Day	https://www.awarenessdays.co.uk/awareness-days-calendar/world-braille-day/2018-01-04/
January	05	National	2017 Matric Results Announcement	http://www.education.gov.za/
January	17	National	Schools Re-Open	Contact your nearest District Manager if your child has been refused enrolment, or write to: DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
January	22-27	International (Geneva)	142nd Session of the WHO Executive Board The Executive Board considered a resolution on Improving Access to Assistive Technology which recognized that assistive technology enables and promotes the inclusion, participation and engagement of persons with disabilities, among other stakeholders in all areas of society. The resolution also calls for actions to improve access to assistive technology.	EB 142. R6
January	29-30	Gauteng	Writing Workshop on DisabilityRights	University of Pretoria Centre for Human Rights Jehoshaphat.Njau@up.ac.za http://www.chr.up.ac.za/
January	31	National	Epilepsy SA NEC meeting	Teleconference
January/ February	29/01 – 07/02	International	56 th Commission for Social Development, New York The CSocD56 features four high-level panel discussions, including one on disability with a theme “Towards inclusive, resilient and sustainable development: an evidence-based approach to the mainstreaming of disability in the	https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division/csocd56.html



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			implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Agenda 2030”, which was held on Wednesday 31 January 2018. During the Commission, the side event on “Persons with Disabilities: Realising Equal Rights and Inclusive Development” was convened by China and European Union on 31 January.	The concept note: http://bit.ly/2EnwU7v ; The video of the session: http://bit.ly/2GE8qHN . Detail of the event: http://bit.ly/2DXYjii
January/ February	31/01 – 02/02	International (Helsinki)	Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network The event includes both a high level (ministerial segment) and substantive discussions to progress international cooperation in disability-inclusive development and humanitarian action.	Learn more about the GLAD network at: http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/glad
February	02 – 03	Gauteng	Special Olympics SA Training of Clinical Directors, Healthy Heroes training, a Healthy Athletes® Screening. Tsegofatsong Special School, Mamelodi, City of Tshwane	Fahmidah Khan: fahmidah@specialolympics.org.za
February	02 – 04	National (Gauteng)	DSSA National Executive Committee meeting	Dssa.Odo@lcon.co.za
February	06	Gauteng	Gauteng Provincial Government (Office of the Premier) Universal Design and Access Dialogue: Making Design Accessible to Everyone in Society	Tania.Hokai@gauteng.gov.za
February	07 - 13	International (Kuala Lumpur)	9th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) WUF9 will be the first session to focus on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted in the United Nations	Detail of the side event can be found at: http://bit.ly/2GvyZip



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			<p>Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).</p> <p>A side event on 'Implementing Universal Accessibility at the Local Level – Practical Actions for Realizing an Inclusive New Urban Agenda' will be held on 11 February from 5-6pm.</p>	
February		National	State of the Nation Address	http://www.gov.za/state-nation-address
February	08-09	International (Gauteng)	Global Mental Health Summit	Shannon Morgan, Rural Rehab South Africa, 071 677 2576
February	12	International	International Epilepsy Day	2 nd Monday in February annually www.epilepsy.org.za or www.ibe-epilepsy.org Marina Clarke, Epilepsy South Africa, info@epilepsy.org.za , 0860EPILEPSY
February	12-18	National	National Epilepsy Week	Week following International Epilepsy Day annually www.epilepsy.org.za or www.ibe-epilepsy.org Marina Clarke, Epilepsy South Africa, info@epilepsy.org.za , 0860EPILEPSY
February/ March	14/02 – 09/03	International (Geneva)	<p>19th session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)</p> <p>The Committee will examine the implementation of the Convention in the following countries: Haiti, Oman, Sudan, Nepal, Slovenia, Seychelles and the Russian Federation. It will also have interactive dialogues with UN agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other</p>	<p>The accreditation for participating in the session is open and available on the Committee's webpage:</p> <p>http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx</p>



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			stakeholders. The Committee will further discuss a draft general comment on the right to equality and non-discrimination.	
February	15	North West	Casual Day Show & Tell: North West	Contact Mammone at mammone.manyapye@casday.co.za Danie Marais (NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
February	20	International	World Day of Social Justice	http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday
February	21	National	National Budget Vote	www.parliament.gov.za www.treasury.gov.za
February	21-22	Eastern Cape	Eastern Cape Provincial Disability Rights Machinery Workshop	Training for Work Streams Phumla Malebogo (Phumla.Malebogo@otp.ecprov.gov.za)
February	21-23	International (Geneva)	Zero Project Conference	http://zeroproject.org/conference-2018/ South Africa's "Implementation Strategy to Guide the Provision of Accessible Public Transport Systems in South Africa" has been selected as an Innovative Policy of the Zero Project 2018! Well done Department of Transport!
February	22	Western Cape	Casual Day Show & Tell: Western Cape	Michele Tonks, micheletonks@mweb.co.za Danie Marais (NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397



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February	27 (tbc)	National	NCPD Executive Committee meeting	Sandra Maritz sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za
February	28	Northern Cape	Northern Cape Dept of Environment and Nature Conservation Disability Disaggregation Workshop, Kimberley	KDitlholelo kditlholelo@ncpg.gov.za
February/ March	26/02 – 01/03	National	National EPWP Social Sector Conference	Nkere Skosana (NkereS@dsg.gov.za)
February	27-28	Northern Cape	Training of young athletes aged 2-7 yrs and training of 30 coaches from various creches by Special Olympics SA, Venue: Phokwane Community Centre (27 th) and new site for an Inclusive Disability Centre called Retollakgopolo (change your attitude)(28 th) in Phokwane.	Ria Mathivha susanmole09@gmail.com
March	Human Rights Month			https://www.gov.za/speeches/human-rights-month-2018
March	Intellectual Disability Month			Charlene Sunkel: charlene@safmh.org Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
March	01	International	International Wheelchair Day	https://www.facebook.com/InternationalWheelchairDay/



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March	03	International	World Better Hearing Day, including launch of a 3-month awareness campaign on the prevention of hearing loss. The theme is <i>Hear the future</i> .	www.audiologysa.co.za (http://www.who.int/deafness/world-hearing-day/whd-2018/en/) Sandra Maritz(NCPD), 073 074 3043 sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za
March	03	KwaZulu-Natal	Down Syndrome Fundraiser/Awareness Day throughout Durban	Angie Govindsami; 031 464 2055, downskzn@iafrica.com
March	05 - 09	Africa (Kenya)	2 nd Gender and Disability Forum and Regional Roundtable, Humanity & Inclusion (former Handicap International) The Making it Work (MIW) Gender and Disability project is organizing its Forum to address violence against women and girls with disabilities. Nine good practice holders (DPOs and Women's Organizations) from Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda will share their experiences, and learn from each other and from international experts. A roundtable "Better addressing the intersectionality of gender and disability in Africa - Regional opportunities" will take place with major DPOs, NGOs and UN agencies on 9th of March, co-chaired by Ms. Fatma Wangare and Ms. Yetnebersh Nigusie.	Contact: s.pecourt@hi.org
March	06	Northern Cape	Workshop: Paper to Practice – The White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & Reasonable Accommodation, Kimberley	Michele Tonks (NCPD), micheletonks@mweb.co.za



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March	06-08	Eastern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, East London	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
March	06 - 09	International (New York)	49th Session of the UN Statistical Commission Disability statistics and data: The UN Statistical Commission - UNDESA will organize a panel discussion on disability statistics and data	Detail will be available at: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/
March	07-08	Gauteng	Innovations in Minibus-Taxi Reform Workshop, Johannesburg (World Bank, National Treasury, National Dept of Transport)	The workshop that aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – create a forum for cities to exchange new ideas and approaches to MBT reform and improvements; and – Help shape thinking around MBT reform and the next phase IPTN planning and implementation. <p>The principal target group of participants will be the national and city leadership and management responsible for the development of policy, planning, finance and implementation of urban transport, especially those involved in the planning and implementation of IPTNs, and particularly those interacting with BRT and MBT operators and services. Operators, practitioners and civil society actors with interests in public transport and the MBT sector will also be invited to participate in the workshop.</p> <p>Contact: Edward Andrew Beukes, ebeukes@worldbank.org</p>



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March	08	International	International Women's Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/ www.women.gov.za
March	08	Gauteng	Casual Day Show & Tell: Gauteng	Mammone, mammone.manyapye@casday.co.za Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
March	08	Northern Cape	Workshop: Paper to Practice – The White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & Reasonable Accommodation, Uppington	Michele Tonks (NCPD), micheletonks@mweb.co.za
March	10	National	Autism SA Executive committee meeting	Sandra Usswald director@autismsouthafrica.org
March	12-14	Gauteng	Hands on Autism Training, Johannesburg	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
March	12-16	National (Gauteng)	National Disability Rights Machinery IGR Cluster Work Group Meetings	DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
March	12-16	International (Geneva)	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 9 Pre-Sessional Working Group	This session will finalise the List of Issues for South Africa to respond to when the country appears before the Committee in September 2018



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				http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1206&Lang=en
March	12-18	International	World Glaucoma Week	
March	12-23	International (New York)	62 nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women	http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw62-2018
March	14	Western Cape	SALGA Western Cape Provincial Workshop on HR Sensitisation Programmes with a focus on Persons with Disabilities for Portfolio Councillors and Officials responsible for Cooperate and Community Development Services	Trevor Lombard Tel: (021) 446 9800 E-mail: tlombard@salga.org.za
March	15	International	World Consumer Rights Day	http://www.gov.za/world-consumer-rights-day http://www.thencc.gov.za/
March	15	Gauteng	Afrika Tikkun & Beit Issie Shapiro Disability Rights Symposium, Johannesburg Participants need to register before 8 March 2018 should they want to attend. www.afrikatikkun.org	Contact Chelesile Siziba, Advice and Referral Coordinator, T: +27 (0) 87 150 2313 M: +27 73 689 9458 E: chelesiles@afrikatikkun.org for more information.
March	16	Limpopo	Casual Day Show & Tell: Limpopo	Mammone, mammone.manyapye@casday.co.za



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				Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
March	17	Gauteng	Smergos Ball for All, Centurion Honouring wheelchair users and amputees together with their partners and families	www.ballforall.co.za Email: nicole@smergos.com
March	21	National	National Human Rights Day	https://www.gov.za/speeches/human-rights-day-2018
March	21	International	World Down Syndrome Day	https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/ Email: dssa@icon.co.za
March	21	KwaZulu-Natal	Disability Sports Day - Fun & Awareness, Curries Fountain Sport Grounds, All Special Schools and Care Centre for Persons with Special Needs	Angie Govindsami, 031 464 2055, downskzn@iafrica.com
March	22-23	National	DeafblindSA 2018 NEC & Manco	Phillip Dobson n.d.a@deafblindsa.co.za
March	23	KwaZulu-Natal	Down Syndrome Information Session – Awareness for Educators; Tongaat Special School	Angie Govindsami, 031 464 2055, downskzn@iafrica.com
March	23	KwaZulu-Natal	Fighting Together Against Disability - Awareness and Empowerment; N'wamitwa Village	Difference Motseo, 078 246 0888, motsiri.motseo@gmail.com



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March	23	International (Geneva)	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with disabilities Annual Public Interactive Dialogue with National Human Rights Institutions and National Monitoring Frameworks of the UNCRPD	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx
March	25	Gauteng	Autism Awareness Zoo Trot, Johannesburg Zoo	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
March	30	International	World Bipolar Day	www.worldbipolarday.org/ Charlene Sunkel: charlene@safmh.org
March/ April	30/03 – 02/04	National	Easter Weekend	
April	Freedom Month			https://www.gov.za/speeches/freedom-month-2018
April	World Autism Awareness Month			www.autismsouthafrica.org www.aut2know.co.za
April	Diversity Month			https://dignityandrespect.org/april-is-diversity-month/
April	02	International	World Autism Awareness Day Commemorations will be held at the UNHQ in New York.	Detail will be available at: http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/index.shtml www.aut2know.co.za



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April	03-06	National (Gauteng)	National Disability Rights Machinery (NDRM) – Bilateral meetings with sector departments	NDRM Secretariat to sign off on departmental NDRM plenary presentations
April	07	Gauteng	Wilro Lions, Sensory Morning at Walter Sisulu Gardens	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
April	07	Gauteng	“Disablism” workshops at the Department of Defence	Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
April	07	International	World Cerebral Palsy Day	Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
April	07	International	World Health Day (2018 Theme is Depression)	http://www.gov.za/speeches/world-health-day-2018-16-nov-2016-1003
April	14	National	Epilepsy SA National Board Meeting	The National Board Meeting will be held in Cape Town
April	14	Free State	Fun Walk, Matjhibeng Municipality	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909



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April	18-20	Eastern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, East London	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
April	18-19	Gauteng	6 th Hope-Mandeville Disability Careers Expo	https://www.facebook.com/Hope-Mandeville-Disability-Careers-Expo-1196147447081490/
April	23-25	National (Gauteng)	National Disability Rights Machinery (NDRM) Plenary Meeting	DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
April	23	International	World Book and Copyright Day	www.un.org/en/events/bookday/
April	26	International	World Intellectual Property Day	http://www.gov.za/world-intellectual-property-day-2015
April	27	National	Freedom Day	https://www.gov.za/speeches/freedom-day-2018
May	Prader Willi Awareness Month			https://www.facebook.com/pwsasa
May	Workers' Month			
May	Diversity Month			
May	01	National	Workers' Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/workers-day-2018-22-nov-2016-1053
May	06	Gauteng	Wings for Life World Run	http://www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/za/en/pre-toria/



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May	07-09	Gauteng	Hands on Autism Training, Johannesburg	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
May	07-11	Africa (Zambia)	6th CBR Africa Conference 2018, Lusaka	CBR Africa Network CAN info@afri-can.org http://afri-can.org/400-delegates-for-cbr-africa-conference-2018/
May	10	Africa (Kenya)	Assistive Product Seminar	The seminar will focus on standard implementation and standardization development for assistive products and related services in relation to low and middle-income countries, especially for the African continent. Hillary Lane, afrinead@sun.ac.za
May	14-18	National (Gauteng)	National Disability Rights Machinery (NDRM) – Bilateral meetings with sector departments	Finalisation of drafting of Second Annual Report to Cabinet on Implementation of the WPRPD DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
May	15	International	International Day of Families	http://www.gov.za/international-day-families-2015
May	16-18	Northern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Kimberley	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
May	17	International	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/telecommunicationday/



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May	21 - 23	National (Gauteng)	National Cerebral Palsy Conference, Birchwood Conference Centre	Elizma Woods (NACP) Tel: 0823499 630 Website: www.napcp.org.za E-mail: elizma.woods@napcp.org.za
May	21-26	International (Geneva)	70 th World Health Assembly	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/governance/wha/en/
May	21	International	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday/
May	24	National	Take a Girl-Child to Work	https://www.cellc.co.za/cellc/girl-child
May	25	Africa	Africa Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/africa-day-2018-14-nov-2016-1224
May	25	National	Tekkie Tax Day	http://www.tekkietax.co.za (last Friday in May annually) – a national fundraising initiative focusing on 5 sectors: Animals, Bring Hope, Children, Disability and Education Marina Clarke, Epilepsy South Africa, info@epilepsy.org.za , 0860EPILEPSY
May	27	National	Prader Willi Awareness Day	https://www.facebook.com/pwsasa
May/June	27/05 – 03/06	National	National Child Protection Week	Nkatane Matsomane NkataneM@dsd.gov.za



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May/June	30/05-01/06	Eastern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Port Elizabeth	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
May	31	International	World Multiple Sclerosis Day	Fanie Swanepoel, National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), (011) 452-2774
June	National Youth Month			https://www.gov.za/YouthMonth2018
June	National Epilepsy Month			
June	01	International	International Children's Day	http://www.cute-calendar.com/event/international-childrens-day/21568.html
June	01	KwaZulu-Natal	Project Izingane kuQala: Official Opening of the Nombuso Disability Centre, Ndwedwe	DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
June	07 - 08	National (Gauteng)	National Disability Rights Machinery (NDRM) – Inter-Provincial Forum meeting	Finalisation of drafting of Second Annual Report to Cabinet on Implementation of the WPRPD DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
June	11 - 13	International (Washington)	7th M-Enabling Summit Conference and Showcase 2018 theme of "Accessible and Assistive Technologies Innovations: New Frontiers for Independent Living"	For registration and more details, visit http://m-enabling.com/



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			The 2018 M-Enabling Summit will provide a platform for empowering technologies and focus on next-generation innovations and breakthroughs for users of all abilities. It also includes the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) Annual Conference.	
June	12-14	International (New York)	12 th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCRPD, New York; Election of Members of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html http://bit.ly/2xR9Evq
June	13	International	International Albinism Awareness Day	http://www.albinism.org.za/un-declares-international-albinism-day/
June	15	International	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/elderabuse/
June	16	National	National Youth Day	https://www.gov.za/YouthDay2018
June	16	Africa	Day of the African Child	http://www.cute-calendar.com/event/international-day-of-the-african-child/13318.html
June	19-27	International (Spain)	11 th Helen Keller World Conference 5th World Federation of the DeafBlind General Assembly and 11th Helen Keller World Conference, Benidorm	http://www.wfdb.eu/wfdb-world-conference-2018/



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June	21-22	National (tbc)	National Autism Symposium	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
June	20	International	World Refugee Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/
June	21	National	National Epilepsy Day	https://epilepsy.org.za/new/
June	23	International	UN Public Service Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/publicserviceday/
June	29	National	National Deafblind Awareness Day	Phillip Dobson n.d.a@deafblindsa.co.za
June	25-30	International	Helen Keller Week (International Deaf Blind Awareness Week)	http://deafblindsa.co.za/ Phillip Dobson n.d.a@deafblindsa.co.za
July	Nelson Mandela Month			https://www.gov.za/NelsonMandelaMonth%202018
July	Psychosocial Disability Awareness Month			http://www.safmh.org.za/
July	Inclusive Design: Best practice in higher education Campaign			Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397 Flow SA
July	07	National	Autism SA Executive committee meeting	Sandra Usswald director@autismsouthafrica.org



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July	09-18	International (New York)	<p>High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>The theme will be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies". The set of goals to be reviewed in depth will be the following, including Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, that will be considered each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all • Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all • Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable • Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns • Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 	<p>More information on HLPF 2018 can be found at: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018</p>
July	11	International	World Population Day	<p>http://www.unfpa.org/events/world-population-day</p>



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July	11-12	National (Gauteng)	2018 National Symposium: Teacher Education for Inclusive Teaching	The symposium theme is ' <i>Enabling all teachers to be inclusive teachers</i> '. Following the successful <u>first</u> and <u>second</u> National Symposia, this third symposium aims to build knowledge interchange among researchers, practitioners and policy makers. See attached brochure or visit our website at http://www.vvob.be/southafrica/content/third-symposium-teacher-education-inclusive-teaching-call-proposals for more details.
July	18	International	International Nelson Mandela Day	http://www.mandeladay.com/
July	19 (tbc)	National	NCPD Executive Committee meeting	Sandra Maritz sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za
July	19-21	International (Germany)	International Symposium On Usher Syndrome Ush2018, Mainz	http://www.ush2018.org/
July	24	International (UK)	DFID (UK)/IDA Global Disability Summit	https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/ida-co-hosts-uk-disability-summit
July	23 – 27	International (France)	XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf The Congress theme, "Sign Language Rights for All" as the overarching theme of the XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf highlights that full enjoyment of linguistic rights is vital in facilitating the full inclusion of the Deaf Community within society.	For more information, visit: https://www.wfdcongress2019.org/



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July	24 - 27	International (UK, Scotland)	World Down Syndrome Congress 2018	https://ds-int.org/wdsc-2018 Registration open at http://wdsc2018.co.uk/
July/Aug	30/07- 01/08	??	Hands on Autism Training	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
August	Women's Month			www.women.gov.za http://www.gov.za/speeches/womens-month-2018-16-nov-2016-1536
August	11-19	National	National Science Week	https://www.scienceweek.net.au/
August	15-17	Northern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Kimberley	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
August	09	National	Women's Day	http://www.gov.za/womens-day
August	26	National	Disability Awareness Sunday	Last Sunday of August annually www.rampup.co.za http://www.umdisabilityministries.org/dasunday/
August	27-31	Eastern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Mthatha	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909



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September	Heritage Month			https://www.gov.za/HeritageMonth2018
September	Tourism Month			https://www.gov.za/TourismMonth2018
September	Public Service Month			https://www.gov.za/speeches/public-service-month-2018-29-nov-2017-1043
September	National Month of Deaf People			https://www.gov.za/DeafPeopleMonth2018
September	Albinism Awareness Month			https://www.gov.za/AlbinismAwarenessMonth2018 www.albinism.org.za
September	Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month			Gerda Brown gmnational@mdsa.org.za
September	07	National	Casual Day	http://www.casualday.co.za/ Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
September	05	International	World Spinal Cord Injury Day	http://www.worldsciday.org/
September	08	International	International Literacy Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/international-literacy-day-2018-17-nov-2016-1446
September	09	International	World Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/world-foetal-alcohol-syndrome-day-2018-17-nov-2016-1015



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September	10	International	World Suicide Prevention Day	https://www.iasp.info/wspd/ www.safmh.org
September	19-21	Eastern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Port Elizabeth	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
September	21	International	World Alzheimer's Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/world-alzheimers-day-2018-18-nov-2016-1550
September	23	International	International Day of Sign Languages The UN General Assembly proclaimed 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages through its resolution (A/RES/72/161) with a view to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. This Day will first be observed from 2018.	https://wfdeaf.org/news/un-23-sept-as-international-day-of-sign-languages/ The resolution can be downloaded at: http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/72/161
September	24	National	National Heritage Day	https://www.gov.za/HeritageDay2018
September	26	International	World Retina Day	http://www.gov.za/world-retina-day-2015
September	27	International	World Tourism Day	
September	26 (tbc)	National	NCPD Executive Committee meeting	Sandra Maritz sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za
September	27 (tbc)	National	NCPD AGM	Sandra Maritz sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za



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September	23-30	International	International Week of the Deaf	https://wfdeaf.org/about-us/international-week-of-the-deaf
September	TBC	National	Epilepsy SA AGM	The Annual General Meeting will be held in Cape Town
September	TBC	National	Epilepsy SA National Board Meeting	The National Board Meeting will be held in Cape Town
September/ October	30/09 – 06/10	National	Older Persons Week	https://www.gov.za/OlderPersonsWeek2018
October	Mental Health Awareness Month			http://www.gov.za/speeches/mental-health-awareness-month-2018-16-nov-2016-1355
October	Transport Month			http://www.gov.za/speeches/transport-month-2018-22-nov-2016-1113 Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
October	Social Development Month			http://www.gov.za/speeches/social-development-month-2018-22-nov-2016-1107
October	Eye Care Awareness Month			http://www.sancb.org.za/article/its-eye-care-awareness-month
October	International Children's Month			www.internationalchildrensmoonth.com



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October	01	International	International Day of Older Persons	http://www.gov.za/speeches/international-day-older-persons-2018-22-nov-2016-1044
October	05	National (tbc)	8 th Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament	http://www.nelsonmandelachildrensfund.com/
October	06	National	National Cerebral Palsy Day (coincides with World CP Day)	www.napcp.org.za elizma.woods@napap.org.za
October	10	International	World Mental Health Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/world-mental-health-day-2018-16-nov-2016-1427
October	11	International	International Day of the Girl Child	http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child
October	15	International	World White Cane Day	www.whitecaneday.org/ http://www.sancb.org.za/article/were-celebrating-white-cane
October	15	National	National Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day	www.gov.za/national-foetal-alcohol-syndrome-day www.fasday.com/
October	15-17	Gauteng	Hands on Autism Training, Johannesburg	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
October	17	International	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	http://www.gov.za/speeches/international-day-eradication-poverty-2018-22-nov-2016-0958



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October	20	National	National Down Syndrome Day	http://www.gov.za/speeches/national-down-syndrome-day-2016-1-dec-2016-1039 Wilna Gates: Dssa.Odo@lcon.co.za
October	20	International	World Statistics Day	www.un.org/en/events/statisticsday/
October	23	National	SUDEP Awareness Day	SUDEP: Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy www.epilepsy.org.za
October	27	National	Autism SA AGM	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
October	29	International	World Stroke Day	Danie Marai (NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397 George Scola, The Stroke Survivors' Foundation (SSF), george@strokesurvivors.org.za , 082 306 3214
October/ November	31/10 – 02/11	Northern Cape	Hands on Autism Training, Kimberley	Sandy Usswald, Autism SA, director@autismsouthafrica.org , (8011) 484-9909
November	Disability Rights Awareness Month			DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za



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November	Carer's Month			Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
November	03	National (tbc)	National Media Launch of Disability Rights Awareness Month	DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
November	03	National (Gauteng)	Nappy Run	Danie Marais(NCPD), danie.bm@ncppdsa.org.za , (011) 452-2774 / 081 017 5397
November	04	National	National Children's Day	http://www.gov.za/national-childrens-day
November	12	International	World Sight Day	http://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day
November	15	International	World White Cane Day	http://www.whitecaneday.org/ www.sancb.org.za
November	19	International	International Men's Day	http://www.internationalmensday.com/
November	20	International	Universal Children's Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/
November	25	National (tbc)	Launch of the 16 Days for the Elimination of Violence against Women Campaign	www.women.gov.za



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November	25/11– 10/12	International	16 Days of Activism on No Violence against Women and Children	http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism
December	01	International	World AIDS Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/aidsday/ https://www.gov.za/WorldAIDSDay2018
December	03	National	(Inter)National Day of Persons with Disabilities	http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/ https://www.gov.za/InternationalDayofPersonswithDisabilities2018 DisabilityRights@dsd.gov.za
December	10	International	International Human Rights Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/
December	10	National	Closing Ceremony of 16 Days Campaign	www.women.gov.za
December	16	National	Day of Reconciliation	http://www.sahistory.org.za/article/december-16-reflection-changing-south-african-heritage



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Institution	Name of Campaign	Description
Epilepsy SA	#50for50	Celebration of Epilepsy South Africa's 50 th anniversary (see above)
Epilepsy SA	DRPI Project	Research initiative to determine the realisation of the rights of persons with epilepsy
Epilepsy SA	Advocates for Africa (AeA)	Youth initiative of the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) to empower young advocates with epilepsy
GO GEORGE	Disability Rights Awareness Month Media Campaign	<p>Media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Herald: Did You Know column on UA (making passengers aware of the special needs passengers) • Algoa FM: Focus on UA and requesting fellow-passengers to take special needs passengers into account • Heartbeat FM radio: Interview on what GO GEORGE does in terms of UA passengers • Heartbeat FM radio: weather sponsorship campaign messages with a special focus on GO GEORGE and UA • Eden FM radio: interview on Access Eden programme about how GO GEORGE caters for disabled people • Idinga newspaper (Thembaletu): cartoon strip with a special focus on UA • Media release in support of Disability Rights Month (all media) • School for kids with special needs bus trip • Visit to APD (Association for People with Disabilities), distribution of information about GO GEORGE and involvement of Georgie, our GO GEORGE mascot <p>Electronic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Facebook updates about UA and principles of UA endorsed by GO GEORGE



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website updates about Disability Rights Month ReadSpeaker active on GO GEORGE website <p>Direct communication: Communication Champions started with a courtesy campaign to request passengers to assist UA passengers on buses</p>
NCPD	Training sessions and workshops.	Keep an eye on our FB page: www.facebook.com/disabilities.sa or contact Michele at micheletonks@mweb.co.za
NCPD	Radio programmes that feature persons with disabilities and related content.	<p>RSG (100 – 104 FM) every Sunday between 17:30 and 18:00; sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za</p> <p>Kaapse Kansel (729 AM or on the audio channel 882 on DSTV) on Tuesdays at 13:45 sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za</p> <p>Radio Tygerberg (104 FM) on Tuesdays at 18:15 to enjoy this content. sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za</p> <p>NFM (Northern Cape) weekly on Tuesdays at 18h15 (brunhild.strauss@ncppdsa.org.za)</p>
NCPD	Diversity Day campaign (21 May)	Details TBC. Persons interested can liaise with Neo Tlaka at neo.tlaka@ncppdsa.org.za
NCPD	October/November Nappy Run	Keep an eye on www.nappyrun.org.za and www.facebook.com/Nappyrun.sa for details as they unfold.



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Mandeville Disability Swimming and Hope School	Hayley Horan	083 2927608	011 467 3341	hayley@creativespacemedia.co.za						
Muscular Dystrophy	Gerda Brown	079 594 9191	011 4729703	gmnational@mdsa.org.za	www.mdsa.org.za	Muscular Dystrophy Foundation of South Africa				



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Foundation of South Africa										
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QuadPara Association of South Africa (QASA)	Ronelle Lyson		031 7670352	projectcoordinator@qasa.co.za	www.qasa.co.za					
The National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD)	Sandra Maritz	073 074 3043		sandra.maritz@ncppdsa.org.za	www.nappyrun.org.za	www.facebook.com/disabilities.sa www.facebook.com/groups/disability.rights www.facebook.com/groups/disabilities.employment https://www.facebook.com/Nappyrun.sa https://www.facebook.com/CasualDaySA	@The_NCPD	NCPDSA-TV		

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Disability dedicated sms: send HELP to 31531

Deaf Access Skype Video Call facility:
register HELP ME GBV on your skype contact list.