

ALBINISM BEYOND 2030

LEGAL AND HEALTHCARE PATHWAYS TO INCLUSION

23–24 October 2025

Hybrid: Online and In-Person, Bloemfontein, South Africa

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The Faculties of Law and Health Sciences at the University of the Free State, South Africa, are proud to announce the **Albinism Beyond 2030: Legal and Healthcare Pathways to Inclusion** international conference, taking place on **23–24 October 2025** in **Bloemfontein, South Africa**, with hybrid participation options.

The conference aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16), good health and well-being (SDG 3) and reduced inequalities (SDG 10). It will bring together scholars, legal experts, healthcare professionals, activists, policymakers, and community leaders to explore innovative legal and healthcare systems and solutions for equal rights, improved healthcare access, and social integration for persons with albinism by 2030 and beyond.

WHY THIS CONFERENCE?

Persons with albinism face systemic barriers, including discrimination, violence, and limited access to healthcare and education. As the world moves toward achieving the SDGs, this conference provides a timely and critical platform to:

- Shape future human rights protections by addressing legal and policy gaps in education, employment, and healthcare.
- Advance healthcare solutions through medical breakthroughs in dermatology, ophthalmology, and genetics.
- Enhance global advocacy by fostering cross-sector collaboration.

SDG targets will be integrated into discussions to ensure that pathways for the inclusion of persons with albinism are central to the global sustainable development agenda, thereby addressing both immediate and systemic challenges.

CONFERENCE THEMES

We welcome papers and presentations on, but not limited to, the following key areas:

1. LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS

- The future of human rights protections for persons with albinism
- Strengthening legal responses to discrimination, targeted violence, and hate crimes
- Advancing disability rights by promoting inclusive legal recognitions and protection for persons with albinism
- The role of International legal instruments and advocacy strategies in systemic change
- Inclusive education policies and accessibility in the digital age
- Workplace inclusion and the future of employment for persons with albinism
- Economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion strategies

2. HEALTHCARE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

- Medical innovations in dermatology, vision care, and genetic research
- Assistive technology and AI-driven solutions for accessibility
- The potential of telemedicine and digital health to improve healthcare access for persons with albinism
- Mental health and psychosocial support tailored to the lived experiences of persons with albinism
- Integrating albinism-specific care into national and international health policies
- The role of traditional and community-based healing practices
- Ensuring universal health coverage and the right to accessible care for persons with albinism
- Advocacy for inclusive and culturally responsive healthcare systems

3. ART, STORYTELLING, AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATION

Call for Artistic Exhibitions: A Sensory Experience

Beyond academic discussions, the conference will feature a multisensory exhibition aimed at transforming perceptions of albinism through sight, sound, and touch. We invite artists, designers, and multimedia creators to submit interactive exhibitions/works that:

- Reimagine visual narratives through photography, film, or digital media
- Use soundscapes, spoken word or tactile installations to explore identity and inclusion
- Engage audiences in immersive storytelling that fosters empathy and understanding.
- Promote intercultural dialogue and inclusion.

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Submission Guidelines

For Papers:

- Abstracts (max 400 words) submitted in Word or PDF format
- Full papers should not exceed 3500 words
- Submission Deadline: 01 July 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 01 August 2025
- Final Paper Submission: 01 October 2025

For Artistic Exhibitions:

- Proposal detailing the concept, artistic medium(s), and how the work engages the senses.
- High-quality images or sketches of the proposed work.
- Technical requirements, including installation needs, equipment, or space considerations (if applicable).

Submissions should be sent to disabilityrightsunit@ufs.ac.za with the subject line “*Albinism 2025 Conference Submission*”.

Publication and Presentation

Accepted papers will be considered for a special conference publication or journal issue. Selected authors or artists will be invited to present their work at the conference.

Conference Fees

- In-Person Attendance: R2 500 (€120). The fee includes both conference days with refreshments and lunch.
- Online attendance: R1 000 (€60) and includes full access to all sessions.
- Attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Join the Conversation

Be part of this essential dialogue as we work to shape the legal and healthcare systems for persons with albinism. Together, we can drive meaningful change toward a more inclusive and equitable society by 2030 and beyond.

For inquiries, contact disabilityrightsunit@ufs.ac.za

