



CONFERENCE RATIONALE

The Hilary Clinton Center for Women's Empowerment at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane invites you to participate in a unique and innovative conference about disability in Morocco. We welcome persons with disabilities, professionals, experts and people from across Morocco to submit abstracts for papers that highlight Disability in Morocco, particularly the struggles, obstacles and challenges confronted by people with disabilities in Morocco.

Whilst Morocco has a foundation of legal and social rights for people with disabilities, there is still a clear gap between the laws that have been enacted and their implementation enabling the full participation of persons with disabilities in Moroccan Society. This conference is aimed at sharing knowledge and information with key stakeholders, including persons with disabilities, and addressing the policy-practice gap and proposing recommendations and actions to improve the life experience of people with disabilities.

The conference will provide a unique and innovative opportunity to raise awareness of the obstacles faced by people with disabilities, particularly in the Moroccan context. We aim at creating a collaborative forum for different bodies and individuals, from both the public and the private spheres, including persons with disabilities, academics, policymakers, NGO's, and community organizers.

We invite local, national, and international presenters including people with disabilities, parents, friends, and other family members of people with disabilities, policymakers and aligned organizations, university professors and researchers, health professionals, doctoral candidates, undergraduate and graduate students and NGOs & Advocates.

The conference embodies three key themes: **1)** Overview of Morocco's laws and policies in the context of disability; **2)** The conceptual challenges for the inclusion of persons with disabilities, for example in context of language, stereotypes to name only a few, and; **3)** The day-to-day gaps between practices and policies.



We encourage all such as academics, experts, professionals and people across Morocco to submit abstracts/proposals for 15 minutes presentations/papers on a subject relating to these 3 themes. Possible topics may include, but not limited to:

1. People with disabilities and healthcare in Morocco
2. People with disabilities and employment in Morocco
3. Gender and disabilities.
4. Parents to children with disabilities: challenges & needs at all levels
5. NGO's perspectives and challenges in supporting the inclusion of people with disabilities in Morocco.
6. People with disabilities and access to education in Morocco
7. Students with disabilities in Morocco: real experiences
8. The importance of terminology: from "Handicapped" to the language of ability
9. Promising practices in the inclusion of persons with disabilities

The languages of the conference vary from Darija, Arabic, Tamazight, English and French.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Interested participants are kindly invited to submit their abstracts for the presentations (between 250-400 words) along with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a short bio, before **April 14th, 2023**, to hcc@aui.ma
2. Applications should include:
 - institutional/organizational affiliation if any,
 - contact information including email and telephone/WhatsApp,
 - title of the paper,
 - 250-400 words abstract, and
 - a statement as to the preferred language of presentation: Darija, Arabic, Tamazight, English and French.
3. Upon peer reviewed process, we will notify you of the result of your application by **April 21st, 2023**.
4. Certificate of presentation/attendance will be provided.



Conference Fees Including Lunch*/**

- University Professors and researchers: 400Dhs*.
- Students (Doctoral candidates, undergraduate and graduate students): 200Dhs*.
- Advocates, Activists and Policymakers: 400Dhs*.

For Payment*:**

FR: <https://aui.ma/pform/pay2fr.html>

EG: <https://aui.ma/pform/pay2en.html>

* Depending on the number of applicants, registration fees may be adapted accordingly to cover two days of conference instead of one.

** Limited funds/fee waiver/discount, if any, may be available.

*** Please write the name “AUI Disability Conference” on the Event Line on the link provided.

Please notify us if you need any special adjustments.

Conference Chair:

Dr. Claris Harbon

Organizing Committee:

Dr. Dimity Peter

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While accommodation is your responsibility, as a courtesy we have contacted Hotel Zephyr in Ifrane for reduced prices. To enjoy this promotion you must reserve your room **between March 31st to April 13th, 2023.**

For reservation you could:

1. Send an email to reservation.ifrane@zephyrhotels.ma
2. Mention your full name with the desired dates and number of people.
3. Use this code on your email subject: **ZIAUI050605.**