QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE RIGHHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING.

**ANSWERS:**

1. The policies are articulated in the Person with Disabilities Act No. 14 of 31 December 2003 and Kenya Constitution 2010. In these policies it speculates on issues regarding status in part ii ( The rights and privileges of person with disabilities), resourcing part v

(National Development fund for Persons with Disabilities) in the Person with Disabilities Act 2003. In Chapter four Bill of Rights, section 54 (2) of the Kenya constitution, the state has given at least five percent of member of the public in elective and appointed position with persons with disabilities.

1. The Persons with Disabilities Act(2003) , this law was enacted in 2003 out of the need to have laws protecting the rights of person with disabilities in Kenya. It is the legislation that had independent laws that address the needs of persons with disabilities. The Children’s Act (2001) was legislated in 2001 following the recommendations of the Kenya Law Reform Commission. It is a legal framework which operates to safeguard the rights of children includes the issues related to children with disabilities.
2. The National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCWPD –Kenya). The Council has been speculated on The Persons with Disabilities Act (2003) Part II page 6. The members are appointed by the Minister from the Ministry of Social welfare, gender and Children. Other members are nominated by the minister or organizations representing persons with various categories of disabilities. The functions of the Councils are;
3. To issue adjustment orders on environmental adjustment suitable foe persons with disabilities
4. To formulate and develop measures and policies designed to achieve equal opportunities with persons with disabilities, co-operate with the government during census, to recommend measures to prevent discriminations, encourage and secure the rehab centers and vocational centers.
5. To register persons with disabilities and organization for and of person with disabilities.
6. To provide assistive devices
7. To consult the government on formulation of suitable curricula for learners with disabilities.
8. To conduct workshops and seminars in order to share information to the public on the rights of person with disabilities.
9. To provide funds for scholarship and loans.

4. Provision of equal opportunities to owner property, right to education, health and leadership role which is speculated in the 2010 Constitution on the Bill of Rights.

5. In little scale the persons with disabilities are not fully represented especially to the organization for Persons with Disabilities. Other people speak on their behalf and might not fully represent the issues faced by the Person with Disabilities. I suppose the measures has to be put in place so that the Persons with disabilities can fully participate, this will include the change of attitude of the Public for regarding Persons with Disabilities has nothing to offer.

6. The challenges are they regarded as half human who has nothing to contribute, hence they cannot be consulted, they are associated with poverty, curse or punishment so people do not associated with them, difficult to access public services such as transport which are restrictive to accommodate wheel chair, building, recreational facilities and educational programme with rigid curriculum.

7. **A.P.D.K** – Association of the Physically Disabled of Kenya. For the past 52 years A.P.D.K has been serving thousands of people living with disabilities countrywide.

The mission of APDK is enabling persons with disabilities to overcome their physical limitations and empowering them socially and economically to become fully integrated members of their communities.

**U.D.P.K** – United disabled Person of Kenya.

**Able Child Africa** (ACA) specializes exclusively in advocating for and supporting children and young people with disabilities in Africa.

[**Action Network for the Disabled** (ANDY)](http://www.andy.or.ke/) ANDY is dedicated to achieving equality, inclusion and empowerment of youth with disability in Kenya. ANDY seeks to mainstream this group into all aspects of daily life.