



Back ground to the Campaign

The Africa Campaign on Disability and HIV & AIDS aims to reduce the vulnerability of persons with disabilities to the impact of HIV&AIDS. A series of meeting between the founding members of the Campaign (handicap International and the Secretariat of the African Decade) and other stakeholders have been held in South Africa in January 2006.

The 2nd meeting will take place in Kampala Uganda for the 11th-13th March 2008 at Hotel Africana under the theme “Making Access for ALL a Reality”

The first lady, Hon.Janet K.Museveni officially opened the meeting.

The Campaign goals and objectives.

The unifying goal of the Africa Campaign is to

Reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS and PWDs in Africa.

The objectives of the Campaign are:

- A coordinated response involving persons with disabilities in African countries to achieve inclusive national HIV/AIDS policies and programmes
- Equal access for PWDs in Africa to information and services on HIV/AIDS.

The African Campaign strategic objectives cover a five year period from 2007-2011 and a minimum of 12 African countries are expected to achieve both objectives given the policy makers’ willingness to collaborate, Campaign partners’ operational presence in country as well as the strength of the Disability and HIV/AIDS movements. The success and challenges faced in at least 12 countries during the next five years will serve as models for extension or duplication throughout Africa after 2011.

The local hosts were Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in conjunction with National Union of Disabled persons of Uganda (NUDIPU). The organising Partners are Handicap International- France and Secretariat of the African Decade, Cape Town South Africa.

At the conference an important documentation was drawn up and signed by the participants. The **Kampala Declaration** is a ground breaking document which calls on all African governments to “include disability in its diversity as a cross-cutting issue in ALL poverty reduction strategies.” The document continues to specifically address the needs of PWDs in relation to HIV/AIDS programming.