



Toward an inclusive world for persons with albinism

Free from brutality and discrimination



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Africa Albinism Network,

Pilot Report



We are happy to announce that we have completed the two-year test phase of the Africa Albinism Network (AAN). A summary of outputs and outcomes, challenges, and prospects are available [here](#).

As we embark on phase one of normal operations, we remain committed to our values and our mission to drive implementation of the AU Plan of Action through National Action Plans with multi-year budgets as well as strategic human rights-based advocacy.

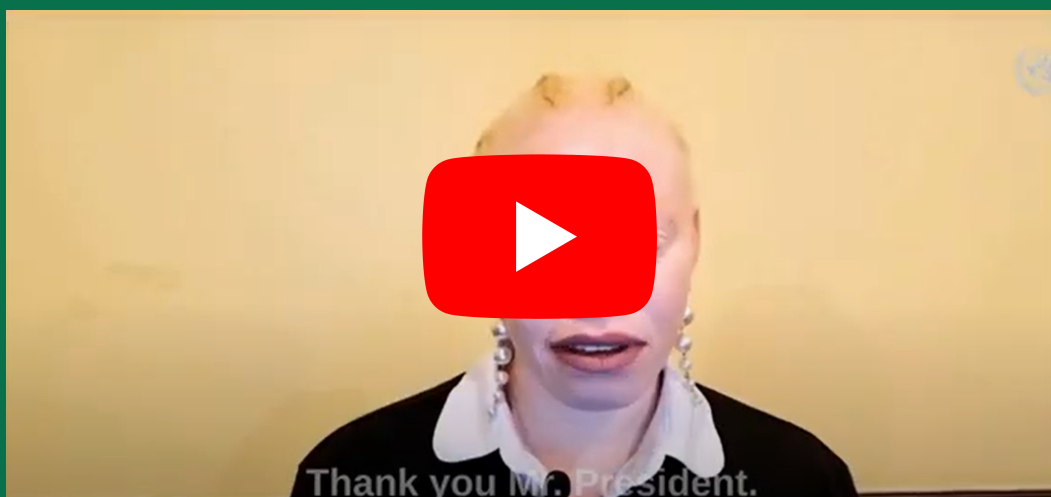
We will continue to support albinism groups with targeted capacity development through our mission. We look forward to continued



AROUND THE NETWORK

52nd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC)

As human rights defenders of persons with albinism in Africa, AAN submitted a video statement in response to the Report of the Independent Expert on Albinism at the Human Rights Council's 52nd session held in Geneva in March 2023. Click below to watch AAN's statement delivered by Gift Sakala from Zambia (*In English only. You may use the subtitles tool on YouTube to access the same in French and Portuguese*)



International Women's Month

"Being a woman leader in the albinism movement means being brave, being determined, and being resilient when faced with any type of situation." In her own words, Aminata Traore explains the steps she took, the struggles she encountered along the way, and the accomplishments she ultimately achieved as a result. Learn more about Aminata's experiences [here](#).



AMINATA TRAORE

A woman with albinism, committed to working to improve the living conditions of people with albinism and women in vulnerable situations in Mali.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

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International Albinism Awareness Day is Coming – JUNE 13

June 13 is approaching fast! The theme shared by the UN Expert for 2023 is **INCLUSION IS STRENGTH**. This theme is meant to build on last year's theme of ensuring the inclusion of the voices of persons with albinism, in all processes that affect them.

[#InclusionIsStrength](https://twitter.com/InclusionIsStrength)



ARE WE ON TRACK?



Over 50 people participated in the AAN Learning Forum, including 34 representatives from 31 albinism organizations across Africa and 15 international development partners. The forum, which took place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 7 to 9 February of 2023, was aimed at developing the capacity of participants to mobilize resources and to advance and share strategies to advocate for the adoption of National Action Plans by their respective governments.

AAN Survey Report



Did You Know

90% of organizations that were surveyed have disability laws and policies in place in their countries.



Click [here](#) to learn more about the results of the Survey.



NEWS ROUNDUP

Attacks

Since our last quarterly newsletter in December 2022, new cases of [attacks](#) have been reported in DRC, Ghana, Madagascar, and Mozambique. We condemn these crimes in the strongest terms and call for immediate protection measures, including the implementation of the AU Plan of Action.

[Download: New Cases of Attacks](#)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations!



In recognition of Mr. Moussa Djaffar Elkadhum's unwavering dedication to the albinism movement and his many years of service to people with albinism, particularly in Africa, AAN presented him with a special award of outstanding service at the AAN Forum 2023 in February.

[Learn more here](#)



We would like to congratulate Hon. Isaac Mwaura on his recent appointment as Chief Administrative Secretary in the office of the Prime Minister. As the first person with albinism and disability to occupy such a prominent position in government, he serves as an example to others that, you can accomplish great things with hard work and dedication.



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