

Advocacy Toolkit for Human Rights Defenders with Albinism

On 21 January 2023, The Africa Albinism Network together with albinism groups, submitted a report to the UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism on Human Rights Defenders with albinism. The report we submitted together is available [here](#).

The Result

We are happy to note that many of our recommendations influenced the UN Expert's report.

Below is a summary of three key recommendations and our suggestions on how Human Rights Defenders with albinism can use these recommendations locally.

See the Expert's report here [A/HRC/52/36](#) for other recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THEMES AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE THEM

THEME 1: Legislation

Specific Recommendation to: Governments: The Expert calls for our governments to pass laws to protect and support people promoting the rights of persons with albinism (Report of Expert: para 64(a))

How you Can Use It: Advocate for development and/or national action plans (reflecting the [AU Plan of Action](#) on albinism) to your government.

THEME 2: Investigation

Specific Recommendation to: Governments: The Expert calls for our governments to investigate attacks and threats to albinism group leaders as human rights defenders (Report of Expert: para 64(c))

How you Can Use It: Advocate for support to albinism groups like yours through government Ministry/Department/Agency in charge of support to persons with disability and/or marginalized groups.

THEME 3: Support to Albinism Groups

Specific Recommendation to: Albinism Groups: Develop Human Rights Education programs to raise awareness to albinism group leaders on how to protect themselves in their work / take care of their mental health including through education on the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. (Report of Expert: para 64 (f and g) and para 65(a - f)).

How you Can Use It: Engage with Donors to:

- Include albinism in their disability work so albinism group leaders can be trained
- Fund your own program to train your albinism group leaders.



- Partner with other organizations to organize training for human rights defenders

Funders include UN offices and Embassies.

- Ensure your first meeting is not about money.
- Invite them to your albinism day celebration on June 13 this year and then engage later about funding

If you successfully execute any of the above, please inform us so we can announce your success in our quarterly newsletter and social media pages.

Send us an email with your feedback and success stories via info@africaalbinismnetwork.org copying kwame@africaalbinismnetwork.org

We are available should you wish to discuss the above suggestions or others.