



**Advocacy Tool Kit
Republic of South Africa**

**BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on 23
November 2023**

**Concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of South Africa and
suggestions on how to use them**

Theme 1: Awareness Raising

Specific Recommendation: **Government should raise** awareness of women's human rights among traditional and community leaders and the general public, with the active participation of women's organizations and women human rights defenders, and on the specific risk of gender-based violence for women and girls facing intersecting forms of discrimination, such as women and girls with albinism; (Report of the committee: para 10a)

How you can use it:

1. Advocate for the adoption and implementation of the draft national Action Plan on Albinism
2. Collaborate with government agencies and CSOs to raise awareness on the rights of women with albinism through TV, Radio and community events.

Theme 2: Capacity Building

Specific Recommendation: **Government should** offer training in political leadership, campaigning skills, and funding support to female candidates, including those with disabilities and albinism, while also educating political leaders and the public about the importance of women's equal and democratic participation in political and public life on an equal basis with men (Report of the Committee: para 40c)

How you can use it:

1. Work closely with government agencies responsible for public education and training to

involve women with albinism in their training programmes

2. Encourage women with albinism to join and actively participate in political party activities

Theme 3:

Health

Specific Recommendation:

Government should ensure that women with albinism have affordable access to sexual and reproductive health services, free from gender-based violence, discrimination or harassment. (Report of the Committee: Para 54d)

How you can use it:

1. Engage government ministries, departments and agencies in charge of health and human rights to discuss and advocate for affordable or free healthcare services for women with albinism.

2. Report cases of gender-based violence, discrimination and harassment against women with albinism to security agencies such as the police and ensure the perpetrators of such crimes are arrested and prosecuted.

Theme 4:

Non-Discrimination

Specific Recommendation:

Government should provide information in its next periodic report on the situation of women facing intersecting forms of discrimination, including women with albinism, and on measures taken to address such discrimination. (Report of the Committee: Para 60b)

How you can use it:

1. Record all forms of discrimination including attacks, gender-based violence, sexual harassment etc against women with albinism and share this information with the National Human Rights Institution and other government ministries, departments and agencies responsible for issues relating to disability.

2. Produce alternative report on women with albinism and present it to the Committee on the



Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW Committee). This report should include information on discrimination against women with albinism and what you want the government to do to stop such discrimination.

Note:

Click [here \(CEDAW/C/ZAF/CO/5\)](#) to access the full report of the Committee on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee)

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