



## **MINI ADVOCACY TOOLKIT**

### **Climate Change and Persons with Albinism**

Based on recommendations made by the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism to State Parties, development partners and Civil Society Organizations on measures to take to promote the rights and welfare of persons with albinism in the context of climate change and its adverse impact on persons with albinism. See the Expert's report [here](#) for other recommendations.

Sign and share our petition calling on the World Health Organisation to re-add sunscreens to the Essential Medicines List. Click [here](#) to sign.

### **ABOUT THE TOOLKIT**

This mini toolkit is designed to provide practical guidance and actionable steps for Human Rights Defenders advocating for persons with albinism, focusing on the intersection of climate change and human rights. It aims to enhance their advocacy efforts by simplifying the actions needed to ensure that governments and their agencies implement the recommendations made by the UN Independent Expert on Albinism.

The toolkit serves as a comprehensive resource for Human Rights Defenders to hold their governments accountable for the implementation of UN recommendations related to climate change and its adverse impacts on persons with albinism. It provides structured and straightforward actions that can be taken to advocate effectively and

ensure meaningful participation of persons with albinism in climate dialogue and policymaking.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS AND HOW TO USE THEM**

### **Theme 1: Policy**

**Specific Recommendations to: Government:** The Independent Expert on Albinism call on our governments to add sunscreen to the list of essential drugs and ensure that quality sunscreen and other sun protection products are made available and are physically and financially accessible to persons with albinism and that such products are of an acceptable quality, (Para 71a)

#### **How to use it:**

1. Meet with government representatives, particularly from the Ministry of Health and related agencies, to discuss the importance of sunscreen for persons with albinism and advocate for its inclusion on the essential medicines list.
2. Write short articles for publication in national newspapers highlighting the importance of sunscreen for persons with albinism and advocating for its

inclusion on the essential medicines list.

3. Advocate for the government to adopt the AU Plan of Action on Albinism in Africa by developing and implementing National Action Plans.

## **Theme 2: Awareness raising**

**Specific Recommendations to: Government:** The Independent Expert urges our government to conduct awareness-raising to inform the public of the causes of climate change in order to combat beliefs that extreme weather events are related to persons with albinism. (UNIE recommendation, Para 72d).

### **How to use it:**

1. Collaborate with government institutions responsible for public education to raise awareness about climate change and its impact on persons with albinism.

2. Work with traditional media outlets, including radio and TV programs, to raise awareness about albinism and the effects of climate change.

3. Collaborate with climate change-related CSOs to conduct community engagement and public education campaigns that raise awareness about albinism and climate change.

### **Theme 3: Capacity Development**

**Specific Recommendation to: Government:** The Independent Expert urges our government to support persons with albinism and their representative organizations to participate in climate dialogue and policymaking. (UNIE recommendation, Para 73a).

#### **How to use it:**

1. Collaborate with other civil society organizations (CSOs), especially those working in climate change, disability rights, and human rights. Building a broad coalition can strengthen advocacy efforts.

2. Actively reach out to government officials, legislators, and policymakers to discuss the importance of including persons with albinism in climate dialogue. Request meetings, write letters, and provide them with research and data that highlight the

unique challenges faced by persons with albinism.

3. Develop detailed policy proposals or position papers outlining how persons with albinism can be included in climate policy. These documents should include specific recommendations and actionable steps for the government to implement.

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