

Announcing the fourth CAN International Conference on Community-Based Rehabilitation.

Theme: Linking CBR, with Disability and Rehabilitation and Launching of the WHO/CBR Guidelines.

Date: 26th – 29th October, 2010

Venue: NICON LUXURY HOTEL, ABUJA, NIGERIA. Details about this hotel can be located on: www.niconluxury.com. Tel: +234 (0) 9 461 9000. Fax: +234 (0) 9 234 1897.

The Aims of the Conference are:

- ❖ To promote the practice of CBR in Africa
- ❖ To provide the opportunity for people to share information, knowledge and experience about how disability concepts, CBR and Rehabilitation programmes can link together to help improve the quality of lives of persons with disabilities and their families.

Objectives:

- ❖ To launch the CBR guidelines, a joint production of WHO, ILO, UNESCO and IDDC and to discuss its salient features and recommendations
- ❖ To facilitate the participation of people from all stakeholder groups involved in disability sectors, CBR and Rehabilitation programmes (particularly disabled persons themselves)
- ❖ To share knowledge and experiences-identify how different disability and CBR programmes overlap and diverge
- ❖ To facilitate communication and understanding between different stakeholders in order to enhance multi-sectoral partnerships
- ❖ To target maximum participation from different African nations and promote the inclusion of Franco-phone and Portuguese speaking nations
- ❖ To generate a knowledge base on CBR and how it relates to other forms of rehabilitation and the disability rights movements.
- ❖ To strengthen CBR Africa Network

Launching of CBR Guidelines

There will be official launching of CBR Guidelines with key-note presentations by dignitaries and lead authors from around the world.

Timetable & Programme

It is expected that the conference will commence in the afternoon of Tuesday 26 October 2010 and close in the afternoon of Friday 29 October 2010. Registration will be available concurrently with 4 different workshops. These workshops are:

- ❖ Building & strengthening Networks
- ❖ Linking the MDGS & CRPD using CBR strategy
- ❖ Write Out Loud (writing workshop with a difference)
- ❖ Disability Fair

In addition to the programme, there will be:

- ❖ Displays of assistive devices
- ❖ Poster sessions of work from participants. This will allow participants to present their research and programmes in a poster formats. Details on how to submit a poster will be posted on the web by March 2010.

Key Note Presentations will include:

- ❖ Introduction of the CBR Guidelines
- ❖ Ensuring Effective Implementation of CBR Guidelines in Africa
- ❖ Developing human resource to deliver CBR in Africa
- ❖ Linking Disability and Rehabilitation
- ❖ What can academic discipline of 'disability studies teach 'rehabilitation studies'?
- ❖ Harmonizing the roles of disability rights activists, service providers & rehabilitation professionals to achieve meaningful inclusion of PWDs
- ❖ Bridging the Gap between CBR & Disability
- ❖ Working Partnerships between CBR and other specialized Rehabilitation Services
- ❖ Linking the Research programmes of Disability Studies, CBR & Rehabilitation

Note: Each presentation lasts for 30 minutes, with another 30 minutes of discussions

Sub-themes:

- ❖ Link between Health & Education components of the CBR Matrix
- ❖ Link between Livelihood & Empowerment components of the CBR Matrix
- ❖ Link between Empowerment & Social components of the CBR Matrix
- ❖ Link between NGOs & the community in implementation of CBR guidelines
- ❖ Link between UN Agencies & the Govt. in implementation of CBR guidelines
- ❖ Link between social services & CBR
- ❖ Link between economic services & CBR
- ❖ Link between mental health and CBR
- ❖ Linking the roles of CBR stakeholders towards effective implementation of CBR programmes.

The sub-themes will be presented by key speakers from all over Africa in subsequent parallel sessions, which will be followed by facilitated discussions addressing key questions. Each presentation on sub-themes lasts 15 minutes with another 15 minutes for discussions.

There will be video sessions, which will provide opportunity for CBR programmes to share their experiences and achievements with other participants at the conference.

Simultaneous translation

Even though the conference will be conducted in ENGLISH LANGUAGE, there will be simultaneous translation from English to FRENCH & possibly PORTUGUESE

Hotel Accommodation:

Participants are expected to cater for their accommodation during their stay in Abuja for the conference. A number of hotels are suggested below for participants to choose from and make their bookings. There are many hotels in Abuja, some are:

1. Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja.
Plot 903, Tafawa Belewa way,
Area 11, Garki, Abuja,
Behind International Conference Centre,
FCT, Abuja, Nigeria.
Contact person: Ngozi Iko-Eriofoloh
Telephone: +234 (0) 92342002, Ext. 15002. Mobile: +234 (0) 8035956236
Website: www.niconluxury.com
2. Bolingo Hotel & Towers
Independence Avenue, Central Business District,
P.O. Box 4654, Garki, Abuja, FCT.
Contact persons: Adamu Ahmed
Telephone: +234 (0) 94615027,
Email: info@bolingohotel-tower.com

Website: www.bolingohotel-tower.com

3. Chelsea Hotel
Plot 123, Cadastral Zone A0, Central Business District,
P.O. Box 7069, Abuja, FCT, Nigeria
Contact person: Gerald Ujunwa
Telephone: +234 (0) 97822080; +234 (0) 97822082
Email: info@newchelseahotel.com
Website: www.newchelseahotel.com
4. Bolton White Hotels
No. 7 Gwandu Street, Area 11, Abuja
Contact person: Amaka Nkwocha
Telephone: +234 (0) 92907535, + 234 (0) 8069167281
Email: rooms@boltonwhitehotel.com
Website: www.boltonwhitehotel.com
5. Vines Hotel
Plot 1104, Mohammed Umar N. Lane,
Durumi, Abuja, FCT. Nigeria
Contact person: E.A. Fadipe
Telephone: +234 (0) 98746990-2; +234, (0) 7029903028
Email: info@vineshotelng.com
Website: www.vineshotel.com

Room rates per night for good hotels in Abuja range from \$100USD - \$250USD. Participants should understand that hotel rates do change from time to time based on changes in economic situation and policies of such hotels. If you are having difficulty making a booking with a hotel please contact Mr. Daniel Tsengu at vershima65@yahoo.com for assistance

Travel Arrangements.

Participants travelling from outside of Nigeria are expected to make their own travel arrangement.

Visas: Apart from participants from ECOWAS member countries, persons intending to attend the conference from other countries MUST secure a Nigerian visa before they can be allowed in the country. Nigerian visas are NOT obtainable at the point of entry as is the case in other countries. Participants are advised to apply for visas at least 2 months to the conference date. Letters of invitations will be issued. Information on Nigerian visa requirement can be obtained at: www.immigration.gov.ng. Participants are expected to provide detailed information regarding their travel plans on time to facilitate necessary arrangement for pick ups to the venue of the conference.

Further information

Further information concerning weather conditions, detail conference programme, and map to help participants locate the venue will be provided at a later date. Intending participants should not hesitate to contact myself or Joan Okune (email: joan@afri-can.org) if they have queries on issues not covered in this document.

Yours Sincerely,

The Conference Coordinating Team