



*UWI Network and Outreach For
Disability Education and Sensitization (NODES)*

One-Day Symposium on

RIGHTS AND ACTIVISM

in the wake of the Ratification of the United Nations Convention
on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Saturday 23rd April 2016

9:30am – 3:30pm

The Noor Hassanali Auditorium, Faculty of Law
The University of the West Indies, St Augustine

The symposium will speak to the different articles and to the general principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Paula Morgan

Senior Lecturer and Head of Department
Institute for Gender and Development Studies
UWI, St. Augustine

9.30 AM: NATIONAL ANTHEM

Department of Creative and Festival Arts

WELCOME FROM THE UWI

Mr. Richard Saunders

Campus Registrar, UWI, St. Augustine

WELCOME FROM NODES

Dr. Jean Antoine-Dunne

Chairperson, NODES

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Jacqueline Huggins

Department Manager - Student Life and Development

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*“Rights and Activism in the Wake of Trinidad and Tobago’s Ratification of the UN
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”*

Senator Paul Richards

10.30 AM: ROUNDTABLE 1

Chair: Ms. Veronica Aragón

Lecturer – Faculty of Law
UWI, St. Augustine

Topic: Equality, the Law and Human rights

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“Why our laws and policies fail to meet the Obligations under the groundbreaking CRPD”

Mrs. Afiya France and Professor Rose-Marie Antoine, Faculty of Law, UWI, St. Augustine

“Article 5: Equality and Non-discrimination”

Mrs. Sunity Maharaj, Journalist

“Article 3”

Mrs. Ria Mohammed-Davidson, Attorney at Law

“The Equal Opportunity Act and the non-discrimination of persons with disabilities”

Ms. Samantha Campbell, Legal Officer, Equal Opportunity Commission

DISCUSSION AND Q&A

LUNCH BREAK

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1.00PM: ROUNDTABLE 2

Chair: Dr. Innette Cambridge

Senior Lecturer – Faculty of Social Sciences
UWI, St. Augustine

Topic: Inclusion and Respect for Diversity and Difference

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“Article 24”

Mrs. Janice Griffith, Mother and Activist

“Integrity of the Person”

Ms. Suzy deVerteuil and Mrs. Saira Joseph La Foucade of Bethesda

“Article 30: Sports and the Convention”

Major David Benjamin, Director of the Sport and Physical Education Centre, UWI, St. Augustine

“Article 19: Right to live in the community”

Mrs. Teresina Sieunarine, Autistic Society of Trinidad and Tobago

“Article 24: Inclusion”

Mr. Glen Niles, Down Syndrome Family Network

DISCUSSION AND Q&A

2.15PM: ROUNDTABLE 3

Chair: Dr. Benjamin Braithwaite

Lecturer – Modern Languages and Linguistics
UWI, St. Augustine

Topic: Accessibility and Equality

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“Article 6: Women with Disabilities”

Ms. Shamla Maharaj, Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago

“Article 27: Equal Opportunity in Employment”

Mr. Ancil Torres, Torres Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired

“The Convention: A holistic approach”

Ms. Candice Barbra John, Persons Associated with Visual Impairment (PAVI)

“Article 30.4: Recognition and support of specific cultural and linguistic identity, including sign languages and deaf culture”

Mr. Ian Dhanoolal, Deaf Empowerment and Advancement Foundation (DEAF)

“Article 9: Accessibility”

Dr. John F. Campbell, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, UWI St. Augustine

DISCUSSION AND Q&A

3.30PM: VOTE OF THANKS

Major David Benjamin

Director of the Sport and Physical Education Centre
UWI, St. Augustine