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**Disability in Education:
Sustaining an Inclusive Africa**

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Conference Room Schedule Overview

- Plenaries take place in room 3.
- Panel A sessions take place in room 3.
- Panel B sessions take place in room 2.
- Mental health support takes place in room 1.

DAY ONE – OCTOBER 18, 2023

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	<p>Welcome Address by the Conference Chair</p> <p>Introduction of the Organizing Committee</p> <p>Brief Address: Dean of School of Education and Leadership</p> <p>Address: Provost of the College of Education</p> <p>Address: Pro Vice-Chancellor (ASA) of the University of Ghana</p>	
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Keynote Address: Disability and Inclusion Rights in Ghana</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame</p>	
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<p>Health Break</p>	
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<p>Panel A: Development, Policy and Disability</p> <p>Moderator – Rosalin Abigail Kyere-Nartey</p> <p><i>How Effective are Educational Policies in Promoting the Social Inclusion of Learners with Dyslexia in Mainstream Schools in England?</i></p> <p>Presenter: Georgina Nnamani, PhD Student</p> <p><i>“If we had an option, we wouldn’t be here”: Revisiting Inclusive Education for Learners with Visual Disabilities in Ghana.</i></p> <p>Abigail Adubea Mills, PhD, Anthony Oduro (MPhil) & Andrews Berchie (MPhil)</p> <p>Lessons and Experiences of Delivering Accessible Social Behavior Change.</p> <p>Lead - Augustina Naami, PhD</p> <p>Panelists: Francis Asong, Joseph Mensah, Cecilia Senoo</p>	<p>Panel B: Human Rights and Disability</p> <p>Moderator – Kathryn Underwood, PhD</p> <p><i>From the Horse’s Mouth: Experiences of Parents of Children with Autism During the COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Nora Mintah Darko, PhD Student</p> <p><i>The Digital Learning for Children with Disabilities in the Context of COVID-19 Calls for Educational Legal Reform: A Case Study of Lagos State, Nigeria.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Chinyere Usen</p> <p><i>University Design for Learning for an Augmented Inclusivity in the Classroom.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Zaida Rahaman, PhD & Jean Ntakirutimana, PhD</p>
12:15 PM – 1:00PM	<p>Lunch</p>	



<p>1:00 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Panel A: Inclusive Education</p> <p>Moderator – Agyekum Boadi, PhD</p> <p><i>Black-Canadian Diverse Learners: Phenomenological Experiences and Systems Transformation.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Rashelle Litchmore, PhD</p> <p><i>Measuring the Impact of Inclusive Curriculum: A Data- Driven Evaluation of Student Outcomes in African Schools</i></p> <p>Presenter: Gabriel Agbobli</p> <p><i>Parsing Apart Pathways: An Examination of the College Choice Process as described by Black Students with Disabilities</i></p> <p>Presenter: Cymone Mack, PhD (Student)</p>	<p>Panel B: Development, Policy and Disability</p> <p>Moderator – Robert Afutu-Kotey, PhD</p> <p><i>Global Disability Commitments in Road Mapping.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Vivian F. Sarpomaa Fiscian</p> <p><i>Persons with Disabilities and the Formal Education System in Ghana: A Review</i></p> <p>Presenter: Godson Ahorator, PhD</p> <p><i>Transition of Youth with Disabilities in Education Systems</i></p> <p>Presenter: Peter O. Ndaa, PhD</p>
<p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Planning Session: Policy Advisory Group</p>	



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DAY TWO – OCTOBER 19, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Keynote Address: Calling Out Inequality in Ghana’s Transportation Systems Keynote Speaker: Edmund Asiedu	
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Health Break	
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<p>Panel A: Disability in Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Moderator – Evelyn Folake Kissi, PhD</p> <p><i>Assessing Knowledge and Competence of Teachers Managing Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Mainstream Institutions</i></p> <p>Presenters: Valda Deide Commey, Mabel Oti-Boadi, PhD, Benjamin Amponsah, PhD & Kenneth Owusu Ansah</p> <p><i>Improving Efficacy of Elementary Education Teachers in Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities in South Western Nigeria</i></p> <p>Presenter: Emmanuel Stephen Oluwaseun</p>	<p>Panel B: Accessibility and Inclusivity</p> <p>Moderator – Mary Owusu, PhD; Assisted by Isaac Asare Senior, MPhil</p> <p><i>Disability History and Educational Inclusion.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Geoffrey Reaume, PhD</p> <p><i>The History of Disability and Academic Policies in Tertiary Setups in Africa: The University of Ghana and the African University College of Communications in Perspective.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Isaac Kyere, PhD</p> <p><i>Exploring the Benefits of Inclusive Education to Pre- Service Teachers in College of Education in the Volta Region</i></p> <p>Presenter: Akude Seyram Kafui</p>
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	



<p>1:00 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Panel A: Disability and Social Work</p> <p>Moderator – Ethel Obeng Treve, PhD (Student)</p> <p><i>In Crip Pursuit of Higher Education: African-Caribbean Sistering of Disabled Siblings at the Tertiary Level.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Chanelle Perrier-Telemaque, PhD (Student)</p> <p><i>In the Name of Ubuntu: The Special Mothers Project Changing the Lives of Mothers and Their Children with Disabilities in Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Eunice Abbey, PhD & Hannah Awadzi</p> <p><i>The Disability Act of Ghana: Implications for Social Work Practice in Ghana</i></p> <p>Presenters: Kingsley Mort, PhD & Augustina Naami, PhD</p>	<p>Panel B: Disability and Health</p> <p>Moderator – Marilyn Marbell, MD</p> <p><i>Family Needs Assessment of Patients with Cerebral Palsy Attending Two Hospitals in Accra, Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Abena Kaare Aduful, PhD</p> <p><i>Emerging Technologies in Healthcare: Disability-Related Perspectives from Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Augustina Naami, PhD & Vyda Mamly Hervie, PhD</p> <p><i>Challenges Faced by People Living with Physical Disability in Sub-Saharan African Countries.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Antoinette Yormme Kporsu, & Akouetevi Aduayom- Ahego</p>
<p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Planning Session: African Disability Studies Program and Research Centre</p>	

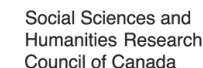


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DAY THREE – OCTOBER 20, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Keynote Address: Navigating Ghana's Labor Market as a Person with Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Farida Nana Efua Bedwei</p>	
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Health Break	
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<p>Panel A: Inclusive Curriculum Development</p> <p>Moderator - John Sedofia, PhD</p> <p><i>Martin Buber's Communication Theory (I and Thou): A Classic Approach to Pedagogy Improvement among Children with Learning Disabilities.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Lawrence Boakye, PhD</p> <p><i>Inequality Amplified: How Technological Hindrances Deepen Educational Disparities for Learners with Differential Abilities in Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Joseph Kwame Sasu, PhD Student</p> <p>Assessing Knowledge and Attitudes towards Learning Disabilities and Inclusive Learning: A Study Among Public Primary School Teachers in Surulere Local Government Area, Lagos, Nigeria.</p> <p>Presenter: Ada Isiakpona</p>	<p>Panel B: Funding Disability Living</p> <p>Moderator – Jen Rinaldi, PhD</p> <p><i>Accessibility to the Disability Support Fund and Livelihood Sustainability: The Gendered Experiences of Persons with Disability in a Ghanaian Peri-Urban Space</i></p> <p>Presenters: Cynthia Addoquaye Tagoe, PhD & Dahanatu Salifu</p> <p><i>Disability Inclusion as a Catalyst for Good Labor Practice and Sustainable Workplace</i></p> <p>Presenters: Rachel Korankye M. A & Joseph Yayraotor Kofi Mensah</p> <p><i>District Assembly Common Fund</i></p> <p>Presenter: Vivian F. Sarpomaa Fiscian</p>
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Panel A: Assessing the State and Needs of People with Disabilities</p> <p>Moderator – Jen Rinaldi, PhD</p> <p><i>Women with Disabilities and Mental Health Conditions.</i></p> <p>Lead: Elsie Amponsah Dapaah</p> <p>Panelists: Cecilia Fofo Ashaley, Linda Amanvida Gibbah, Doris Abena Ndebugre</p>	<p>Panel B: Disability in an Inaccessible World</p> <p>Moderator – Namata Serumaga-Musisi</p> <p><i>Museums and Disability: An Exploratory Study at the Museum of Archaeology, University of Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Christiana Wuly Diku & Sylvester Acquah</p> <p><i>Disability, Automobility, Social Inclusion in Ghana.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Jeffery Squire, PhD</p>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Transition to Room 3 for Closing Remarks	





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