

THE AFRICAN NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (ANDD)
PRESENTATION AT THE 14TH INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL WORLD
CONGRESS HELD IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO FROM 7TH _10TH NOVEMBER
2006

THE AFRICAN NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,
COMMONLY KNOWN AS ANDD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2001 OUT OF THE
NEED FOR PARENT ORGANISATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN
COUNTRIES OF AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN DIALOGUE TO
ADDRESS THE IMBALANCES IN SOCIETY ESPECIALLY TO SHARE THEIR
PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES AS ORGANISATIONS. THE COMMON
FACTOR WAS THE NEED FOR PARENTS TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR
THEIR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL FORMS OF
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE ANDD WERE ONLY TEN, NAMELY:
THE LESOTHO SOCIETY FOR MENTAL HANDICAPPED PERSONS FROM
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN SWAZILAND FROM THE
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND
ZANZIBAR ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES FROM ZANZIBAR
TANZANIA ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS
FROM THE REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
ZIMBABWE PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ASSOCIATION
FROM ZIMBABWE
NAMIBIA PARENTS ASSOCIATION FROM NAMIBIA
ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING
DISABILITIES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
ASSOCIACAO DOS PAIS E AMIGOS DA CRIANCA DEFICIENTE MENTAL
FROM MOZAMBIQUE
PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI FROM
MALAWI
DISABLED CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP FROM SOUTH AFRICA

THE NETWORK HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED BY NFU - THE NORWEGIAN
ASSOCIATION FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
FROM NORWAY, TO WHICH WE ARE VERY INDEBTED.

AS A NETWORK, WE REALISED THAT SOME COUNTRIES IN THE
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGION WERE NOT REPRESENTED ON THE
NETWORK AND THEREFORE RESOLVED IN 2004 TO BRING THE
REMAINING FIVE COUNTRIES ON BOARD AND THESE ARE : ANGOLA,

BOTSWANA, ETHIOPIA, KENYA AND UGANDA. WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL THAT OUT OF THE FIVE TWO JOINED THE BIG FAMILY AND WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE 5TH CONFERENCE HELD IN MALAWI IN SEPTEMBER 2006 AND THESE ARE UGANDA AND BOTSWANA. EFFORTS WILL STILL BE MADE BY OUR NEXT CHAIRING COUNTRY TO BRING THE REMAINING THREE ON THE NETWORK.

VISION

AN AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR ALL.

MISSION

TO BE AN ADVOCACY NETWORK OF PARENT ORGANISATIONS THAT AIM AT INCLUSION OF ALL PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND OBJECTIVES:

TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

> TO BUILD CAPACITY OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS TO ADVOCATE AND LOBBY

> TO STRENGTHEN MEMBER ORGANISATIONS THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES, INFORMATION AND EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICES TO LOBBY REGIONAL BODIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS AND THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NETWORK

> TO COLLABORATE WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS

SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE ANDD HAS BEEN HOLDING ANNUAL CONFERENCES WHICH ROTATE FROM ONE MEMBER COUNTRY TO THE OTHER.

> THE FIRST CHAIRING ORGANISATION WAS THE DISABLED CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2002 WHO ALSO CHAIRED THE FOLLOWING YEAR - 2003

> THE THIRD CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN TANZANIA AND CHAIRED BY THE TANZANIA ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN TANZANIA 2004

> THE FOURTH CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN ZAMBIA AND CHAIRED BY THE ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN 2005

> THE FIFTH CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN MALAWI AND CHAIRED BY THE PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI IN 2006

> THE SIXTH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ZIMBABWE AND TO BE CHAIRED BY ZIMBABWE PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ASSOCIATION IN 2007.

SELF ADVOCACY PROGRAMME IN THE NETWORK

THE SELF ADVOCACY BUG IS SPREADING SO RAPIDLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THE NETWORK HAS NOT BEEN LEFT BEHIND EITHER.

THE NETWORK HAS SEVERAL SELF ADVOCATES AND ONE OF THEM, MR QUINCY MWIYA FROM THE ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN ZAMBIA REPRESENTED THE NETWORK AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN NEW YORK IN JANUARY AND AUGUST 2006.

NOT ONLY THAT QUINCY MWIYA WITH ANOTHER SELF ADVOCATE.
MR EMMANUEL MATLAKENG FROM THE LESOTHO SOCIETY FOR
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS FROM LESOTHO ARE HERE AT THIS
INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL WORLD CONGRESS REPRESENTING THE
NETWORK. AS A NETWORK WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THAT
ACHIEVEMENT.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

GOING BY THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS A NETWORK
WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, WE SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO
UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- > THE ALLEVIATION OF EXTREME POVERTY AMONG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES
- > TO COMBAT THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC AMONG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- > THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF THE BIGGER FAMILY - THE
INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL.

