



PRESS RELEASE

Global Action Week – Education and Disability

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Invitation to attend press conference on Mon 5th May

An estimated 13% of children in Uganda live with a disability and only 6% of these children finish primary school. The majority of Ugandan children with disabilities are let down by an education system which is not appropriate to their needs. This is a national crisis which needs urgent action and can only be addressed through cooperation from all stakeholders.

Across the world children with disabilities are facing a similar challenge, which is why this year for global action week the theme is 'Equal Right, Equal Opportunity: Education and Disability'.

Global action week takes place from 4th-10th May. It is a global week of action where all over the world stakeholders come together to improve education.

Across Uganda organisations will work together with children, teachers, parents, communities, local leaders, MPs, religious leaders and civil servants to campaign for equal access and quality education for children with disabilities. To see the programme of action please see here: <http://fenu.or.ug/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Global-Action-Week-Programme.pdf>.

Global action week will be launched by a panel discussion and **press conference on Monday 5th April at 9am at Hotel Africana**. All journalists are invited to attend.

Note to Editors

Over 20 organisations are involved in Global Action Week and the activities are being coordinated by the Forum for Education NGOs in Uganda (FENU). The launch and press conference is being funded by the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU), Plan Uganda and Interaid with coordination support from the Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC) and FENU secretariat.

More information on Global Action Week can be found here: <http://fenu.or.ug/about-our-campaign-work/global-action-week/>. The agenda for the launch and press conference can be found here: <http://fenu.or.ug/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Launch-agenda.pdf>.