

**SELF - ADVOCACY FOR IMPLEMENTING ACCESSIBILITY LAWS FOR THE  
DISABLED: A CASE STUDY OF ORGANISATIONS OF PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITY IN LAGOS, NIGERIA.**

An Abstract of the Thesis By

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United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) have describes Persons with Disabilities (PWD) as those with long- term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which on interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation within society on an equal basis with others. Thus, such persons require sufficient standards for the protection of their civil, economic, cultural, political and social rights based on inclusion, non-discrimination and equality.

PWD in several developing countries do not benefit from privileges – such as the accessibility to infrastructural, economic and social provision – as compared to PWD in developed nations. This is especially true in Nigeria, where 20% of the population is comprised of PWD with no adequate structure in place to protect and provide for their needs.

However, there exist increasing pressures and agitations by advocacy groups for the Nigerian government to pass into law the right and policies in favour of PWD, implementing all policies and plans to create an enabling environment for equality and promote inclusiveness for all, including PWD. This study thus examines how the Disabled Peoples Organisations (DPOs) have carried out self-advocacy for implementing accessibility laws for PWD, using organisations of PWD in Lagos as a case study.

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