

Society of Professionals with Visual Disabilities (SOPVID)

Welcome To The Second Annual Conference of the Society of Professionals with Visual Disabilities (SOPVID), December 2024

DATES: 6th-7th December, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Venue: Spring Valley Business Park, Lower Kabete
Road, Next to Spring Valley Police Station, Nairobi**

**Theme: The role of adaptive technology in empowering
professionals with visual disabilities in a changing world**

Sub-Themes

- Technology and the Elementary School Teacher.
- Technology and the High School Teacher.
- Technology in University research, Teaching and Learning.
- The Legal Profession in the Digital Age.
- Diversification of Career Opportunities through adaptive technology.
- Advocacy for Accessibility to Digital Platforms.
- Independent Living through Adaptive Technology.

Background

Professionals with visual disabilities face at least two main kinds of challenges:

1. Inaccessible physical, social and digital environments that inhibit the actualization of their vast potentials at the workplace.
2. Stereotypes and Prejudices that militate against their full inclusion in the job market.

In response to the above-mentioned challenges, the Society of Professionals with Visual Disabilities (SOPVID) was founded in 2003 as a forum for exchanging ideas among its members, with a view to promoting their professional excellence. Central to this endeavour is the promotion of the use of relevant adaptive technology, life-long education, and the enhancement of requisite social skills among its members, as well as the promotion of the rights of professionals with visual disabilities at the workplace. The upcoming conference will contribute to the achievement of these and other related objectives spelt out in the SOPVID Constitution.

Conference Goal

This two-day conference aims to deliberate on ways to build on the successes and learn from the challenges of the endeavours of professionals with visual disabilities to deploy technology to the promotion of their upward mobility in their careers.

Specific Conference Objectives

At the end of this conference, participants will be able to:

- A. Identify the potentials of, and obstacles to, the deployment of technology for the promotion of upward mobility of professionals with visual disabilities.
- B. Draw up strategies for enhanced access to digital technologies by professionals with visual disabilities.
- C. Expand their networks with persons and organisations in the visual disability sector.

Participants

- Professionals with visual disabilities.
- Special needs education practitioners (primary and high school teachers, quality assurance personnel, etc.).
- Special needs education academics.
- Organisations *of* persons with disabilities.
- Organisations *for* persons with disabilities.
- Human rights organisations.
- Members of the National Assembly, Senate, and County assemblies.
- Government departments specifically responsible for disability inclusion.
- Other relevant government departments.
- Policy-makers.
- Media practitioners.

Registration

To attend this highly engaging conference, kindly send your filled Conference Registration Form by email to conference@sopvid.org no later than Saturday 16th November, 2024 with the subject line as “SOPVID Conference 2024”.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Second Annual SOPVID Conference!

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