

In the Shadow of the Sun



Harry Freeland

Harry Freeland is an award winning British Documentary filmmaker and photographer. As a director and cinematographer Mr. Freeland's passion is for human-interest, observational, issue based stories and his love of Africa in particular has led him to travel and work in 17 African countries. Harry has worked as a Director and Cameraman on films for the BBC, ITV, PBS, The British Council, MTV, Sky, EMI and EMAP.



Ikponwosa "I.K." Ero

I.K. was born and raised in Nigeria. She emigrated to Canada at the age of 15 and subsequently received higher education ending up as a lawyer. I.K. has a rich personal and professional understanding of albinism from a global, western as well as African perspective. Since August of 2013, I.K. has been working as International Advocacy Officer for Under The Same Sun dividing her time between Canada and Geneva.



Paul d'Auchamp

Paul d'Auchamp was first appointed to work at the OHCHR headquarters in Geneva as the Assistant Secretary for the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples as well as with the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. In 2003, he joined the Africa Branch. After that he was appointed as Deputy Special Representative for West Africa. Since late 2011, he has been working in Brussels as the OHCHR Deputy Regional Representative for Europe.



Caroline Petit

Caroline Petit is the Deputy Director of the UN Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) and chairs the UN Communication Group composed of 26 UN agencies. Before joining UNRIC, she worked as the Head of the Strategic Partnerships Unit at UN Headquarters for 11 years. Within the European Commission, film institutions in London and Copenhagen and the UN, she has over 25 years of international experience in communications, strategic partnerships and public information campaigns. working out of four countries.

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Albinism in Tanzania

People with albinism in Tanzania are fighting for their survival in the face of segregation from society and a constant threat of extreme violence. The UN Human Rights Office has received information of more than 200 ritual attacks since 2000 in 15 African states, however due to the secretiveness of the practice it is believed that many attacks remain undocumented and unreported. In Tanzania alone there had been 72 murders of people with albinism since 2000, only five of which had resulted in successful prosecutions.

The Tanzanian government has taken some measures to combat the problem, such as investigating and publically condemning recent attacks. In October 2010 Salum Khalfani Bar'wani became Tanzania's first ever democratically elected MP with albinism. In 2013 the UN Human Rights Council adopted two resolutions calling on states to take all measures necessary to protect people with albinism and to reinforce the country's existing legal protections. It voiced concern about the institutionalization and segregation of children hosted in specialist centers.

Standing voice

The makers and key protagonists of *In the Shadow of the Sun* joined forces to create Standing Voice in order to translate the awareness raised by the film into empowering action. Telling a story and having it heard is an empowering process and the ethos of Standing Voice is based on respect for the bravery of the storyteller.

To find out how you can help visit <http://standingvoice.org/>

Or for more information about the film <http://intheshadowofthesun.org/albinism>

Under the same sun

Under The Same Sun is an international NGO with offices in Canada and in Tanzania. It educates the public about albinism using strategically targeted awareness-raising seminars and training workshops. It also covers the education expenses of over 300 people with albinism at all levels of education.

More information can be found on their website at www.underthesamesun.com

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