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The overarching challenge faced by persons with albinism is long-term neglect of the issue, resulting in the absence of their voice in the public sphere. Also, a significant number of persons with albinism globally are not aware of the laws that protect them and continue to linger in various forms of suffering and neglect. Efforts need to be made to build their capacity (particularly that of civil society leaders and advocates) on the norms and standards of human rights and also on the human rights approach.

Ikponwosa Ero

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From the editor:

This is the second edition of the ESR Review for 2017. It includes a feature article on sanitation and an interview with the UN Independent Expert on the rights of persons with Albinism.

The feature article by Pedi Obani discusses the link between the National Policy on Health 2016 and the right to sanitation in Nigeria. She argues that the Policy presents a great opportunity for the Nigerian government to make the link between the health of the population and the right to sanitation. According to her, 'sanitation and hygiene services are pivotal for universal health coverage in Nigeria'. She then critically reviews the provisions of the Policy and concludes that they make a conscious effort in linking health services with sanitation, however, lumping the rights to water and sanitation together is problematic and may lead to the side-lining of the latter.

The interview with the UN Independent Expert on the rights of persons with albinism, Ikponwosa Ero reveals the various challenges facing persons with albinism across the world, particularly in Africa. According to the Independent expert, discrimination and superstitions continue to fuel human rights abuses of persons with albinism in many African countries. She then discusses the various strategies to address human rights violations experienced by persons with albinism in Africa.

This edition of the Review also contains reports from two workshops as well as updates from the UN human rights system. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

Ebenezer Durojaye