

LAUNCH OF NORHED/SEARCWL/UNZA SCHOOL OF LAW PROGRAMME (NORHED)

The “The Masters, PhD and research programme for capacity building in law faculties to mainstream gender, non-discrimination, human rights and socio-economic rights frameworks and analysis into the application and administration of the law” - Norhed Programme in short, was launched on **Thursday 30th April 2015** at the Protea Tower by the Honourable Minister of Gender and Child Development, Honourable Professor Nkandu Luo MP.

Present at the event were; Hon, Justices M. Mwanamwabwa and A.M. Wood, Kari Thorsten the Counsellor Governance at the Norwegian Embassy, the Director of Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education (ZIALE), a representative from ZLDC, representatives from various schools, Dean F.S. Mudenda and staff in the School of Law, members of the media etc. The Vice Chancellor was represented by Professor Bizeck Phiri.

The Programme which runs from **2014 to 2018** is intended to build capacity in the Staff and School to research and teach law with a gender and human rights focus.

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In the speech read on his behalf, the Vice Chancellor noted that the regional programme which will receive support from NORAD totalling **Kroner 17.9m** (*Kr 3.25 of which is slated for UNZA*) will facilitate the engendering of Law Curricula in line with the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan objectives.

The main objective of the programme is capacity building and includes the sponsorship of two (2) local PhDs in gender and human rights as well as several post docs annually for the duration of the programme which ends in 2018. The programme will also sponsor atleast two (2) marginalised students to the SEARCWL Program at the University of Zimbabwe to undertake either an LLM or MA in social legal studies in the 2017-2018 academic year.

In her remarks the counsellor governance congratulated the school on launching the programme which it is hoped will succeed in its objectives. The School expressed gratitude to the Norwegian Embassy for the financial support.

In launching the programme, the Minister of Gender and Child Development noted the importance of involving the Ministry in the activities under the programme.

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The School is confident that the engendering of Law Curricula and building capacity to undertake gender mainstreamed teaching and research in the School will lead to a sustained change in the way the law is learnt and practiced in the future, leading to greater enjoyment of equality and non discrimination.

More information about the programme maybe obtained through the Coordinator, Norhed Programme, School of Law.

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