



S.A.A.T.E.

SOUTHERN AFRICA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPO

THEME:

WAKE UP AND DO IT FOR YOURSELF: TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE LOCAL AT SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

BRING YOUR AT PRODUCTS & SERVICES TO LIGHT AT THE SOUTHERN AFRICA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPO



**23 - 25 OCTOBER 2019
SAFARI COURT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

THEMATIC AREAS

- Right to AT for inclusive education
- Right to AT for arts, crafts and other creative expressions
- Right to AT for inclusive employment (formal and informal)
- Right to AT for access to criminal justice system (police, courts)
- Right to AT for home living (daily living aids, adaptive environments)
- Right to AT for community living (moving about, accessible buildings, transportation, voting, recreation)

ABOUT THE AT EXPO

The Assistive Technology (AT) EXPO is part of the Assistive Technology Information Mapping Project (AT-Info Map), a project of the Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD) in partnership with the University of Washington, the African Network for Evidence-to Action in Disability (AfriNEAD), and Dimagi, established to map the current availability of different types of AT in ten countries in Southern Africa, and works with local disability organizations to address gaps in AT availability.

The SAATE becomes an important component of the project seeking to bring together practical problem solvers, AT suppliers and service providers from Southern Africa and beyond. The event will also aim to facilitate improvements in the AT sector broadly through raising awareness about the need for better AT solutions and/or products particularly in Southern Africa.

The SAATE event will be held at Safari Court Hotel and Conference Centre in Windhoek, Namibia, from 23 to 25 October 2019.

EXHIBITIONS

Assistive Technology (AT) includes a wide range of technology products that are used to support persons with disabilities as they work, learn, play and live in their communities. Some examples of AT include: crutches, wheelchairs, ramps, hearing aids, Braille printers and adaptive software, just to mention a few.

If you are an AT manufacturer, supplier, or service provider interested to showcase the AT that you are involved in or demonstrate how the AT can enhance the independent living for persons with disabilities – especially in a Southern African environment – to a wide audience consisting of persons with disabilities and their families, Governments' AT procurement personnel, NGOs, etc, this Expo is a rare opportunity to do so.

You can participate either for free or as a premium exhibitor. All you are required to do is to ensure that your AT (s) fall in any of the six thematic areas and are designed for the Southern Africa environment.

SPONSORSHIP

SAFOD and its co-organizers have created sponsorship opportunities, and interested sponsors can send inquiries now. Packages are listed below and are subject to change. Individual sponsorship opportunities are also available.

PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$3,000)

GOLD SPONSOR (\$1,500)

SILVER SPONSOR (\$750)

Your sponsorship, irrespective of which package it falls under, will be helping us to meet all expenses related to the promotion or marketing of the SAATE within SAFOD network; will help to generate allowances for the volunteers; meals and transport for Organizing Committee members, just to mention a few.

PARTICIPATE

The AT EXPO does not only seek to showcase different types of AT but also to become a platform on which different stakeholders - including Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) can:

- Explore best AT product delivery models for southern Africa
- Reflect on role of international NGOs and development actors
- Examine policy and regulations to increase access, including financing mechanisms
- And most importantly, advance local innovations of appropriate AT solutions, products and services.

It is, therefore, in this context why the AT EXPO is targeting stakeholders beyond just Assistive Technology suppliers.

Besides viewing the AT exhibitions, registered delegates will be attending workshops, round-tables, lectures and other events on issues related to the thematic areas of the main event.

PARTNERSHIPS

We are open to proposals for partnerships with other institutions that may be willing to either co-host the event, or simply provide some support towards the hosting of the event (without necessarily co-hosting).

Institutions may be academia (universities), Government agencies, donor agencies, or any institution that works to promote disability rights and/or inclusive development, or subscribes to the vision of SAFOD.

Partnerships may be in the form of financial contribution towards the cost of organizing the event, human resource contribution (including volunteers), technical support and advice, and other logistical support such as publicizing the event.

SAFOD and its co-organizers are therefore open to longer-term partnerships with like-minded institutions before, during and after the event.

SCHOLARSHIP

One of the ultimate goals of SAATE is to promote locally made AT in Africa. This is going to be the main theme of the event.

For this reason, we are seriously planning to set aside some funds to provide scholarships to a few representatives of selected local companies, or NGOs, or social entrepreneurs in Southern Africa (including those that participated in our AT-Info-Map project in one way or another) to be able to attend the event and showcase these locally manufactured ATs.

Winners of scholarship should be able to demonstrate innovation and prove that the AT was manufactured in any of the ten countries in which SAFOD currently works.

Most importantly, they should be able to describe how the AT(s) fit(s) into one or more of the thematic areas.



CONTACT US

If you are interested in sponsoring part of the event, or partnering with us, or would like to receive more information about all aspects of the event (e.g. volunteering, abstracts, scholarships, etc.), please reach us on

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