



THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

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Who we are:

A network of organisations which collaborate towards securing the full participation and inclusion of blind and partially sighted people in all aspects of a diverse South African society





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PROVINCES



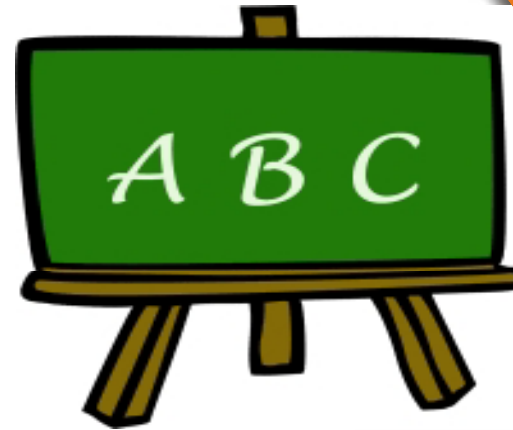
CORE BUSINESS AREAS

Fundraising and Public Relations for:

- **Accessibility and Advocacy**
- **Education Support Services**
- **Eye Care Services**
- **Skills Development**
- **Support Services**







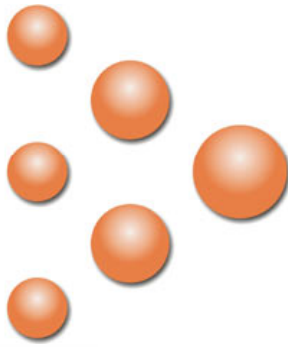
Education Support Services

This desk advises and supports:

- **South Africa's Special Schools**
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres**
- **Adult Basic Education Training (ABET) programmes**
- **and assists the Department of Education in implementing Inclusive Education**
- **Is assisted by an Education Committee elected by the National Executive Committee**



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Braille Support Services

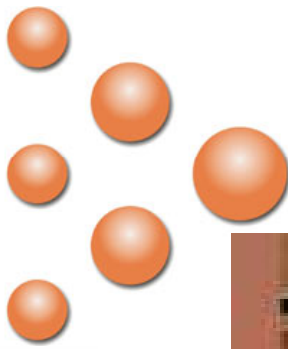
Braille support includes:

- **Teaching Braille**
- **Administering Braille examinations**
- **Advocate for access to Braille**
- **Support to the partnership Braille Committee**
- **Braille printing facility available at Council**



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Different types of accessible formats: braille, DAISY, tape, screen-reading technology, large font





SANCB Right to Read Coalition

- ❖ **SA National Council for the Blind**
- ❖ **SA Disability Association**
- ❖ **Universities**
- ❖ **Libraries**
- ❖ **Academics**

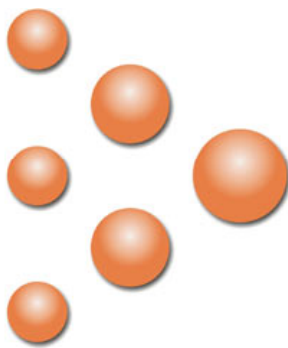


Right to Read Campaign and IP Rights

- ❖ Less than 0.5% published works in South Africa is not in an accessible format.
- ❖ SANCB Coalition advocated for copyright reform in the SA copyright legislative framework



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Help us cut the chains

**Please
support a
WIPO treaty
for print disabled
people**



National Legislation and International Instruments

- **Constitution of South Africa**
- **UN Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities**



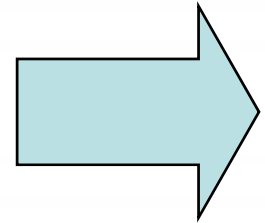
CHALLENGES

- **Copyright Act – no provision for copyright limitations and exceptions for blind, partially sighted and other reading disabled persons**
- **Electronic Communication Transaction Act – prohibits reverse engineering and TPM**
- **Intellectual Property Amendment Bill**
- **Traditional Knowledge Bill**



Possible Outcomes

- Adoption of WIPO international treaty
- Amendment of SA Copyright Act
- Harmonization of legislation and policy
- Open and accessible formats
- Cross-border transfer (import and export)
- Digitization for preservation
- Fair use

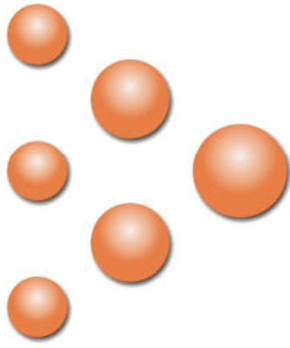


Effects of the Book Famine

- **Functionally Illiterate**
- **High Unemployment**
- **Dependency on Social Security**
- **Violation of Human Rights**



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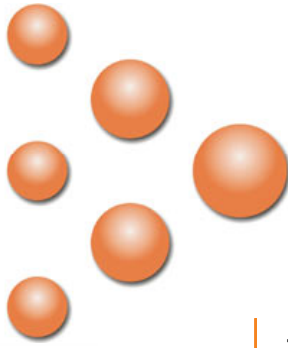


INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

- **African Union of the Blind (AFUB)**
- **World Blind Union (WBU) (involved through Dr William Rowland as their president and Jill Wagner as part of the Low vision task team)**
- **Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM)**
- **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)**
- **International Centre for Eye Care Education (ICEE)**
- **International Council on English Braille (ICEB)**
- **Hilton Perkins Foundation**
- **Sight Savers International (SSI)**



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