

The Professional Fellows Program on Inclusive Civic Engagement



Fall 2022 Professional Fellow



Alan H Onyango

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Kenya**

Founder and CEO, Black Albinism

“I believe that interacting with and learning from members of the Fellowship Program will enhance my collaborative capacity. This program will influence how I deliver my work, hence benefiting my community.”

Alan is the host of a prime-time morning show called *Inclusion One-on-One* for Signs TV. On *Inclusion One-on-One*, Alan engages policymakers, disability rights leaders, and advocates in discussions about civic engagement for persons with disabilities.

He is also the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Black Albinism, a non-governmental organization that fights stigma and discrimination faced by people with Albinism (PWA). Alan produced a movie about the plight of PWA titled *The Rejected Treasure* and organized a Black Albinism photo challenge as part of the Black Albinism festival.

Alan holds a diploma in journalism and media studies and a certification in mobile journalism from the International Center for Journalism (ICFJ) among other certifications.

For his follow-on project, Alan plans to use new media forms and trends as advocacy tools to influence civic engagement by helping people with disabilities and their advocacy organizations enhance their media literacy skills and capacity. Specifically, Alan plans to train them on how to apply citizen and mobile journalism to influence policy and political discourse through direct media engagement with stakeholders.

Alan will complete a 4-week Fellowship placement training with the University of Arizona's [Disability Resource Center](#) in Tucson, Arizona.



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