



October 22 – 28, 2009  
Kampala, Uganda  
Africa

# WORLD FEDERATION FOR THE DEAF-BLIND 9<sup>TH</sup> HELEN KELLER WORLD CONFERENCE

Presented by Divya Goel and  
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# CONFERENCE THEME

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- ✘ CRPD: *Changing the Lives of Persons With Deafblindness*
- ✘ The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, CRPD is a human rights instrument.
- ✘ How can we use this instrument to ensure that the rights of persons with deafblindness are respected and enforced?



# APPROXIMATELY 18 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



Ethiopia



Mali

Finland



Japan



Russia

# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY TEAM



Divya Goel (FL DB Delegate),  
Ashle (SSP), Michelle (Interpreter)  
Virginia Jordan (GA DB Delegate)



Dr. Amy Parker, Texas Tech and  
Emily Taylor-Snell, Florida Outreach  
Project with Divya.  
(Gentleman from Ghana)



# TEAM CONFERENCE FOCUS

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- ✖ Discuss United Nations Resolution for Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities
- ✖ Connect with Persons who are Deaf-Blind and organizations for mutual dialog and support
- ✖ Highlight importance of Human Rights for Persons who are Deaf-Blind
- ✖ Focus on Women with Deaf-Blindness
- ✖ Share cultural and communication differences and find common ground

# SPEKE HOTEL AND RESORT, MUNYONYO, UGANDA





# AT THE CONFERENCE

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# CONFERENCE IN FULL SWING!





# SILENT THEATRE





## **SILENT THEATRE**

The Play portrayed a mother from a small village who has a daughter who is deaf and a son who is deaf-blind but she cannot afford to support her family. She installs her daughter as a maid and trades her son for a jug of moonshine. The police decide it is not worth arresting anyone since the daughter and son could not testify. Human rights is a major issue.



# AFRICAN DRUMMING AND DANCERS





# CONVERGING CULTURES!

