

## BIOGRAPHY OF ANTHONY HARPER

I am a development Coordinator with ICDL in Africa. Over the years, amongst other things I have served as such as Chief Examiner; Chief Auditor etc - having worked with the ICDL since inception here in South Africa. I have covered a lot of ground but currently focus on the Development of the ICDL Infra structure and Country Partners in Africa as it is being introduced into various countries on the continent.

My basic training was as a computer scientist and I have been working with technology for nearly 40 years. I have completed further studies related to management and effective management/executive teams. I have worked with two of the largest international firms of Auditors and Business Consultants as well as some of the largest companies in commerce and industry and banking over the years. My interest in technology and its application as an aid or tool for those with physical and/or mental challenges goes back over 25 years. My younger son is Cerebral Palsied and my elder son is a qualified specialist in Augmentative and Alternative Communication with particular emphasis on the application of ICT as a key enabler. Together my elder son and I have also developed Technology Enhanced Learning Centres which have been implemented in schools for Children with Special Needs, starting with the one attended by my younger son. I administer the Access for All programme within ICDL Africa which focuses on ensuring that the ICDL certification is available to all and have worked with Visually Impaired People (which I will mainly focus on in the presentation) as well as those with hearing and physical challenges which I will also touch on.