

Continental Conference on Access to Justice for Children in Africa

Spotlighting the Invisible

PROGRAMME

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Tuesday, 8 May 2018

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, ACPF○ Mr. Abdul Manaff Kemokai, Executive Director, Defence for Children International, Sierra Leone ; President, DCI Movement
09:15 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Statements<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Honourable Justice Goitseone Nanikie Nkwe, Chairperson, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child○ H.E. Mrs. Amira El Fadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission○ H.E. Mme Oumou Toure Traore, Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and Family, Republic of Mali○ H.E. Wzo. Yalem Tsegaye, Minister of Women and Children's Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Speech <i>Access to Justice for Children in Africa</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, AU Goodwill Ambassador on Child Marriage
10:30 – 11:00	TEA BREAK
Session I: Access to Justice for Children in Africa Chair: Prof. Jaap Doek , Professor of Law, Vrije University, Amsterdam	
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to Justice for Children in Africa<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Nkatha Murungi, Head, Children and the Law Programme, ACPF○ Mrs. Karabo Ozah, Deputy Director, Center for Child Law (CCL), University of Pretoria○ Prof. Manfred Nowak, Independent Expert for the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, University of Vienna
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
Session II: Legal pluralism in Africa and its impact on access to justice for children Chair: Mr. Edmund Foley , Head of Department for Public Law, Ghana Institute of Public Management	
13:30 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of the concept of legal pluralism and its effects on access to justice for children.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Edmund Foley, Head of Department for Public Law, Ghana Institute of Public Management

- Reflections from the UNCRC and the ACERWC.
 - **Prof. Benyam Mezmur**, Member, ACERWC; Member, UNCRC
- Customary Law & Juvenile Justice: An international perspective.
 - **Ms. Kristen Hope-Burchill**, Justice Advisor, Terre Des Hommes

14:45 – 15:15 TEA BREAK

Session III: Access to justice for children in the context of armed conflict

Chair: Dr. Remember Miamingi, Child Protection Adviser, Peace and Security Department of the African Union

- 15:15 – 16:30**
- The role and approach of the AU Peace and Security Council to enhancing access to justice for children in the context of armed conflict.
 - **Dr. Remember Miamingi**, Child Protection Adviser, Peace and Security Department of the African Union
 - Challenges and opportunities for children in access to justice in the context of armed conflict in Africa.
 - **Mr. Anthony Njoroge**, Senior Programme Manager, Child Protection, Save the Children International, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office
 - Highlights from the ACERWC's Study on Children Affected by Armed Conflict.
 - **Mr. Ayalew Getachew**, Senior Legal Researcher, ACERWC Secretariat

16:30 END OF DAY ONE

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

TIME	ACTIVITY
Session IV: Vulnerability and access to justice for children	
Chair: Mr. Théophile Nkyema , Board Member, IBCR ; Executive Director, ACPF (2013-2018)	
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conceptual challenges underlying a universal understanding of vulnerability in Africa and how it relates to children’s access to justice.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Shimelis Tsegaye, Head, Child Development and Protection Programme, ACPF• Governments’ conceptualisation of children’s vulnerability and the impact on programming.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Noah Sang’anyi, Director, Children’s Services, Government of Kenya
Session V: Access to justice for children with disabilities in Africa	
Chair: Ms. Yetnebersh Negussie , Senior Inclusion Advisor, Light for the World	
10:00 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to justice for children with disabilities in Africa.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Rumbidzai Dube, Senior Programme Officer, Children and Law Programme, ACPF• Legislative measures to improve access to justice for children with behavioural disorders: The case of South Africa.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Zita Hansungule, Senior Project Coordinator, Center for Child Law (CCL), University of Pretoria• DPO strategies to improve children’s access to justice in Southern Africa.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Kitso Phiri, Legal Advisor, Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD)• DPO strategies to improve children’s access to justice in West Africa.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Ousmane Harouna, Education Specialist: Disability Sports, West African Federation of Associations of People with Disability (WAFOD)
11:15 – 11:45 TEA BREAK	
Session VI: Vagrancy laws and their impact on children’s access to justice	
Chair: Mr. Bright Theu , Head of Department, Practical Legal Skills, Chancellor College, University of Malawi	
11:45 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trends on the African continent with regard to legislating vagrancy.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Bright Theu, Head of Department, Practical Legal Skills, Chancellor College, University of Malawi• Application of vagrancy laws and consequences on children’s access to justice.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Tina Lorizzo, Researcher, Dullah Omar Institute/Article 5 Initiative (DOI/CSPRI)• Practical experiences of children living on the streets in accessing justice.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Lynn Kay, Country Director, Retrak
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH	

Session VII: Technology and children's access to justice in Africa: opportunities and challenges

Chair: Mr. Henry Kabwe, Executive Director, Media Network on Child Rights and Development (MNCRD), Zambia

- 14:00 – 11:15**
- Challenges and emerging issues in the context of technology and access to justice for children in Africa.
 - **Ms. Sabine Katharina Witting**, University of Leiden, the Netherlands
 - Online child sexual exploitation and legal redress for children.
 - **Ms. Beatrice Gacengo**, Programme Specialist, Online Child Sexual Exploitation, ECPAT International
 - ECOWAS' legal approach to addressing child sex trafficking and online child prostitution.
 - **Ms. Bassasso Ali Tiloh**, Programme Officer, Counter Trafficking and Child Protection, ECOWAS

Session VIII: Practical and successful models of facilitating access to justice for children

Chair: Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, Defence for Children International-Belgium (DCI-B)

- 15:15 – 16:45**
- Special Taskforce on Children's Matters under the National Council for the Administration for Justice in Kenya.
 - **Honourable Justice Teresia Matheka**, Judiciary, Kenya
 - The Children's Legal Protection Centre (CLPC) in Ethiopia.
 - **Mrs. Genet Shume**, Coordinator, Child Justice Protect Office (CJPO), Federal Supreme Court, Ethiopia
 - Socio-Legal Defence Centres in Africa.
 - **Mr. Abdul Manaff Kemokai**, Executive Director, Defence for Children Sierra Leone ; President, DCI Movement.
 - IBCR model of justice delivery for children in Burkina Faso.
 - **Mr. Théophile Nikyèma**, Board Member, IBCR ; Executive Director, ACPF (2013-2018)

16:45 – 17:15 TEA BREAK

Session IX: The Way Forward

Chair: Dr. Michael Gibbons, Programme Director, Children's Rights/Education, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

- 17:15 – 18:05**
- **Adoption of the *Call to Action***
 - **Concluding Comments**
 - **H.E. Mrs. Mashari Al-Dawalab**, Ministry of Welfare and Social Security, Republic of Sudan
 - **Maitre Malick Coulibaly**, President of the National Commission on Human Rights, Former Minister of Justice, Republic of Mali

- **H.E. Honorable William Byaruhanga**, Attorney General, Republic of Uganda
- **Mrs. Stella Ayo Odongo**, Executive Director, Uganda Child Rights NGO Network ; Member, AMC Board of Custodians
- **Expression of thanks**
Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, ACPF

18:05

CLOSING

Thursday, 10 May 2018

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alex Kamarotos, Executive Director of Defence for Children International Introduction on behalf of the NGO Panel • Children Deprived of Liberty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Manfred Nowak, United Nations Independent Expert leading the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty: Question and Answers (main room)
(Plenary)	
09:30 – 11:00	<i>Children in conflict with the law</i>
(4 blocks in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dimensions of Deprivation of Liberty</i> • <i>Current Responses in the Legal Framework</i> • <i>Prevention / Alternatives</i>
	Discussion block 1 (English)
	Discussion block 2 (English)
	Discussion block 3 (French/English)
	Discussion block 4 (Arabic/English/French)
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Deprivation of Liberty in Armed Conflict and National Security</i>
(4 blocks in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dimensions of Deprivation of Liberty</i> • <i>Current Responses in the Legal Framework</i> • <i>Prevention / Alternatives</i>
	Discussion block 1 (English)
	Discussion block 2 (English)
	Discussion block 3 (French/English)
	Discussion block 4 (Arabic/English/French)
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Children on the Move / Migration-related Deprivation of Liberty</i>
(4 blocks in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dimensions of Deprivation of Liberty</i> • <i>Current Responses in the Legal Framework</i> • <i>Prevention / Alternatives</i>
	Discussion block 1 (English)
	Discussion block 2 (English)
	Discussion block 3 (French/English)
	Discussion block 4 (Arabic/English/French)
15:30 – 16:30	TEA BREAK*
16:30 – 17:00	Presentation of key issues and policy recommendations by the chosen Rapporteurs for each type of <i>Deprivation of Liberty</i> (10 min each)
17:00 – 18:30	Closing High Level Panel: Ways forward – supporting the Global Study accompanied by plenary discussion.
(Plenary)	
18:30	CLOSING CEREMONY

* Closed meeting to take place during the tea break for the Chairs, Rapporteurs and resource people from the 4 blocks to formulate one policy recommendation letter per type of *Deprivation of Liberty*.