

International Conference ‘Putting Children First: Identifying Solutions and Taking Action to  
Tackle Child Poverty and Inequality in Africa’  
23 – 25 October 2017, UNCC, Addis Ababa

**DAY 1 – MONDAY 23 OCTOBER**

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<b>8.00-08.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>08.30-10.00</b>	<b>Session 1.1: <i>Opening Session</i></b>	Conference Room 2 – CR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Richard Morgan, Director of Child Poverty Global Initiative, Save the Children (chair)</li> <li>- H.E. Ms. Demitu Hambisa, Minister MoWCA</li> <li>- Ms. Leila Pakkala, Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF</li> <li>- Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, ECA</li> <li>- Dr. Agnes Akosua Aidoo, International Board of Trustees, ACPF</li> </ul>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>10.30-11.30</b>	<b>Session 1.2: <i>Theme 1 – Setting the Scene: Who and Where are the Poor Children?</i></b>	Conference Room 2 – CR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Charlotte Lillefjære-Tertnæs, Coordinator, CROP (chair)</li> <li>- Jane Kabubo-Mariara, Executive Director, PEP (speech)</li> <li>- Carolina Sanchez, Senior Director Poverty and Equity Department, World Bank</li> <li>- Enrique Delamonica, Chief of Social Policy and Gender Equality, UNICEF Nigeria and CROP</li> </ul>
<b>11.30-12.30</b>	<b>Session 1.3: <i>Theme 2 – Child Sensitive Social Protection: Making Social Protection Work for Children</i></b>	Conference Room 2 – CR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saurabh Sinha, Chief, Employment and Social Protection Section, Social Development Policy Division, ECA (chair)</li> <li>- Keetie Roelen, Co-Director, Centre for Social Protection at Institute of Development Studies (speech)</li> <li>- Tia Palermo, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research</li> <li>- Jean Dupraz, Regional Advisor Social Policy, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa</li> </ul>
<b>12.30-13.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>13.30-14.30</b>	<b>Session 1.4: <i>Theme 3 – Ensuring Access to Basic Services for All: Reaching and Linking the Poorest and Most Marginalised</i></b>	Conference Room 2 – CR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul Dornan, Young Lives (chair)</li> <li>- Nora Groce, Director of the Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, UCL (speech)</li> <li>- Sara Ruto, Director of the People’s Action for Learning (PAL) Network</li> <li>- Hiruy Bahiretebeb, Child Protection Director, MoWCA</li> </ul>
<b>14.30-15.30</b>	<b>Session 1.5: <i>Theme 4 – Supporting Secure Transitions to Adulthood</i></b>	Conference Room 2 – CR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alula Pankhurst, Country Director, Young Lives Ethiopia (chair)</li> <li>- Jo Boyden, Director, Young Lives (speech)</li> <li>- Prudence Ngwenya Nonkululeko, Head of Human Resource and Youth Development, African Union Commission</li> <li>- Marlen Mondaca, Director of International Programmes, Save the Children Canada</li> </ul>
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>16.00-17.30</b>	<b>Session 1.6: Parallel Sessions 1.6.A – 1.6.D</b>	See detailed overview	

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 1.6.A – 1.6.D**

<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.A</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.B</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.C</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.D</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>
<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 1: Measurement of Child Poverty</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Pierella Paci, World Bank</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 2: Impact of Social Protection on Children</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Steen Lau Jorgenson, World Bank</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 3: Health and Early Development</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 4: Transitions to Work and Livelihoods</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Jo Boyden, Young Lives</b></i></p>
<p>Do demographics matter for the poverty of African children? -  Yele Batana, World Bank</p>	<p>Tackling malnutrition in the first 1,000 days with a ‘Cash Plus’ approach: the case of Nigeria’s Child Development Grant Programme – Luke Harman, Akomolafe Oluwatosin and Kerina Zvogbo, Save the Children</p>	<p>Evolution of opportunities for Early Childhood Development in MENA - Vladimir Hlasny, Ewha Womans University</p>	<p>Motorcycle taxis and the reintegration of young and under-age ex-soldiers in Liberia and Sierra Leone - Ted Johnson, LIDA and Krijn Peters, Swansea University</p>
<p>Mapping and analysing multidimensional child poverty at the local government area level in Niger: a small area estimation approach -  Saleem Oluwafemi Falowo, Nigerian Defence Academy</p>	<p>Smarter social protection? Impacts of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme on child outcomes -  Catherine Porter, Heriot-Watt University</p>	<p>Improvement of maternal and newborn health in Malawi –  Albert Dube, Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit (MEIRU), Karonga Demographic and Health Surveillance</p>	<p>Physical and virtual mobility for youth employment: reflections on findings from two research projects –  Gina Porter, Durham University</p>
<p>Child poverty and its impact on child well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa –  Mariana Coolican, UNICEF Guinea Ecuatorial</p>	<p>‘Shame-proofing’ anti-poverty interventions - lessons from Uganda -  Elaine Chase, UCL and Grace Bantebya and Florence Muhanguzi, Makerere University</p>	<p>Child health outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa: the interrelated effects of neighbourhoods and families on child health-  Oluwaseyi Somefun, University of Witwatersrand</p>	<p>Can they get there? Aspirations and setbacks of working children in Addis Ababa – Mulugeta Emebet, Addis Adaba University</p>
<p>Refusing categorization: cartographies of child poverty and vulnerability in Kenya -  Elizabeth Ngutuku, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University</p>			<p>Towards ensuring the ‘Youth Bulge’ for structural transformation -  Alebel Bayrau Weldesilassie, Ethiopian Development Research Institute</p>



**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.2.A – 2.2.D**

<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.A</b>  <b>11.15-13.00</b>  <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.B</b>  <b>11.15-13.00</b>  <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.C</b>  <b>11.15-13.00</b>  <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.D</b>  <b>11.15-13.00</b>  <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>
<p><b><i>Theme 1: Longitudinal Perspectives and Dynamics of Child Poverty</i></b>  <b><i>Chair: Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Theme 2: Integrated Approaches to Social Protection for Children</i></b>  <b><i>Chair: Tim Conway, DFID</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Theme 3: Education and Marginalisation</i></b>  <b><i>Chair: Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Interactive Session: World Café -Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges in Evidence Informed Decision Making</i></b>  <b><i>Chair: James Georgalakis, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i></b></p>
<p>The dynamic nature of child poverty and implications for the targeting of social protection schemes -                      Bjorn Gelders, Development Pathways</p>	<p>Towards comprehensive social protection for children in South Africa -                      Aislinn Delany, Children’s Institute</p>	<p>Mechanisms behind inequality in educational opportunities: The case of Ethiopia –                      Ilze Plavgo, EUI</p>	<p>Interactive session with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew Long, DFID</li> <li>- Carolina Sanchez, World Bank</li> <li>- Mike Wessells, Columbia University</li> <li>- Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF</li> </ul>
<p>Dynamics of multi-dimensional poverty among children in Ethiopia: evidence using longitudinal data of children from Young Lives study –                      Tassew Woldehanna, Young Lives Ethiopia and Yisak Tafere, EDRI and Ethiopia Centre for Child Research</p>	<p>Frontiers of resistance- understanding multiple deprivations and advancing Child Sensitive Social Protection in East and Southern Africa an era of global change -                      Neesha Fakir, Save the Children</p>	<p>Addressing poverty and inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa: Fostering inclusive education of children with disabilities -                      Serges Djoyou Kamga, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA</p>	
<p>Beating the odds: why have some children fared well despite growing up in poverty? Longitudinal evidence from Young Lives, Ethiopia –                      Gina Crivello, Young Lives</p>	<p>Strengthening child-sensitive social protection for human development in Africa: a multi-country study of Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa –                      Samuel Igbatayo, Afe Babalola University</p>	<p>Inequality in schooling for rural children in Ethiopia -                      Tigist Grieve, University of Bristol</p>	
<p><b>13.00-14.00</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Lunch</b></p>		
<p><b>14.00-15.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2.3:</b>  <b><i>How Does Evidence Inform Policy and Practice in the Fight against Child Poverty and Inequality?</i></b>                      Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- James Georgalakis, Director of the ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative (chair)</li> <li>- Alula Pankhurst, Country Director Young Lives Ethiopia (presentation)</li> <li>- Andrew Long, Head of Profession for Social Development, DFID</li> <li>- Carolina Sanchez, Senior Director Poverty and Equity Department, World Bank</li> <li>- Mike Wessells, Professor, Columbia University</li> <li>- Yehualashet Mekonen, Head, African Child Observatory Programme, ACPF</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15.30-16.00</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Coffee Break</b></p>		

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.4.A – 2.4.D**

<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.A</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.B</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.C</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.D</b>  <b>16.00-17.30</b>  <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>
<p align="center"><i><b>Cross-Cutting theme: Migration, Conflict and Uncertainty</b></i>   <i><b>Chair: Yisak Tafere, EDRI and Ethiopia Centre for Child Research</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 2: Child protection and care Chair: Keetie Roelen, Institute of Development Studies</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 3: Equitable Access to Education for Equitable Development in Ethiopia</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Jack Rossiter, Young Lives</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 3: Workshop to Explore the Complexities of Helping Children with Disabilities to be ‘School-Ready’ in Malawi</b></i>  <i><b>Chair: Paul Lynch, University of Birmingham</b></i></p>
<p>Parental migration, gender and the living conditions of children in Ghana - Victor Cebotari, Maastricht University</p>	<p>Poverty among orphaned children and child-headed families in sub-Saharan Africa: an overview - Shimelis Tsegaye Tessema, ACPF</p>	<p>Scaling-up early learning in Ethiopia: the potential of O-Class for equitable development – Jack Rossiter, Workneh Yadete, Kiros Berhanu, Young Lives</p>	<p>Interactive workshop on mapping tools and interventions to help inclusion of children with disabilities into schools in low-resource settings</p>
<p>“Maybe I will have a good life in the future”: The benefits, challenges and outcomes of rural girls’ educational migration in Southern Ethiopia (SNNPR) – Louise Yorke, Trinity College Dublin</p>	<p>Participatory peer research on children living outside of family care in Uganda - Joyce Wanican and Noah Robert Nyende, AfriChild Centre, Makerere University</p>	<p>Rethinking the Ethiopian education system to provide comprehensive quality education for Pastoralist children - Yohannes Wogasso, Ministry of Education, Ethiopia</p>	
<p>How can we support youth creativity in the face of uncertainty as they grow up? – YOUR World Research Ethiopia Team Vicky Johnson, University of Brighton Melese Getu and Milki Getachew, Addis Ababa University and Amid Ahmed, Debremarkos University</p>	<p>Strengthening community based child protection for vulnerable children in Sierra Leone - Mike Wessells, Columbia University</p>	<p>Panel discussion with:  - Workneh Yadete, Young Lives  - Kiros Berhanu, Young Lives  - Tigist Grieve, University of Bristol  - Yasabu Berkneh, MoE, Ethiopia (tbc)  - Seifu Wolde, MoE, Ethiopia (tbc)</p>	
<p><b>17.30-19.00</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>Drinks reception</b></p>	

**DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER**

<b>8.30-9.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS 3.1.A – 3.1.D</b>			
<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.A</b>  <b>9.00-10.30</b>  <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.B</b>  <b>9.00-10.30</b>  <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.C</b>  <b>9.00-10.30</b>  <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.D</b>  <b>9.00-10.30</b>  <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>
<p align="center"><i><b>Interactive Session: Why Should We Talk the ‘TED talk’?</b></i>  <b>Chair: Vivienne Benson, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</b></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Cross-Cutting Theme: Children in cities Chair: Stephen Devereux, Centre for Excellence in Food Security, University of Western Cape/IDS</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Theme 4: Healthy Adolescent Development Chair: Gina Crivello, Young Lives</b></i></p>	<p align="center"><i><b>Interactive Session: How to Measure Multidimensional Child Poverty using MPI</b></i>  <b>Chair: Chris Oldiges, OPHI</b></p>
<p>Interactive session with:  - Nicola Ansell, Brunel University  - Vivienne Benson, IDS</p>	<p>Analysing child stunting in Africa: Does urbanization make a difference? - Saurabh Sinha and Kalkidan Assefa, ECA</p>	<p>Young adolescents’ sexual and reproductive health literacy and implications for their healthy transition into adulthood – Mokhantso Makoae, HSRC</p>	<p>Interactive session with Chris Oldiges on the use of MPI for child poverty measurement</p>
	<p>Children and adolescents in urban settings: Poverty and inequality in Nigerian Cities - Alberto Minujin, New School and Enrique Delamonica, UNICEF Nigeria and CROP</p>	<p>Disentangling adolescents’ vulnerability to gender-based violence through a capability lens in Ethiopia and Rwanda – Nicola Jones, ODI</p>	
	<p>Social Protection for Poor Children in Urban Settings in Ghana: The Role of Urban Planning - Michael Addaney, University of Energy and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Link between child marriage and economic empowerment in addressing child poverty - Barbara Kalima-Phiri, World Vision International</p>	
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11.00-12.30</b>	<p><b>Wrap Up and Closing</b>  Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agnes Akosua Aidoo, International Board of Trustees, ACPF</li> <li>- Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</li> <li>- Steen Lau Jorgensen, World Bank</li> <li>- Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</li> <li>- Marlen Mondaca, Save the Children Canada</li> <li>- Richard Morgan, Save the Children</li> <li>- Charlotte Lillefjære-Tertnæs, CROP</li> </ul>	