

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

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1.6.A – 1.6.D

<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.A 16.00-17.30 Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.B 16.00-17.30 Large Briefing Room – LBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.C 16.00-17.30 Small Briefing Room – SBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.D 16.00-17.30 Caucus Room 11 – CC11</p>
<p align="center"><i>Theme 1: Measurement of Child Poverty</i> <i>Chair: Pierella Paci, World Bank</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 2: Impact of Social Protection on Children</i> <i>Chair: Steen Lau Jorgenson, World Bank</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 3: Health and Early Development</i> <i>Chair: Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 4: Transitions to Work and Livelihoods</i> <i>Chair: Jo Boyden, Young Lives</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>

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER

8.30-9.00		Registration	
PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.1.A – 2.1.D			
PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.A 9.00-10.45 Conference Room 2 – CR2	PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.B 9.00-10.45 Large Briefing Room – LBR	PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.C 9.00-10.45 Small Briefing Room – SBR	PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.D 9.00-10.45 Caucus Room 11 – CC11
<i>Theme 1: Nutrition</i> <i>Chair: Christine Muyama,</i> <i>Graça Machel Trust</i>	<i>Theme 2: Economic Empowerment</i> <i>Programming and Impact on Children</i> <i>Chair: Tia Palermo,</i> <i>UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research</i>	<i>Theme 3: Combating Child Poverty through</i> <i>Education</i> <i>Chair: Pauline Rose,</i> <i>ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i>	<i>Theme 4: Key Transitions and Risk during</i> <i>Adolescence</i> <i>Chair: Alula Pankhurst,</i> <i>Young Lives Ethiopia</i>
How many malnourished children are there in South Africa? What can be done? - Stephen Devereux and Julian May, Centre of Excellence for Food Security at University of Western Cape	Impact of VUP Programme on children's wellbeing in Rwanda – Francisca Mujawase, ILO Rwanda	Making the grade: Understanding what works for improving literacy outcomes in rural Uganda – Victoria Brown, Mangotree Uganda	Transitions to adulthood among adolescents in Ethiopia: Time allocation decisions – Zlata Bruckauf, UNICEF
Examining progress made in reducing child poverty and food insecurity levels: an analysis of the General Household Survey (2002 - 2015) - Winnie Sambu, Children's Institute	Cost-effectiveness of a Savings Economic Empowerment Intervention for AIDS-affected adolescents in Uganda: implications for scale-up in low resource communities – Abel Mwebembezi, Christopher Damulira, Rita Barungi, ICHAD Studies	Can community based approaches to Early Childhood Development do the magic?: Exploring ECD programme implementation and child poverty reduction dynamics in Malawi – Foster Kholowa, University of Malawi	Social connectedness: an enabling condition for addressing intergenerational poverty and supporting secure transitions to adulthood? – Marlene Ogawa, Synergos Institute South Africa
Are droughts bigger drivers of child undernutrition than conflicts in Ethiopia? A meta-analysis of 231 small-scale operational surveys, 2000–2013 - Tefera Darge Delbiso, Université Catholique de Louvain	Returns to capital and labelling cash transfers: A field experiment to improve child wellbeing by business grants in Somalia – Munshi Sulaiman, Save the Children	From equal access to equal opportunity: delivering fair educational outcomes in Ethiopia: insights from two research studies - Caine Rolleston, UCL Institute of Education	Social cash transfers, generational relations and youth poverty trajectories in rural Lesotho and Malawi – Thandia Hlabana, National University of Lesotho and Nicola Ansell, Brunel University
Nutritional improvements in Ethiopia: where and what next? – Adrian Gauci and Kalkidan Assefa, ECA		Discussants: - Richard Arden, DFID Ethiopia - Sara Ruto, PAL Network	Making the case for the enabling environment: Impact of family and community support on livelihood development for out-of-school youth – Sita Conklin, Save the Children
10.45-11.15		Coffee Break	

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.2.A – 2.2.D

<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.A 11.15-13.00 Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.B 11.15-13.00 Large Briefing Room – LBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.C 11.15-13.00 Small Briefing Room – SBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.D 11.15-13.00 Caucus Room 11 – CC11</p>
<p><i>Theme 1: Longitudinal Perspectives and Dynamics of Child Poverty</i> <i>Chair: Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</i></p>	<p><i>Theme 2: Integrated Approaches to Social Protection for Children</i> <i>Chair: Tim Conway, DFID</i></p>	<p><i>Theme 3: Education and Marginalisation</i> <i>Chair: Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i></p>	<p><i>Interactive Session: World Café -Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges in Evidence Informed Decision Making</i> <i>Chair: James Georgalakis, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i></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"> - Andrew Long, DFID - Carolina Sanchez, World Bank - Mike Wessells, Columbia University - Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF
<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>13.00-14.00</p>		<p align="center">Lunch</p>	
<p>14.00-15.30</p>	<p>Session 2.3: <i>How Does Evidence Inform Policy and Practice in the Fight against Child Poverty and Inequality?</i> Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James Georgalakis, Director of the ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative (chair) - Alula Pankhurst, Country Director Young Lives Ethiopia (presentation) - Andrew Long, Head of Profession for Social Development, DFID - Carolina Sanchez, Senior Director Poverty and Equity Department, World Bank - Mike Wessells, Professor, Columbia University - Yehualashet Mekonen, Head, African Child Observatory Programme, ACPF 	
<p>15.30-16.00</p>		<p align="center">Coffee Break</p>	

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.4.A – 2.4.D

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<p align="center"><i>Cross-Cutting theme: Migration, Conflict and Uncertainty</i> <i>Chair: Yisak Tafere, EDRI and Ethiopia Centre for Child Research</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 2: Child protection and care Chair: Keetie Roelen, Institute of Development Studies</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 3: Equitable Access to Education for Equitable Development in Ethiopia</i> <i>Chair: Jack Rossiter, Young Lives</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 3: Workshop to Explore the Complexities of Helping Children with Disabilities to be ‘School-Ready’ in Malawi</i> <i>Chair: Paul Lynch, University of Birmingham</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>17.30-19.00</p>		<p align="center">Drinks reception</p>	

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

8.30-9.00	Registration		
PARALLEL SESSIONS 3.1.A – 3.1.D			
<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.A 9.00-10.30 Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.B 9.00-10.30 Large Briefing Room – LBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.C 9.00-10.30 Small Briefing Room – SBR</p>	<p align="center">PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.D 9.00-10.30 Caucus Room 11 – CC11</p>
<p align="center"><i>Interactive Session: Why Should We Talk the ‘TED talk’?</i> <i>Chair: Vivienne Benson, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Cross-Cutting Theme: Children in cities Chair: Stephen Devereux, Centre for Excellence in Food Security, University of Western Cape/IDS</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Theme 4: Healthy Adolescent Development Chair: Gina Crivello, Young Lives</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Interactive Session: How to Measure Multidimensional Child Poverty using MPI</i> <i>Chair: Chris Oldiges, OPHI</i></p>
<p>Interactive session with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicola Ansell, Brunel University - Vivienne Benson, IDS 	<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>	
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00-12.30	<p>Wrap Up and Closing Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agnes Akosua Aidoo, International Board of Trustees, ACPF - Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child - Steen Lau Jorgensen, World Bank - Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative - Marlen Mondaca, Save the Children Canada - Richard Morgan, Save the Children - Charlotte Lillefjære-Tertnæs, CROP 	