

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:<br/><i>Opening Session</i></b>   | Conference Room 2 –<br>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>- Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Social Development Policy Division, UNECA</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:<br/><i>Theme 1 – Setting the Scene:<br/>Who and Where are the Poor<br/>Children?</i></b>   | Conference Room 2 –<br>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:<br/><i>Theme 2 – Child Sensitive Social<br/>Protection: Making Social<br/>Protection Work for Children</i></b>                         | Conference Room 2 –<br>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:<br/><i>Theme 3 – Ensuring Access to<br/>Basic Services for All: Reaching<br/>and Linking the Poorest and<br/>Most Marginalised</i></b> | Conference Room 2 –<br>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>- tbc</li> <li>- Tewodros Gebreab, Child Protection, Team Leader, MoWCA</li> </ul>   |
| <b>14.30-15.30</b>        | <b>Session 1.5:<br/><i>Theme 4 – Supporting Secure<br/>Transitions to Adulthood</i></b>  | Conference Room 2 –<br>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:<br/>Parallel Sessions 1.6.A – 1.6.D</b>  | See detailed<br>overview   |   |

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 1.6.A – 1.6.D**

| <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.A</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.B</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.C</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 1.6.D</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>  |
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| <p align="center"><i><b>Theme 1: Measurement of Child Poverty</b></i><br/> <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><br/> <i><b>Chair: Steen Lau Jorgenson, World Bank</b></i></p>   | <p align="center"><i><b>Theme 3: Health and Early Development</b></i><br/> <i><b>Chair: Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF</b></i></p>   | <p align="center"><i><b>Theme 4: Transitions to Work and Livelihoods</b></i><br/> <i><b>Chair: Jo Boyden, Young Lives</b></i></p>  |
| <p>Do demographics matter for the poverty of African children? -<br/> 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 -<br/> 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 -<br/> Saleem Oluwafemi Falowo, Nigerian Defence Academy</p> | <p>Smarter social protection? Impacts of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme on child outcomes -<br/> Catherine Porter, Heriot-Watt University</p>  | <p>Improvement of maternal and newborn health in Malawi –<br/> 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 –<br/> Gina Porter, Durham University</p>                        |
| <p>Child poverty and its impact on child well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa –<br/> Mariana Coolican, UNICEF Guinea Ecuatorial</p>  | <p>‘Shame-proofing’ anti-poverty interventions - lessons from Uganda -<br/> 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-<br/> Oluwaseyi Somefun, University of Witwatersrand</p>        | <p>Can they get there? Aspirations and setbacks of working children in Addis Ababa –<br/> Mulugeta Emebet, Addis Adaba University</p>                                      |
|  |  |   | <p>Towards ensuring the ‘Youth Bulge’ for structural transformation -<br/> Alebel Bayrau Weldesilassie,<br/> Ethiopian Development Research Institute</p>                  |

**DAY 2 – TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER**

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| <b>8.30-9.00</b>   |   | <b>Registration</b>   |   |
| <b>PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.1.A – 2.1.D</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.A</b><br><b>9.00-10.45</b><br><b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b>   | <b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.B</b><br><b>9.00-10.45</b><br><b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b>  | <b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.C</b><br><b>9.00-10.45</b><br><b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b>  | <b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.D</b><br><b>9.00-10.45</b><br><b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b>  |
| <b>Theme 1: Nutrition</b><br><b>Chair: Christine Muyama,</b><br><b>Graça Machel Trust</b>  | <b>Theme 2: Economic Empowerment</b><br><b>Programming and Impact on Children</b><br><b>Chair: Tia Palermo,</b><br><b>UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research</b>   | <b>Theme 3: Combating Child Poverty through</b><br><b>Education</b><br><b>Chair: Pauline Rose,</b><br><b>ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</b>  | <b>Theme 4: Key Transitions and Risk during</b><br><b>Adolescence</b><br><b>Chair: Alula Pankhurst,</b><br><b>Young Lives Ethiopia</b>  |
| 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   | Gendered time allocation over the life-course: youth transitions to productive activities in Ethiopia – Zlata Bruckauf, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research                                     |
| 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:<br>- Richard Arden, DFID Ethiopia  | 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                        |
| <b>10.45-11.15</b>   |   | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |   |

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.2.A – 2.2.D**

| <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.A</b><br/> <b>11.15-13.00</b><br/> <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.B</b><br/> <b>11.15-13.00</b><br/> <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.C</b><br/> <b>11.15-13.00</b><br/> <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.2.D</b><br/> <b>11.15-13.00</b><br/> <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>   |
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| <p><i>Theme 1: Longitudinal and Qualitative Perspectives of Child Poverty</i><br/> <b>Chair: Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</b></p>   | <p><i>Theme 2: Integrated Approaches to Social Protection for Children</i><br/> <b>Chair: Tim Conway, DFID</b></p>   | <p><i>Theme 3: Education and Marginalisation</i><br/> <b>Chair: Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</b></p>   | <p><i>Interactive Session: World Café -Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges in Evidence Informed Decision Making</i><br/> <b>Chair: James Georgalakis, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative</b></p>                                  |
| <p>Beating the odds: why have some children fared well despite growing up in poverty? Longitudinal evidence from Young Lives, Ethiopia –<br/> Gina Crivello, Young Lives</p>  | <p>Towards comprehensive social protection for children in South Africa -<br/> Aislinn Delany, Children’s Institute</p>  | <p>Mechanisms behind inequality in educational opportunities: The case of Ethiopia –<br/> 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 –<br/> 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 -<br/> Neesha Fakir, Save the Children</p> | <p>Addressing poverty and inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa: Fostering inclusive education of children with disabilities -<br/> Serges Djoyou Kamga, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA</p>   |   |
| <p>Refusing categorization: cartographies of child poverty and vulnerability in Kenya -<br/> Elizabeth Ngutuku, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University</p>   | <p>Strengthening child-sensitive social protection for human development in Africa: a multi-country study of Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa –<br/> Samuel Igbatayo, Afe Babalola University</p>            | <p>Inequality in schooling for rural children in Ethiopia -<br/> 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><br/> <b><i>How Does Evidence Inform Policy and Practice in the Fight against Child Poverty and Inequality?</i></b><br/> 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>- Maura Leary, Communications Lead, Poverty Global Practice, 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><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.B</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.C</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.D</b><br/> <b>16.00-17.30</b><br/> <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>   |
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| <p align="center"><i><b>Cross-Cutting theme: Migration, Conflict and Uncertainty</b></i><br/><br/> <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><br/> <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><br/> <i><b>Chair: Paul Lynch, University of Birmingham</b></i></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>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>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>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>Strengthening community based child protection for vulnerable children in Sierra Leone - Mike Wessells, Columbia University</p>                                   | <p>Panel discussion with:<br/>                     - Workneh Yadete, Young Lives<br/>                     - Kiros Berhanu, Young Lives<br/>                     - Tigist Grieve, University of Bristol<br/>                     - Yasabu Berkneh, MoE, Ethiopia (tbc)<br/>                     - 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**

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| <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><br/> <b>9.00-10.30</b><br/> <b>Conference Room 2 – CR2</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.B</b><br/> <b>9.00-10.30</b><br/> <b>Large Briefing Room – LBR</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.C</b><br/> <b>9.00-10.30</b><br/> <b>Small Briefing Room – SBR</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3.1.D</b><br/> <b>9.00-10.30</b><br/> <b>Caucus Room 11 – CC11</b></p>  |
| <p align="center"><i><b>Interactive Session: Why Should We Talk the ‘TED talk’?</b></i><br/> <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><br/> <b>Chair: Chris Oldiges, OPHI</b></p> |
| <p>This interactive session will begin with a Ted Talk by Nicola Ansell, Brunel University with an opportunity for Q&amp;A:</p> <p>‘Child marriage campaigns are missing the point’</p> <p>This will be followed by a discussion and interactive exercise led by Vivienne Benson focusing on skills for writing and delivering a Ted Talk</p> | <p>Analysing child stunting in Africa: Does urbanization make a difference? - Saurabh Sinha and Kalkidan Assefa, ECA</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>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>Young adolescents’ sexual and reproductive health literacy and implications for their healthy transition into adulthood – Mokhantso Makoae, HSRC</p> <p>Disentangling adolescents’ vulnerability to gender-based violence through a capability lens in Ethiopia and Rwanda – Nicola Jones, ODI</p> <p>Link between child marriage and economic empowerment in addressing child poverty - Barbara Kalima-Phiri, World Vision International</p> | <p>Interactive session with Chris Oldiges on the use of MPI for child poverty measurement</p>   |
| <b>10.30-11.00</b>  | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |  |   |
| <b>11.00-12.30</b>  | <p><b>Wrap Up and Closing</b><br/>         Conference Room 2 – CR2</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agnes Akosua Aidoo, International Board of Trustees, ACPF</li> <li>- tbc</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>  |   |