



The First AfECN International Conference on Early Childhood Development

16th - 19th October, 2018 Safari Park Hotel NAIROBI, KENYA

16th October: Side meetings for skills development
17th - 19th October: Main Conference



PROGRAMME



Africa Early Childhood Development Conference, Nairobi Kenya

7:00 - 18:00		REGISTRATION 15TH OCTOBER		SAFARI PARK
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS - 16TH OCTOBER 2018				
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	
7:00 - 20:00	Registration	Registration will be open all day	Safari Park & KSMS	
8:00 - 18:00	Leadership Development: Gobaal Leaders for Africa	Strengthening Advocacy for National Early Childhood Programmes Facilitated by the World Forum Foundation	Safari Park	
8:00 - 18:00	Enhancing Quality in Early Learning	Gender Responsive Pedagogy Facilitated by Dr Sheila Wamahiu, Jaslika Consulting Quality assurance for Early Childhood Programs Facilitated by Dr Peter Mwaura, Kenyatta University Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX): GPE Consultative Meeting Facilitated by Christian McConnell, Global Partnership for Education	Safari Park	
8:00 - 18:00	Creating Child-centred Classrooms	Improving Classroom Practices Facilitated by CCC Working Group	KSMS	
8:00 - 18:00	Enhancing Quality in Early Learning	Financial Management for National Networks Facilitated by Crowe Erastus and Co Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX): GPE Consultative Meeting Facilitated by Christian McConnell, Global Partnership for Education Digital Marketing Digital4Africa Resource mobilisation Facilitated by Elite Consultants	KSMS	
8:00 - 18:00	Implementation Research	Implementation Research Mentorship Program Proposal writing & Research project Implementation Facilitated by AfECN Research Mentors	KSMS	
8:00 - 18:00	Turning Policies into Concrete Action at the County level in Kenya	Workshop for Implementation of ECD at County level Organized and facilitated by RTI - Tayari Programme ECDAN Knowledge platform Facilitated by ECDAN Secretariate	Safari Park	
8:00 - 18:00	Responsive Caregiving: An Overview for Administrators and High Level Health Care Workers	An Orientation to Responsive Caregiving Facilitated by Oscar Kadenge, PATH and Najma Rashid, AfECN Experiences, Tools and Skills for Planning, Implementing, and Monitoring Parenting Programs Facilitated by an Interagency Consortium: o World Vision International - Ana Tenorio & Viktorya Sargsyan o Save the Children - Caroline Dusabe o Plan Kenya - Caroline Linda o ChildFund International - Kathryn Moore & Damaris Wambua	KSMS	
DAY 1 MORNING SESSION: NURTURING CARE FRAMEWORK - 17TH OCTOBER 2018				
CHAIR FOR THE MORNING SESSION: PROF KOFI MARFO, CHAIR AfECN BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
TIME & ACTIVITY		DESCRIPTION		
8:00 - 8:30	Arrival	Musical Presentation: Afrizo Voices		
8:30 - 9:30	PLENARY SESSION	SETTING THE SCENE: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES <i>Session Chair: Prof. Kofi Marfo, AfECN Board Chair</i> Speakers: Ms. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta Regional Director - UNESCO Dr Rudolf Eggers Head of Diplomatic Mission - WHO Mr. Felipe Jaramillo Country Director - World Bank Ms. Maniza Zaman Representative - UNICEF Dr. Lynette Okengo, Executive Director - AfECN		
9:30 - 10:30	PLENARY SESSION	SETTING THE SCENE II: THE NURTURING CARE FRAMEWORK AND IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNTRIES IN THE AFRICAN REGION <i>Moderator: Dr. Joan Lombardi, Director Early Opportunities</i> Speakers: "Understanding the Nurturing Care Framework" Dr. Bernadette Daelmans, GENEVA, Coordinator Policy, Planning and Programme Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health - WHO "Countdown to 2030" Prof. Linda Richter - AfECN Board Member. Distinguished professor - DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, University of the Witwatersrand		

10:30 – 11:00

HEALTH BREAK

11:00 - 13:00

OPENING CEREMONY

PLENARY SESSION

To be advised by Government Reception

DAY 1 AFTERNOON SESSION: HEALTH, NUTRITION & RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING - 17TH OCTOBER 2018

CHAIR FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION: MAGGIE KAMAU - BIRURI, AfECN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

14:00 - 15:00

NURTURING CARE IN PRACTICE

PANEL DISCUSSION

Introduction: Dr. Teshome Desta WHO, Medical Officer, Child and Adolescent Health, ESA - WHO
Moderator: Ms. Maniza Ntekim, UNICEF, Regional Advisor, Early Childhood Development ESARO- UNICEF

Panelists:
Dr. Osman Warfa, Head, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health Unit – Ministry of Health, Kenya Ms. Svetlana Doneva, Communication Specialist, Ilifa labantwana – SOUTH AFRICA
Ms. Caroline Dusabe, ECCD Specialist, Save the Children – UGANDA
Dr. Takele Lakew, Health and Nutrition Advisor, World Vision - SUDAN
Mr. Hillary Tanyanyiwa, Zimbabwe, OVC Programme Manager, J F Kapnek Trust – ZIMBABWE

15:00 - 17:00

LEAD AND INVEST

PARALLEL SESSION I

Introduction: Dr. Stewart Kabaka, Deputy Head, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health Unit, Ministry of Health - KENYA
Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chabi, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition - WHO KENYA

Speakers:
“Peruvian experience of reducing chronic malnutrition”
Ms. Ariela Luna Florez - Former Vice-Minister for Social Policy and Evaluation – PERU
“Integrating Nurturing Care into Health service delivery: Experiences from Siaya County”
Ms. Beatrice Oyugi, PATH – KENYA
Integrating ECD interventions into HIV and health services to ensure expanded coverage of holistic nurturing care”
Ms. Fiona Burt - Senior Technical Advisor, M2M - SOUTH AFRICA
“The Malezi Program: Supporting Health Providers and Caregivers to Promote Early Stimulation of Children Under Five”
Ms. Josephine Ferla – EGPAF – TANZANIA
Ensuring Essential Health Services for all Children: Provincial Health & Nutrition Program (PHNP)
Claudia Parry – Research Analyst – PAKISTAN
“Strengthening Collaboration across Sectors in Namibia: IECD Strategic Framework”
Ms. Eline Nghitwikwa, Director, Community Empowerment & Early Childhood Equality and Child Welfare - NAMIBIA

15:00 - 17:00

FOCUS ON THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

PARALLEL SESSION II

Introduction: Ms. Lilies Njanga, Manager, Childhood / External Engagement and Communications
Moderator: Ms. Melissa Kelly, Director, Child Development and Protection - ChildFund International

Speakers:
“Lessons learned from implementing Care for Child Development in community health systems in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda
Dr. Sweta Shah, Global Lead, ECD - Aga Khan Foundation – USA
“Supporting Families for Nurturing Care: Resource Package for Home Visitors”
Ms. Liana Ghent, Executive Director, ISSA – NETHERLANDS
“Experiences on Eritrea-ECD parenting initiatives”
Ms. Abeba Habtom – ECCE Head, Ministry of Education – ERITREA
“Early Childhood Development (ECD): Overview of three years' holistic approach in Egypt:
Dr. Abla Alalfy - Founder and Executive Director- Our Dream Initiative – EGYPT
“Promoting Parenting Practices through Cash Transfers in Niger”
Mr. Stanislas Honkuy, Africa Early Years Fellow – NIGER

15:00 - 17:00

MONITOR PROGRESS

Introduction: Prof. Amina Abubakar, Senior Research Scientist, Institute for Human Development, Aga Khan University
Moderator: Rob Hughes, CIFF - LONDON

PARALLEL SESSION III

Speakers:

"Data and Accountability: Population Based Indicators and Measurement Framework"
Dr. Tarun Dua - WHO Medical Officer, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse - WHO

"Data and Accountability: Population Based Indicators and Measurement Framework"
Ana Nieto - Early Childhood Development Specialist - UNICEF HQ

"Early Childhood Development for the Poor: Impacting at Scale"
Ms. Pamela Jervis - Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies (EDePo) Institute for Fiscal Studies, London - UNITED KINGDOM

"Nurturing Care: Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health in Africa and Asia (ENRICH)"
Ms. Alice Yugi - Program Officer Nutrition World Vision -KENYA

15:00 - 17:00

STRENGTHEN SERVICES

Introduction: Ms. Tina Hyder, Deputy Director, Early Childhood Program, Open Society Foundation
Moderator: Mr. Oscar Kadenge, ECD Manager, PATH - KENYA

PARALLEL SESSION IV

Speakers:

"Outcomes of Preterm and Low Birth Weight Children Enrolled in the Pediatric Development Clinic: A Model to Improve Health, Nutrition And Development Outcomes For High-Risk Under-Five Children In Rural Rwanda"
Ms. Catherine Kirk - Maternal and Child Health Partners In Health/Inshuti Mu Buzima -RWANDA

"Stronger Institutional Systems for Better Early Childhood Development Outcomes through Catholic Women Religious Institutes in Malawi, Kenya and Zambia"
Ms. Bertha Mpepo - Project Manager, SCORE-ECD -MALAWI

"Community-based organizations' experiences, successes, and challenges in using Care for Child Development - Reports from Tanzania and Zambia"
Mr. Ronald Kimambo - Learning and evaluation officer, Firelight Foundation -TANZANIA/ZAMBIA

The role of civil society in promoting nurturing care through the health system in South Africa
Dr. Wiedaad Slemming - Senior Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand -SOUTH AFRICA

"Strengthening and Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce at Scale: Community Health Workers and the Expansion of First 1000 Day Services in South Africa"
Ms. Kavita Hatipoglu - Results for Development (R4D) - SOUTH AFRICA

15:00 - 17:00

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES

Introduction: Dr. Elizabeth Lule - Executive Director, ECDAN
Moderator: Matthew Fry, Associate Director, Maternal Child Health and Nutrition Program, Global Integrated ECD/Nurturing Care Program Lead, PATH, Washington DC

PARALLEL SESSION V

Speakers:

"Lessons from The Reach Up and Learn Programme in Zimbabwe"
Mr. Karl Riber, Country Director - JF Kapnek Trust - ZIMBABWE

"Integrating responsive caregiving into health services: Using mHealth to promote nurturing care among communities in Siaya County"
Ms. Jane Katanu - Senior Service Designer Medic Mobile, KENYA

"Integrating responsive caregiving into digital community health system for maternal and newborn health at scale in Zanzibar"
Ms. Erica Layer - CEO D-Tree International - TANZANIA

"Harnessing video and mobile technology to support and scale responsive caregiving and neurodevelopmental health"
Ms. Martha Vibert - Director, SPARK Boston Medical Center (International universal baby) - USA

Play Prescriptions in Health Facilities
Diego Adame, Learning through Play in Early Childhood, LEGO Foundation - USA

"Improving postpartum and postnatal health-seeking behaviors through a series of discrete SMS messages delivered to mothers during the neonatal period"
Mr. Sathy Rajasekharan, Jacaranda Health - KENYA

LEVERAGING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR MULTI-SECTOR ECD OUTCOMES

Facilitator: World Vison

PARALLEL SESSION VI

The Nurturing Care Framework identifies the frontline health workforce as the leading wedge into addressing holistic ECD outcomes at household/family level. CHW programmes have traditionally been focused on maternal, child health and nutrition outcome, versus holistic child development outcomes. While there is evidence of CHW capacity to address singular ECD issues, the extent to which CHWs can employ large, multi-dimensional curricula with quality is debated. In this session World Vision will share research, case studies on global CHW interventions such as Go Baby Go, integrated policies and tools. Participants will be led through a model for leveraging CHWs for holistic ECD outcomes and development of recommendations.

17:00 - 18:00

Networking, Rest and Reflection

18:00 - 19:00

**County First Ladies Cocktail
Networking Cocktail for County First Ladies**

DAY 2 MORNING SESSION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY LEARNING - 18TH OCTOBER 2018

CHAIR FOR THE MORNING SESSION: Dr. YUMIKO YOKOZEKI, DIRECTOR UNESCO-IICBA

TIME & ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
7:45 - 8:00	Welcome Afrizo Voices
8:00 - 9:00	GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES IN EARLY LEARNING
PLENARY SESSION	<p>Moderator: Dr. Yumiko Yokozeki – Director UNESCO IICBA</p> <p>Speakers: “The promise of achieving SDG 4.2 in Africa” Dr. Cliff Myers – ARNEC Board of directors</p> <p>“Towards Achieving AU Agenda 2063: Early Childhood Education and Development Cluster Dr. Beatrice Njenga - Head, Education Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology African Union Commission</p> <p>“Unlocking Africa’s Potential: The Role of the Early Childhood Workforce” Hon. Wilson Sossion - President, EIRAF and General Secretary, KNUT –KENYA</p>
9:00 - 10:00	EARLY LEARNING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
PARALLEL SESSION I	<p>Facilitator: Dr. Juliana Seleti Senior, AfECN Secretariat, Lecturer: ECD and FP Faculty of Education NWU, Potchefstroom Campus - SOUTH AFRICA</p> <p>Speakers: “Learning Roots in Ethiopia: Early Learning Systems Strengthening by Communities to Unlock Children’s Potential” Mr. Demeke Fekadu, Early Childhood Development Specialist, World Vision – ETHIOPIA</p> <p>“Fostering the Scientific Knowledge of Preschool Children Using Yoruba Songs and Rhymes” Ms. Akintemi Eileen Oluwakemi, AfECN Research Fellow, University of Ibadan – NIGERIA & Prof. Kofi Marfo, Director IHD</p> <p>“Decoration or distraction: Print rich environment promotes access and quality” Mr. Andrew Ofori Dankyi, World Vision - GHANA</p> <p>“Early Childhood Education Quality Indicators: Exploring the Landscape of An African Community Perspective” Dr. Godfrey Ejuu, AfECN Research Fellow, Kyambogo University – UGANDA</p>
9:00 - 10:00	FOCUS ON THE EARLY LEARNING WORKFORCE
PARALLEL SESSION II	<p>Facilitator: Dr. Francois Kampundu - UNICEF Deputy Representative - Benin</p> <p>Speakers: “Promotion of Decent Work for Early Childhood Education Personnel”. Assibi Napoe, Chief Regional Chief Coordinator at Education International Africa Region.</p> <p>“Induction of beginning teachers in Ethiopian schools with reference to pre-school programs” Prof. Moges Yigezu - Associate Professor of Linguistics Department of Linguistics and Philology, Addis Ababa University –ETHIOPIA</p> <p>“Improving Implementation of Early Childhood Education in Kenya: The Case of Tayari Programme in Kenya” Dr. Evangeline N. Nderu, Project Director, Tayari Programme RTI International –KENYA</p> <p>“Creating Child Centered Classrooms” Ms. Edith Sebatane, Lecturer, National University of Lesotho -LESOTHO</p>

9:00 - 10:00

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF EVIDENCE AND SERVICES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: LESSONS LEARNT AT THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Facilitator: Kofi Marfor, Chair of Board, AfECN/Director Institute for Human Development, Agha Khan University

PARALLEL SESSION III

The Institute for Human Development (IHD) is an AKDN/AKU system-wide entity established to advance knowledge on human development, with emphasis (during its foundational years) on young children's development in the context of family, community, and other societal institutions that influence children's well-being within resource-poor regions of the world. The Institute is particularly dedicated to the production and dissemination of knowledge with direct relevance for policies, programmes, and professional practice. It seeks to build a culture of intellectual engagement across the system to promote important thematic, cross-disciplinary, collaborative research questions. This session will highlight ongoing work of the institute aimed at building/strengthening the early childhood development workforce across the region; lesson learnt from implementation of parent education programmes in informal settlements and development of integrated early childhood interventions. The set of presentations will provide the audience with a glimpse of the Institute's work in informing research, policy and practice.

10:00 - 10:30

HEALTH BREAK

10:30 - 12:30

SCALLING UP EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator: Ms. Tina Hyder, Deputy Director, Early Childhood Program, Open Society Foundation

PARALLEL SESSION I

Speakers:

"Improving School Readiness at Scale: Results from the Kenya Tayari Intervention"
Dr. Ben Piper, Senior Director, Africa Education, RTI International - KENYA

"The School Readiness Programme: Improving Equitable access to quality pre-primary education in Tanzania"
Mr. Erick Kilala, Teacher Development Specialist, EQUIP - TANZANIA

"Ethiopia's Path towards Equitable Preprimary Education: Experience from O-Class"
Mr. Fitsum Zewdu Mulugeta, World Bank Fellow - ETHIOPIA

"Early Childhood Development and Family - Imbuto Foundation"
Ms. Julian Ingabire Country Director ICRI - RWANDA

"Early Childhood Development is Everyone's Business: Holistic Community-based Approach"
Ms. Lang Ma, Education Specialist - UNICEF Sierra Leone - SIERRA LEONE

"First Steps Partnerships Coordinator, Save the Children"
Ms. Marie Diane Uwamahoro - RWANDA

10:30 - 12:30

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

Moderator: Ms Rokhaya Diawara, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO

PARALLEL SESSION II

Speakers:

Mobile technology as a catalyst for early learning and responsive caregiving
Ms. Lyndsey Petro, Innovation Edge - SOUTH AFRICA

"How PLAY is revolutionizing early childhood learning in Kenya: A case study of Kidogo in Nairobi's Informal settlements"
Ms. Janet Mwitiki Director of Learning & Play Kidogo Early Years - KENYA

"East African Play Grounds"
Ms. Carla Gill CEO & Founder, East African playgrounds (EAP)

"The Techniques Of Early Years Theatre As A Developmental Tool"
Ms. Margot Wood, Department Education Cape Peninsula of Technology - SOUTH AFRICA

"Fursa kwa Watoto Programme"
Mr. Craig, Ferla, Children in Cross Fire - TANZANIA

"Innovative Communication and Advocacy Strategies for better Early Learning Outcomes"
Ms. Karima Grant - Founder, Director of Imaginationsafrika - SENEGAL

10:30 - 12:30

ENHANCING EQUITY

Facilitator: Ms. Maya Soonarane, ADEA - ICQN Co-ordinator, Ministry of Education, Mauritius

PARALLEL SESSION III

Speakers:

"Building the Foundations of Equity - Guidance on Policy Analysis and Review"
Dr. Sheila Parvyn Wamahiu, Jaslika Consulting - KENYA

"Interactive Radio Instructions (IRI) - A tool for delivering Quality ECD Services in resource-constrained and hard to reach environments"
Ms. Caroline Dusabe, Save the Children - UGANDA

"Building a Peaceful and Sustainable Future"
Dr. Binyam Sisay Mendisu, UNESCO-IICBA

"Early childhood development through good parenting practices in resource-poor communities under social safety net intervention"

Dr. Patricia Norolalao, World Bank Fellow – MADAGASCAR

"Experiences on implementation of Accelerated School Readiness Programme"

Mr. Dawit Azene, Ministry of Education – ETHIOPIA

10:30 - 12:30

ADDRESSING ECD IN FRAGILE AND HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS

Facilitator: Dan Irvine, Senior Director Health and Nutrition, World Vision International

In fragile contexts and emergencies positive ECD outcomes face unique challenges, including weaker services/systems and safety nets, and political deprioritization in the face of emergency needs. The ability of children to not only survive, but thrive, is critical to breaking the cycles of inter-generational poverty and violence that are root causes of fragility. In this session, World Vision will present research/case studies on integrated programs, positive parenting and nurturing care interventions in fragile contexts, South Sudan, Uganda, DRC, Ethiopia, Uganda and Palestine. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with community system strengthening approaches included Go Baby Go, Targeted Counseling, Channels of Hope, Community Health Committees and Child Friendly Spaces.

12:30 - 13:30

HEALTH BREAK

DAY 2 AFTERNOON SESSION: SECURITY & SAFETY - 18TH OCTOBER 2018

CHAIR FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION: ASTER HAREGOT, AFECN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13:30 - 14:30

GLOBAL OVERVIEW AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON SAFETY AND SECURITY

Moderator: Joan Lombardi, Director Early Opportunities

PLENARY SESSION

Speakers: "Neurodevelopmental challenges gaps and challenges in Africa's response"
Prof. Amina Abubakar, Senior Research Scientist, Institute for Human Development, Aga Khan University

"Transitioning from Fragile Contexts to long term development: Strengthening community level child protection systems"
Tina Ojuku, Technical Advisor Child Protection and Participation, World Vision International

14:30 - 15:30

UTILISATION OF DATA IN SECURITY & SAFETY INTERVENTIONS

Moderator: Ana Tenorio, Senior Education Advisor, WVI

PARALLEL SESSION I

Speakers: Enhancing Early Child Development through a Supportive Parenting Program: Illustration of a New Kenyan Initiative
Dr Nyokabi Kibuku, Nairobi Hospital – KENYA

Monsters in the closet: The prevalence, associated factors and interrelatedness of adverse childhood experiences in young South African adults
Mercy Manyema, AfECN Research Fellow – SOUTH AFRICA

Child Protection and Very Young Children: Findings and next steps from an Ethnographic Study in Siaya County, Kenya
Damaris Wambua, Child Fund – KENYA

14:30 - 15:30

STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Moderator: Sherrilee Ann Le Mottee, World Bank, Early Years Program

PARALLEL SESSION II

Speakers: Strengthening early childhood intervention services in Gauteng, South Africa
Weidaad Slemming, Division of Community Paediatrics, University of the Witwatersrand – SOUTH AFRICA

Facilitators and Barriers to Inclusive Early Childhood Education in Southern Africa: Perspective from Practitioners
Spive Chakawa, Institute of Human Development, Aga Khan University – KENYA

CECHE model of Early Intervention for Children with Cerebral Palsy
Joseph Munyandamutsa, CECHE Foundation – RWANDA

14:30 - 15:30

GLOBAL INSIGHTS ON ECD INTERVENTIONS IN EMERGENCY CONTEXTS

Moderator: Joan Lombardi, Director, Early Opportunities

PARALLEL SESSION II

Speakers: Early Childhood Development in Emergency Contexts
Dr. Sweta Shah, Global Lead, ECD, Aga Khan Foundation - USA

Sesame Workshop
Danny Labin, Sesame Workshop - USA

Rebuilding Resilience in the Youngest Refugee
Mari Ullman, Moving Minds Alliance - NETHERLANDS

Nurturing Care in a Refugee Context: Viability of Integrated Child Friendly Spaces
Lawrence Okello, World Vision International - UGANDA

14:30 - 15:30

INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN ON THE FRINGES

Moderator: Velaphi Mamba, Education Programme Manager, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa

PARALLEL SESSION III

Speakers: From humanitarianism to family building: genres of security implications of child adoption as a management strategy for infertility
Olayinka Modupe Onyemi, Landmark University Omu-Aran- NIGERIA

Left in the Shadows and Locked Out of the Community Support Services: The Double Tragedy of Parental Imprisonment
Rose Opiyo, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology - KENYA

Evaluating Kinship and Foster Care Arrangements: A Case Study of Families in SOS Alternative Care Pilot Programme in Kibulgeny Location, Kenya
Rael Ogwari, AfECN Research Fellow- KENYA

"Consensus Statement on Group Care for Children and Adolescents: A Statement of Policy of the American Orthopsychiatric Association Group Care Consensus Paper"
Prof Abraham Sagi-Schwartz, University of Haifa

15:30 - 16:30

HEALTH BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

16:30 - 17:30

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE REGION: DISCUSSIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

PARALLEL SESSION I

Integrating Gender into safety and security interventions,
Facilitator: Tina Ojuka, World Vision International

Opportunities in programming for children with disabilities
Facilitator: Andrea Torres, Bernard van Leer Foundation

Next steps in strengthening fragile contexts
Facilitator: Damaris Wambua, Child Fund International

Legal implications in safety and security
Facilitator: Melissa Kelly, Director Child Development and Protection, Child Fund International

Deinstitutionalisation in the region
Facilitator: Rael Ogwari, AfECN Research Fellow

15:30 - 17:30

CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES

PARALLEL SESSION II

Moderator: Amanda Devercelli

This session will explore the use of fellowship programs as a means to building capacity of young scholars in Africa. It will include a discussion on gaps and challenges across various fellowship programs and strategies to enhance collaboration across fellowship programs. Participants will have the opportunity to hear experiences from current fellows.

Day 3 – Data, Partnerships & Financing - 19th October 2018 - Safari Park Hotel

CHAIR FOR THE MORNING SESSION: MAGGIE KAMAU - BIRURI

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
7:30 – 7:50	Welcome	Afrizo Voices
7:50 - 8:00	Multi-Media Display	The Tale of Two Girls: World Bank Video
8:00 - 10:00	INNOVATIVE FINANCING STRATEGIES	
PARALLEL SESSION I	Facilitator:	Arif Neky, Advisor for Strategic Partnerships, UN Resident Coordinator's Office
		“Early Childhood Finance and Financing Tools” Ms. Amanda Devercelli, Global Lead for ECD and Program Manager for the Early Learning Partnership, World Bank
		“Launching the first Social Impact Bond for ECD in Africa “ Ms. Fiona Burt - Senior Technical Advisor, ECD - Mothers2Mothers
		“All Children on Track by Grade 4” Dr. Sebatso Manoeli, Director of Innovation, DG Murray Trust
8:00 - 10:00	ENHANCING COMMUNICATION AND ADCOCACY	
PARALLEL SESSION II	Facilitator:	Mark Elliot Global Leader Program Director, World Forum Foundation
		“Reframing Early Childhood Development and Learning” Dr. Teresa Mwoma and Dr. George Owino, AfECN
		Campaigns contributed to the increase in the access and budgetary allocations Mr. Henry Kabwe, Media Network on Child Rights and Development
		Big Data and children's data protection Ms. Jennifer Kaberi, Mtoto News
		The Role of Advocacy in Improving Child Outcomes: A call to action Dr. Joan Lombardi, Director Early Opportunities
8:00 - 10:00	AU ECED CLUSTER MEETING	
PARALLEL SESSION III	Facilitated by Dr. Beatrice Njenga - Head, Education Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology African Union Commission	
	ECED Cluster TORs	
	ECED Cluster Workplan	
	ECED Cluster Technical Committees	
8:00 - 10:00	DFID / GLOBAL CHALLENGES RESEARCH FUND (GCRF) / BRITISH ACADEMY FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH	
PARALLEL SESSION IV	Facilitated by Dr. Beatrice Njenga - Head, Education Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology African Union Commission	
	Facilitator: James O'Donoghue, Education Advisor, The UK Department for International Development	
		<i>The critical importance of effective early childhood development (ECD) is clear, and increasingly acknowledged globally - more countries are developing ECD policies and scaling up ECD interventions. However, gaps in the evidence remain, especially in low and middle income settings. More research is needed to understand how to implement complex, multi-sector policy, and to scale cost-effective services to reach more children with good quality interventions that work.</i>
		<i>In this session DFID will present emerging research priorities and plans on ECD-specific, 'at scale' implementation-focused research. Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback and shape the design of DFID's future research programme so that it produces policy- and implementation-relevant research.</i>

10:00 - 10:30

HEALTH BREAK

10.30 - 11:30

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION FOR GREATER IMPACT

Facilitator: Ms. Maniza Ntekim, UNICEF Regional Advisor, Early Childhood Development (ECD) UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Office

PLENARY SESSION

Panellists:

Ms. Maggie Kamau-Biruri, Board of Directors, AfECN
Mr. James O'Donoghue, Education Adviser, Education Research Team, DIFD
Ms. Sheila Manji, Consultant, PMNCH Secretariat
Ms. Elizabeth Lule, Executive Director, ECDAN

11:30 - 13:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

TRIBUTE TO ECD CHAMPIONS

PLENARY SESSION II

Presenters

Aster Haregot Board of Directors – AfECN
Amb Inonge Lewanika
Prof. Robert Serpell

Closing Ceremony
Details to be provided