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Budgeting for Children in Africa

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Conference Programme



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Tuesday, 7 December 2010

8:00 – 9:00 Registration at the United Nations Conference Centre

9:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

Chair: Dr. Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child,
Chairperson, ACPF Administrative Council of the International Board of Trustees

Opening Statements:

- **H.E. Dr. Salim A. Salim**, Secretary-General, Organisation of African Unity (OAU) (1989-2001); Chairperson, International Board of Trustees, ACPF

- **Mr. Abdoulie Janneh**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

- **Mme Akila Belembaogo**, UNICEF Representative to the AU and UNECA

- **H. E. Mr. Koen Vervaeke**, Ambassador of the EU to the African Union Commission

- **H. E. Mr. Hans Blankenberg**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Royal Netherlands Embassy

Launch of The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2011

Hon. Jessica Alupo, Minister of State for Children in the Ministry of Gender,
Labour and Social Development of the Republic of Uganda

- ***Towards an Era of Accountability: Budgeting for Children in Africa*** by Mr. David Mugawe,
Executive Director, The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session I: Budgeting for Children: A Priority for Africa

Chair: Mr. Jean-Baptiste Zoungrana, Director of Child and Adolescent Protection Department, Ministry of Social Action and National Solidarity, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

- Mme Agnes Kabore, Chair, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- Dr. Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Mr. Gezahegn Kebede, Regional Director, Southern and Eastern Africa, Plan International

Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14.00 -16.00 Session II: Budgeting for Children: Experiences

Chair: Mme Eta Tadesse, UNFPA Representative to the AU and UNECA

- *The Opportunities and Challenges of Child Budget Work in the SADC Region* by Ms. Petronella Murowe, Child Budget Network, Institute for Democracy in South Africa
- *Budget Advocacy for Youth* by Mr. Sulemana Abdulai, Youth participant, Plan West Africa Regional Office
- *Budgeting for Children in Africa: What are the lessons,* by Ms. Mariam Umarji, Public Financial Management, MB Consulting, Mozambique
- *“Budgeting for Children: The Asian Experience”* by Ms. Enakshi Ganguly, Co-Director, HAQ Centre for Child Rights
- *‘Budgeting in an uncertain world: Reckoning with economic and financial crises’* by Mrs. Paola Renata Pereznieto, Overseas Development Institute Research Associate

Discussions

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18.00 Session III: Advancing Child Rights through Social Budget Work

Chair: Mme Akila Belembaogo, UNICEF Representative to the AU and UNECA

Panelists:

- *Working with the Ministry of Finance: Exploring Crisis Response Policies through Macro-Micro Simulations* by Ms. Sarah Hague, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Burkina Faso
- *Working with Governments: The Tools and Role of Budget Observatories* by Mr. Isa Achoba, Chief, Strategic Planning Monitoring and Evaluation, UNICEF Kenya and Mr. Godfrey Ndenge, Social Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance Kenya
- *Cross-cutting Work in the Social Sectors: An Expenditure Tracking Survey of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programmes in South Africa* by Mr. George Laryea-Adjei, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF South Africa

Discussions



Wednesday, 8 December 2010

9.00 - 10.45: Session IV: Going Beyond the Big Picture: Ensuring Equity and Inclusion

Chair: Ms. Christine Cornwell, Member International Board of Trustees, ACPF

- ***Child budgeting in Africa*** by **Dr. Takawira Mumvuma**, Policy Research Coordinator, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa
- ***Budget allocations for addressing family violence*** by **Prof. Jeanne Flavin**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Fordham University, USA
- ***Gender responsive budgeting for children*** by **Mr. Yehualashet Mekonen**, Senior Programme Manager, The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF),
- ***Investing in child protection*** by **Ms. Beatrice Ogutu**, Regional Advisor, Child Protection Advisor, Regional Office, International Child Support, Africa

Discussions

10.45 – 11.15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 13.00 **Session V: Budgets, the World Economy and International Cooperation**

Chair: Prof Jaap Doek, Member International Board of Trustees, ACPF

- ***"Investment in Children: The role of international cooperation and NEPAD*** by **Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie**, Director, Economic Development and NEPAD Division, United National Economic Commission for Africa
- ***Holding the state accountable: Ensuring equity and inclusion*** by **Mr. Aboubacry Tall**, Regional Director, Save the Children, UK, Western and Central Africa
- ***Rethinking the Millennium Development Goals for Africa*** by **Prof. Stephen Peterson**, Lecturer in Public Policy Harvard Kennedy School

Discussions

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:45 Session VI: Towards a Framework of Policy and Advocacy

Chair: Mr. Aboubacry Tall, Regional Director, Save the Children, UK, Western and Central Africa

Panel: Presentation by a Working Group

Discussion

14:45 – 15:45 Session VII: Budgeting for Children: What Next?

Chair: Mr. Aboubacry Tall, Regional Director, Save the Children, UK, Western and Central Africa

Mme Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, African Centre for Gender and Social Development
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mme Cissé Mariama Mohamed, Ag. Director for Social Affairs, African Union

H.E. Monsieur Kalidou Diallo, Ministre de l'Enseignement Prescolaire, de l'Elementarie du
Moyen Secondaire et des langues natinales Republique du Senegal

Hon. Jessica Alupo, Minister of State for Children in the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social
Development of the Republic of Uganda

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

**16:15 – 16:35 Session VIII: Closing Statement – Dr. Assefa Bequele,
Distinguished Fellow – ACPF**