Call for Papers


CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Over the past decade, there has been an increased international focus on child poverty, social inclusion, and the protection of African children. It has thus become common for governments on the continent to present strategies intended to: address child vulnerability; protect the physical and emotional integrity of children from; and create an inclusive environment for all children to develop and participate in all spheres of life.

This Conference – themed - ‘Towards a Child Sensitive Society in Africa’, seeks to explore the centrality of children in African contexts. It offers a multiplicity of child rights stakeholders - researchers; law and policy makers and implementers; civil society; international agencies; and service providers, an opportunity to revisit the thought-provoking Universalist and Cultural Relativist debates of childhood, and engage on issues around child poverty, social exclusion and social budgeting; and child abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation.

In keeping with the right to be heard and taken seriously, this Conference provides a rare platform for children from various backgrounds to engage directly with all stakeholders on issues that affect them.

It is hoped that this conference will culminate in innovative and feasible approaches to child welfare in Africa, with measurable outputs, which may be integrated into government and private initiatives.

SUB-THEMES

The papers will be presented in sessions based on the themes below

- **Track 1 – Reconciling Child Rights and Culture**
- **Track 2 – Social Inclusion, Poverty and Social Budgeting**
- **Track 3 – Protection from Violence, Exploitation Neglect and Abuse**

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