## 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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| 08.30-10.00 | Session 1.1: Opening Session  
Conference Room 2 – CR2  
- 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  
- Representative, ECA, (TBC)  
- 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  
- 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  
- 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  
- 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  
- Tweodros Gebreab, Child Protection, Team Leader, MoWCA |
| 14.30-15.30 | Session 1.5: Theme 4 – Supporting Secure Transitions to Adulthood  
Conference Room 2 – CR2  
- 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 |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| **Theme 1: Measurement of Child Poverty**  
*Chair: Pierella Paci, World Bank* | **Theme 2: Impact of Social Protection on Children**  
*Chair: Steen Lau Jorgenson, World Bank* | **Theme 3: Health and Early Development**  
*Chair: Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF* | **Theme 4: Transitions to Work and Livelihoods**  
*Chair: Jo Boyden, Young Lives* |
| 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 | Smarter social protection? Impacts of Ethiopia’s Productive Safety Net Programme on child outcomes - Catherine Porter, Heriot-Watt University | Improvement of maternal and newborn health in Malawi – Albert Dube, Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit (MEIRU), Karonga Demographic and Health Surveillance | Physical and virtual mobility for youth employment: reflections on findings from two research projects – Gina Porter, Durham University |
| | | | Towards ensuring the ‘Youth Bulge’ for structural transformation - Alebel Bayrau Weldesilassie, Ethiopian Development Research Institute |
## DAY 2 – TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER

### 8.30-9.00
Registration

### 9.00-10.45

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.A**
9.00-10.45  
Conference Room 2 – CR2

**Theme 1: Nutrition**  
Chair: Christine Muyama, Graça Machel Trust

- 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

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.B**
9.00-10.45  
Large Briefing Room – LBR

**Theme 2: Economic Empowerment Programming and Impact on Children**  
Chair: Tia Palermo, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research

- Impact of VUP Programme on children’s wellbeing in Rwanda – Francisca Mujawase, ILO Rwanda

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.C**
9.00-10.45  
Small Briefing Room – SBR

**Theme 3: Combating Child Poverty through Education**  
Chair: Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative

- Making the grade: Understanding what works for improving literacy outcomes in rural Uganda – Victoria Brown, Mangotree Uganda

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.1.D**
9.00-10.45  
Caucus Room 11 – CC11

**Theme 4: Key Transitions and Risk during Adolescence**  
Chair: Alula Pankhurst, Young Lives Ethiopia

- Gendered time allocation over the life-course: youth transitions to productive activities in Ethiopia – Zlata Bruckauf, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research

### 10.45-11.15
Coffee Break

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### Theme 1: Longitudinal and Qualitative Perspectives of Child Poverty
**Chair:** Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

- Beating the odds: why have some children fared well despite growing up in poverty? Longitudinal evidence from Young Lives, Ethiopia – Gina Crivello, Young Lives
- 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
- Refusing categorization: cartographies of child poverty and vulnerability in Kenya - Elizabeth Ngutuku, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University

### Theme 2: Integrated Approaches to Social Protection for Children
**Chair:** Tim Conway, DFID

- Towards comprehensive social protection for children in South Africa - Aislinn Delany, Children’s Institute
- 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

### Theme 3: Education and Marginalisation
**Chair:** Pauline Rose, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative

- Mechanisms behind inequality in educational opportunities: The case of Ethiopia – Ilze Plavgo, EUI
- Addressing poverty and inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa: Fostering inclusive education of children with disabilities - Serges Djoyou Kamga, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA
- Inequality in schooling for rural children in Ethiopia - Tigist Grieve, University of Bristol

### Interactive Session: World Café - Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges in Evidence Informed Decision Making
**Chair:** James Georgalakis, ESRC-DFID Impact Initiative

- Interactive session with:
  - Andrew Long, DFID
  - Carolina Sanchez, World Bank
  - Mike Wessells, Columbia University
  - Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF

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**13.00-14.00**  
**Lunch**

**14.00-15.30**  
**Session 2.3:**  
*How Does Evidence Inform Policy and Practice in the Fight against Child Poverty and Inequality?*

**Chair:** Benyam Dawit Mezmur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

- 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

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**Cross-Cutting theme: Migration, Conflict and Uncertainty**
Chair: Yisak Tafere, EDRI and Ethiopia Centre for Child Research

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.A**

- Poverty among orphaned children and child-headed families in sub-Saharan Africa: an overview - Shimelis Tsegaye Tessema, ACPF

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.B**

- Theme 2: Child protection and care Chair: Keetie Roelen, Institute of Development Studies

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.C**

- Theme 3: Equitable Access to Education for Equitable Development in Ethiopia Chair: Jack Rossiter, Young Lives

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.D**

- Theme 3: Workshop to Explore the Complexities of Helping Children with Disabilities to be ‘School-Ready’ in Malawi Chair: Paul Lynch, University of Birmingham

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**“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

**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

- Participatory peer research on children living outside of family care in Uganda - Joyce Wanican and Noah Robert Nyende, AfriChild Centre, Makerere University

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.A**

- Strengthening community based child protection for vulnerable children in Sierra Leone - Mike Wessells, Columbia University

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.B**

- Poverty among orphaned children and child-headed families in sub-Saharan Africa: an overview - Shimelis Tsegaye Tessema, ACPF

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.C**

- Scaling-up early learning in Ethiopia: the potential of O-Class for equitable development – Jack Rossiter, Workneh Yadete, Kiros Berhanu, Young Lives

**PARALLEL SESSION 2.4.D**

- Interactive workshop on mapping tools and interventions to help inclusion of children with disabilities into schools in low-resource settings

**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)

**17.30-19.00**

Drinks reception
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<td>Social Protection for Poor Children in Urban Settings in Ghana: The Role of Urban Planning - Michael Addaney, University of Energy and Natural Resources</td>
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