Child Poverty and Social Protection in Western and Central Africa

Sunday 22nd May 2016
Arrival flights

19.00 Welcome dinner for presenters
Venue: Bolton White Hotel

The time for the presentations is divided as follows:
15 minutes for presentation
10 minutes for discussant
20 minutes for general discussion

Monday 23rd May

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome remarks
UNICEF Representative Jean Gough,
Honourable Commissioner Macroeconomic Policy and Research – Mr. Mamadou Traore,
Honourable Commissioner Social Affairs and Gender – Dr. Fatimata Dia Sow (TBC)

09:20 - 09:30 Opening Statement by the Honourable Ambassador of Norway to Nigeria – Mr Rolf K. Ree,

09:30 - 10:00 Key note presentation:
"Inequality Matters for Children", by Jan Vandemoortele, Independent researcher (formerly with ILO, UNDP, and UNICEF)

10:00 - 10:30 Q & A

10:30 - 10:45 Presentation of the objectives & dynamics of the workshop
Enrique Delamonica (UNICEF) & Alberto D. Cimadamore (CROP)

Session I: Understanding and Estimating Child Poverty in Western and Central Africa
Chair: Alberto Cimadamore, CROP and Almustafa Danjuma (UNICEF)

10:45 - 11:05 Morning coffee break

11:05 - 11:50 “Child poverty and deprivation in Nigeria: Evidence from most recent surveys”
Presented by Uchechukwu M. Ozughalu, Univ. of Nigeria, Nsukka & Fidelis Ogwumike, Univ. of Ibadan
Discussant: Eric Feubi Pamen, Univ. of Yaounde 2-Soa

11:50 - 12:35 “Economic shocks and child poverty in Togo: Child friendly policies matter”
Presented by Aristide Kielem, UNICEF Jordan
Discussant: Shailen Nandy, Bristol University

12:35 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:15 “Rural girl child poverty in different contexts: understandings from Ghana and North India”
Presented by Meera Tiwari, University of East London
Discussant: Olubukola Stella Adesina, University of Ibadan
14:15 - 15:00 “Applying the consensual method of estimating poverty in a low income African setting: The case of Benin”
Presented by Shailen Nandy, Bristol University
Discussant: Aristide Kielem, UNICEF Jordan

15:00 - 15:30 Afternoon coffee break

15:30 - 16:15 “Child poverty and inequality in Ghana: positive highlights from the new household survey”
Presented by Sarah Hague, UNICEF Ghana
Discussant: Michael Addadery, University of Energy and Natural Resources (Ghana)

16:15 - 17:00 “Assessing child poverty and multidimensional deprivation in Sub-Saharan Africa: A comparative analysis of D.R. Congo and Nigeria”
Presented by Samuel Igbatayo, Afe Babalola Univ. (ABUAD)
Discussant: Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World

17:00 - 17:30 End of day Q&A
Chair: Kenneth Ozoemenam

17:30 End of day 1

19.30 Dinner for presenters
Venue: Nkoyo Restaurant

Tuesday 24th May

Session I: Understanding and Estimating Child Poverty in Western and Central Africa (continued)

09:00 - 09:45 “Recent trends, incidence, depth and geographical distribution of child poverty in Cameroon and Senegal”
Presented by Eric Patrick Feubi Pamen, Univ. of Yaounde 2-Soa
Discussant: Mariana Coolican, UNICEF Equatorial Guinea

09:45 - 10:30 “Building on national census data for disaggregated child poverty and vulnerability mapping as an advocacy tool for adaptive social policy in Mauritania”
Presented by Daniela Gregr, UNICEF Mauritania
Discussant: Uchechukwu M Osughalu, Univ. of Nigeria, Nsukka

10:30 - 10:55 Morning coffee break

10:55 - 11:40 “Child poverty and social protection in Equatorial Guinea”
Presented by Mariana Coolican, UNICEF Equatorial Guinea & Joseph Uchudi, UNICEF consultant
Discussant: Carele Guilaine Djofang Yepndo, Univ. of Yaounde 2-Soa

11:40 - 12:25 “Child labour and child poverty trends across Nigerian states and regions: Does the benefit incidence of public spending on social sector services matter?”
Presented by Robert Chikwendu Asogwa, UNDP
Discussant: Samuel A. Igbatayo, Afe Babalola Univ. (ABUAD)
Session II: Systems of Social Protection in Western and Central Africa
Chair: Felix N’Zué (ECOWAS) and Maureen Zubie-Okolo (UNICEF)

13:30 - 14:15 “The girl-child and social protection in Nigeria”
Presented by Olubukola Stella Adesina, University of Ibadan
Discussant: Andrew E. Okem, Univ. of KwaZulu Natal

14:15 - 15:00 “Targeting and universality in social protection. Lessons learned from the African experience”
Discussant: TBC

15:00 - 15:30 Afternoon coffee break

15:30 - 16:15 “Making sense of clustering countries in West and Central Africa for improved UNICEF engagement on Social Protection in the region”
Presented by Gustave Nebie, UNICEF Regional Adviser Economics, WCARO
Discussant: Robert Chikwendu Asogwa, UNDP

16:15 - 17:00 “Impact of social protection programs on the Ebola scourge in Sierra Leone: Lessons and recommendations”
Presented by Maryam Abdu, UNICEF Sierra Leone
Discussant: TBC

17:00 - 17:30 End of day Q&A
Chair: Adeniyi Olaleye, UNICEF

19:30 Dinner for presenters
Venue: At Art Gallery

Wednesday 25th May

Session III: Child Poverty and Social Protection in a Comparative Perspective
Chair: Enrique Delamonica (UNICEF) and Denis Jobin (UNICEF)

09:00 - 09:45 “Child poverty as a consequence of institutional weaknesses: An evaluation of social protection and social justice in Ghana”
Presented by Nana Derby, Virginia State University & Christiane Adetunde, Covenant University
Discussant: Meera Tiwari, University of East London

09:45 - 10:30 “Why social protection models fail: The importance of considering child poverty in the context of supporting extended families and communities”
Presented by Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World
Discussant: Daniela Gregr, UNICEF Mauritania
10:30 - 11:15 “Determinants and evolution of child non-monetary poverty in Cameroon and implications on social protection”
Presented by Carele Guilaine Djofang Yepndo, Univ. of Yaounde 2-Soa
Discussant: Gustave Nebie, UNICEF

11:15 - 11.45 Morning coffee break

11:45 - 12:30 “A comparative analysis of child social protection in Nigeria and South Africa”
Presented by Andrew Okem, Univ. of KwaZulu Natal
Discussant: Sarah Hague, UNICEF Ghana

12:30 – 13:15 “Child poverty and social protection policies: Perspectives and lessons from Ghana”
Presented by Michael Addaney, University of Energy and Natural Resources (Ghana)
Discussant: Amos Ogunwale, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:00 “Child poverty determinants and social protection policies in Nigeria”
Presented by Amos Ogunwale, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)
Discussant: C. Nana Derby, Virginia State University

15:00 - 15:20 Wrap-up of proceedings, publication of results and way forward
Enrique Delamonica (UNICEF) & Alberto Cimadamore (CROP)

15:20 - 15:35 Pronouncement of Conference Declaration (Country or ECOWAS Delegate)

15:35 - 16:00 Afternoon coffee break

Public session
16:15 - 17:30 Round table on “Poverty, social protection and policy coordination in regional economic integration”
Participants: Alberto Cimadamore (CROP),
Gustave Nebie (UNICEF),
Dennis Zulu (ILO),
Felix N’Zué (ECOWAS), and
Enrique Delamonica (UNICEF)

Moderator: Reindorf Sipi Ankumah (UNICEF)

17:30 End of Workshop

Evening departure flights