



Caribbean Child Research Conference



Jamaica Pegasus Hotel
Kingston, Jamaica

October 21-22, 2008

Promoting Child Rights Through Research

"Building a Region fit for Children"



AGENDA



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES – DAY 1

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

R E G I S T R A T I O N

OPENING SESSION

Chairperson: Neville C. Duncan

Director,

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI, Mona

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome

Nada Marasović

Deputy Representative and Officer-in-Charge

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Jamaica

9:10 – 9:40 a.m.

Greetings

- Nigel Harris
Vice Chancellor
The University of the West Indies
- Kwame Boafo
Director
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Joan Neil
Director
Organization of American States (OAS)
- Representative
Ministry of Health
Jamaica
- Audrey Sewell
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education
Jamaica
- Danielle Edwards
Outstanding Child Researcher 2007

9:40- 9:45 a.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Audrey Budhi

Director

Policy Planning and Evaluation

Child Development Agency

9:45- 10:15 a.m.

Keynote Address

The Honourable Olivia Grange, M.P.

Minister of Information, Culture, Youth and Sport

Jamaica

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Entertainment: School Performance – Mona Preparatory

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: *Child Rights in the Caribbean*
Chairperson: Pauline Knight, Planning Institute of Jamaica

The Ballroom

Presenters:

- Maureen Samms-Vaughan – *Status of the Rights of the Young Child in Jamaica*
- Barbara Bailey – *Adolescent Child Rights in the Caribbean*
- Elsa Leo-Rhynie (Distinguished Researcher 2007) – *Overview of Child Rights in the Caribbean*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

L U N C H B R E A K

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Session 1: C O N C U R R E N T S E S S I O N S

Panel 1: *The Justice System and Child Rights* ***Montego Suite***
Chairperson: Lois Nelson, Office of the Children's Advocate

Paper 1: Ruel Cooke – *Child Care and Protection Act (CCPA) Baseline Survey*

Paper 2: Heather Gallimore, Winston McCalla – *Legislation and Standards in Early Childhood Care in St. Lucia and the Cayman Islands*

Paper 3: Natalie Walthrust Jones – *Children at Risk: The Need for Adequate Legislation*

Paper 4: Thalia Maragh – *Towards Restoration and Reintegration: A best practice model for Jamaica's child justice (juvenile justice) system*

Paper 5: Samora Bain and Jody-Ann Reece – *Gap Analysis of the Legal and Policy Framework and the Reality of Provisions for Children*

Panel 2: *Child Sexuality* ***Port Antonio Suite***
Chairperson: Joan Meade, Advanced Training and Research in Fertility Management Unit

Paper 1: Rosalie Barclay – *Protection Rights -Protective Environments in Homes, Schools and Communities Socio-environmental Vulnerabilities and Mainstreaming of Sexual Behaviour among Young Women*

Paper 2: Tazhmoye Crawford, Donovan McGrowder – *Sexual Reproductive Health; Lifestyle of Male Adolescents in Jamaica*

Paper 3: Kristin Fox, Georgiana Gordon-Strachan – *Sexual Activity among Adolescents 10-15 Years attending School in Jamaica*

Panel 3: *Child Rights, Parenting and Participation* ***Negril Suite***
Chairperson: Heather Ricketts, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work

Paper 1: Elsie R-M. Le Franc, Ian Hambleton, Uki Atkinson – *Parenting Practices, Family Structures and Social Exclusion among Adolescents in Jamaica*

Paper 2: Dwayne Cargill, Mary Clarke – *Child Participation: A Model for Child Advocacy*

Paper 3: Kandasi Levermore, Ann Marie E. Campbell, Tazhmoye Crawford, Jody Grizzle – *Respecting the Rights of the Child: Promoting Good Parenting in the 21st Century*

Paper 4: Carol Watson Williams – *Barriers to Parental Involvement in Adolescent Education: Issues of Power and Participation in Jamaica*

Paper 5: Annicia Gayle-Geddes – *Parenting Children with Disabilities in Jamaica: Identifying the Main Challenges and Policy Implications*

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Session 2: C O N C U R R E N T S E S S I O N S

Panel 4: Education and Child Rights **Port Antonio Suite**

Chairperson: Winston Forrest, Ministry of Education

Paper 1: Marigold J. Thorburn – *Potential for Improving Social Skills in Basic School Children: Meeting the Needs of Differently Abled Children*

Paper 2: Godfrey St. Bernard – *Early Childhood Education and Human Development Prospects: Are Some Children Disadvantaged?*

Paper 3: Dawn Stephenson, Christine Powell, Susan Chang-Lopez, Susan Walker – *Caregiver Training and Early Stimulation for Young Children in Child Care Facilities*

Paper 4: Kristin Fox – *Literacy and Numeracy Levels of Adolescents 10-15 Years Attending Primary and Secondary Schools in Jamaica*

Paper 5: Helen Baker-Henningham – *Parents' and Teachers' Perceptions of the Characteristics and Causes of Behaviour Problems of Preschool Children and Strategies Used to Manage Child Behaviour*

Panel 5: Violence and Protecting Our Children **Montego Suite**

Chairperson: Georgianna Gordon-Strachan, Faculty of Medical Sciences

Paper 1: Julie Meeks Gardner, Charles Katz, Julio Rosenblatt – *Reports of Gangs in Antiguan Schools*

Paper 2: Rona Jualla-Ali and Nico van Oudenhoven – *Lowering the Tolerance towards Violence against Children: Lessons Learnt from Nicaragua and Trinidad and Tobago*

Paper 3: Corin Bailey – *Childhood Experiences of School and Community Violence within Poor Communities in Jamaica*

Paper 4: Sharon-Rose Gittens – *Parenting a Perpetrator*

Panel 6: CARICOM Youth Ambassadors **Negril Suite**

Chairperson: Stephanie Thomas, Former Jamaica Youth Ambassador

Paper 1: Terri Ann Gilbert-Roberts – *Relevance, Functionality and Responsiveness of Youth Governance Structures*

Paper 2: TBC – *Adolescent and Youth Dreams, Vision, Aspirations*

Paper 3: Orlando Hamilton – *Adolescent Youth Risk and Vulnerability*

Paper 4: Dwayne Gutzmer – *CSME Perspectives of Adolescent and Youth*

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES – DAY 2

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

R E G I S T R A T I O N

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S PANEL (1) **The Ballroom**

Chairperson: Devon Yetman, RJR Communications Group

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PANEL (2) **The Ballroom**

Chairperson: Dervan Malcolm, Power 106 FM

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

L U N C H B R E A K

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

AWARDS CEREMONY – OUTSTANDING CHILD RESEARCHER 2008

Chairpersons: Marcia Higgins, Child, Family and Worker Advocate and Danielle Edwards, Outstanding Child Researcher, 2007

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Session 3: C O N C U R R E N T S E S S I O N S

Panel 7: The Media and Child Rights **Montego Suite**

Chairperson: Petrina Francis, The Gleaner Company

Paper 1: Marjan de Bruin – *Exploring Teenagers' Media Behaviour in Jamaica – Watching Television*

Paper 2: Anthea Edalere-Henderson – *Jamaican Children and Media Violence*

Paper 3: Althea Bailey – *Electronic Media Consumption of Adolescents: Opportunity Rather Than Threat*

Panel 8: Stigma and the Psychological Context **Port Antonio Suite**

Chairperson: Clement Branche, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work

Paper 1: Frederick Hickling, Vanessa Paisley, Tiffany Palmer, Jaswant Guzder, Hilary Robertson-Hickling – *"Dream-a-World – A Multi-Modal Cultural Therapy Intervention Model for High Risk Children in an Inner City Community*

Paper 2: Ava Thompson – *Service Learning in Child/Adolescent Psychology: Implications for National Child Development*

Paper 3: Winnifred Johnston – *An Investigation into the Self Esteem and Social Behaviours of Deaf and Hearing Students*

Paper 4: Joy Moncrieffe – *The Power of Stigma: Encounters with Street Children and 'Restavecs' in Haiti*

Panel 9: Millennium Development Goals, Policy Issues and Children **Negril Suite**

Chairperson: Christopher Smith, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Paper 1: Juliana S. Foster – *An Assessment of the Extent to which Policy Responses to the Millennium Development Goals Contribute to Child Centred Development - Country of Study St. Lucia*

Paper 2: Aldrie Henry-Lee – *Natural Disasters and Child Rights in the Caribbean*

Paper 3: Warren Benfield – *Migration, Remittances and the Well-Being of Children in Jamaica*

Paper 4: Laura Santos – *The National Health Insurance and Children in Belize*

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Session 4: CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Panel 10: Corporal Punishment and Violence among Children

Montego Suite

Chairperson: Kerry-Ann Lewis, United Nations Children's Fund

Paper 1: Christine Barrow – *The Right Not to be Hit: Unfinished Business on the Agenda for Caribbean Children*

Paper 2: Alva Graham – *Don't Let Them Hurt the Children*

Paper 3: Julie Meeks Gardner, Joan Thomas, Oral Khan – *Reports of Gangs in Jamaican Schools*

Panel 11: Keeping Our Children Healthy

Port Antonio Suite

Chairperson: Christine Powell, Tropical Medicine Research Institute

Paper 1: The Jamaican School and Home based Nutrition Intervention Pilot Project Beverly Blake-Scarlett, San San Win, Novie Younger, Sharmaine Edwards, Jan Van den Broeck, Colin McKenzie – *The Jamaican School and Home-based Nutrition Intervention Pilot Project*

Paper 2: Anne Staple, Tazhmoye Crawford Ann Marie E. Campbell – *Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues in the Context of Jamaica's Policy Environment Assessment Score (PEAS) 2008*

Paper 3: Priya Anaokar – *Stakeholder Perspectives on the Risk and Protective Factors for Child Mental Health in Jamaica*

Paper 4: Orville Wayne Beckford and Paul Andrew Bourne – *Factors that Influence Self-reported Health Status of Youth*

Panel 12: Youth Issues

Negril Suite

Chairperson: Danielle Toppin, Caribbean Internship Project

Paper 1: Paul Andrew Bourne – *Quality of Life of Jamaican Youth*

Paper 2: Delcina Williams – *The Educational Potential of Inner City Teens*

Paper 3: Beverley Clarke – *An Indigenous Model of Working with Adolescent Youth at Risk: The Leap Centre in Jamaica*

Paper 4: Grace-Ann Cornwall and Paul Bourne – *Modeling Sociodemographic and Psychoeconomic Factors that Influence Self-reported Health Status of Young and Older Females*

5:30 p.m.

Session 5: Closing Session

The Ballroom

Chairperson: Alison Anderson, Child Development Agency

- **Remarks:** Mrs. Mary Clarke,
Children's Advocate
- **Introduction of Research Award:** Dr. Aldrie Henry-Lee,
Conference Co-Chair
- **Award Presentations:**
 - ◆ **Distinguished Researcher, 2008**
- **Entertainment:** School Performance – Clan Carthy Comprehensive
- **Closing remarks:** Ms Nada Marasović,
Deputy Representative,
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Jamaica