



## PROGRAMME

### Launch of Child Protection Week 2007 Symposium on Tackling Child Poverty

**Theme:** *Renewing our pledge in a national partnership to tackle child poverty*

#### Objectives

**To discuss the magnitude of child poverty in South Africa, with the view to:**

- Review existing child poverty reduction strategies and interventions.
- Enhance existing plans towards reducing child poverty.

#### Outcomes

- Defined roles of stakeholders: Government, civil society, research and academic institutions.
- Unpacking the strengths and gaps of existing interventions.
- Generate discussions on appropriate monitoring and evaluation systems.

## Programme

#### DAY ONE

**DATE** : 28 MAY 2007

**TIME** : 08H00 – 10H00

#### OPENING SESSION

##### Registration

**Opening and Welcome:** Chair: Director-General  
Dept of Social Development, Mr Vusi Madonsela

**Opening Remarks** : Hon Mr Kgaogelo Lekgoro,  
MEC for Social Development, Gauteng Province

**Musical Item** : Soweto Marimba Band

**Opening Address** : Hon Minister of Social Development,  
Dr Zola Skweyiya

**TEA BREAK** : 10H00 – 10H15

## Panel Discussion

**CHAIR: Mr Fezile Makiwane, CEO South African Social Security Agency 10H15 – 12H30**

**Theme : Overview of Child Poverty, Policy and Programmatic initiatives**

**Ms Vuyelwa Nhlapo, DDG – Integrated Development:** Overview of state of children and child poverty in South Africa and interventions.

**Advocate Shereen Said: Chief Director, Dept of Justice, Child Maintenance**

**Katherine Hall – Civil Society, senior researcher - University of Cape Town - Civil Society:** Child poverty in South Africa.

**Prof Frances Lund:** University of KwaZulu-Natal: Social Security for Children: Policy Outcomes.

## Discussion/Q & A

**LUNCH : 13H00 – 14H00**

**CHAIR: Julianna Lindsey (UNICEF) 14H00 – 16H00**

**Theme: Tackling Child Poverty: International Experiences**

- Oscar Picazo - Programme Coordinator, World Bank :Child Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Prof Handa – Regional Policy Advisor, UNICEF. International comparative analysis of child poverty reduction strategies, Latin America, Africa and Asia
- Ms Raphaahle Ramokgopa: Monitoring and Evaluation: International Experiences

## Discussions / Q & A

## DAY TWO

**DATE: 29 MAY 2007**

**CHAIR: Thandi Sibanyoni, Executive Manager Internal Audit, SASSA**

Recap and confirmation of day's programme

**Ms Gillian Mphahlele:** Providing services to vulnerable children – experiences from rural communities

## Group Sessions: Plan of Action to Reduce Child Poverty

**Grp.1:** Facilitators: Mr **Marius Olivier** and Dr **George Mpedi**  
Comprehensive Social Security and social services to children

**Grp. 2:** Facilitator: **Chief Operating Officer - Mr Zane Dangor**  
Role of development partners – donor community, civil society and private sector

**Grp.3:** Facilitator: Chief Director: Community Development – **Ms Sadi Luka**  
Community-based approaches to alleviate child poverty

**Grp.4:** Facilitator: **Ms Mabel Rantla, Director: Office on the Rights of the Child in the Presidency**  
Child protection and development

### **Tea Break and finalization of Group Reports**

**CHAIR: Ms Thandi Sibanyoni, SASSA**

#### **Report Back from Groups/Presentation by Groups**

**Grp.1:** Social Security

**Grp.2:** Role of development partners – donor community, civil society and private sector

**Grp.3** Community based approaches to alleviate child poverty

**Grp.4:** Child protection and development

### **CLOSING SESSION: Minister/Deputy Minister**

**Chair: Ms Vuyelwa Nhlapo**

**Closing address: Proposals and Recommendations on Reshaping Interventions to Reduce Child Poverty**