

Pan-African Child Rights Forum (PACRiF)

Theme: *“30 years after the UNCRC and the ACRWC: recommitting to an Africa fit for children”*

Addis-Ababa, 16 January 2020 Venue: UNECA Conference Center

Draft Agenda

Time	Sessions and speakers	Moderators
8:00-9:00	Arrival and registration of participants	
9:00 -9:30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key note address on 30 years of UNCRC in Africa- Dr. Priscilla Idele, Deputy Director UNICEF Research • Hon. Ndayisenga Joseph, Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child • Her Excellency Mrs. Amma A. Twum-Amoah, Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the Africa Union and ECA • H.E Mrs. Amira Elfadil, AU Commissioner for Social Affairs 	Dr. Edward Addai
Session 1- Setting the scene: The Situation of Children		
9:30 -10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child rights implementation in Africa over the last 30 years: gains and challenges- Dr. Romola Adeola- Lecturer International law and legal studies- University of Pretoria • Data trends on the Child situation in Africa – 	Dr. Edward Addai
10:00-10:40	Deep dive Experts panel discussions: Progress, gaps and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Survival Rights in Africa- • Child Development Rights in Africa – Ms. Ana Elisa Santana Afonso- UNESCO Representative to Ethiopia and to the AU/ECA. • Child Protection Rights in Africa -TBD • Child Participation Rights in Africa- Dr. Elvis Fokala, Senior Post Doctoral Researcher – University of Stellenbosch, South Africa 	
10:40-11:10	Coffee Break	
11:10-11:40	Plenary discussions	TBC

Session 2: The evolving context and impact on Child Rights		
11:40-12:10	<i>The changing context and implications for Child Rights in Africa</i> - Prof. Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Lecturer Faculty of Law, University of Western Cape	
12:10-12:50	Deep dive Experts panel discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demography, economic growth, inequality and Child rights- UNICEF - TBD • Globalization, Technologies and Child Rights- Mr. Andrew Rugege, ITU Regional Director for Africa • Conflicts, climate change, forced displacements and Child Rights- Ms. Doris Mpoumou, Director and AU Representative, Save the Children International AU Liaison & Pan Africa Office • Governance Institutions, Voice and Child rights- Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) 	
12:50-13:00	Plenary discussions	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-14:30	Plenary discussions	TBC
Session 3: Moving forward the child rights in Africa: An Agenda for Action.		
14:30-15:30	Breakaway sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Legislative and policy priorities • Theme 2: Programmatic and accountability priorities • Theme 3: Family and community level actions • Theme 4: Partnerships and resource mobilization priorities 	
15:35-16:10	Presentation of group work	
16:10-16:40	Plenary session/Open discussions	
16:40-17:00	Health break	
17:00- 17:30	Presentation of the draft outcome document and discussions	
17:30-18:00	Closing remarks Dr. Edward Addai	