AN AFRICA FIT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:
WHAT INVESTMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR AFRICA’S HUMAN CAPITAL?

Date and time: 7 September 2023 | 9–10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time
Venue: Conference Room 3, Conference Building, United Nations Headquarters

Agenda

Welcome and introduction by H.E. Ms. Marie-Louise Koch Wegter, President of the UNICEF Executive Board, Chair

Opening remarks by Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF

Address by H.E. Mr. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros and Chairperson of the African Union

Video: “Africa’s children and young people: hope of the future”

Panel discussion

Moderator:
H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations and Vice-President of the UNICEF Executive Board

Panellists:

Member States
H.E. Mr. Osama Mahmoud Abdelkhalek Mahmoud, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations

H.E. Ms. Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

African Union
H.E. Ms. Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations

Human Capital Africa
Ms. Obiageli “Oby” Katryn Ezekwesili, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Human Capital Africa

Youth representatives
Ms. Yande Banda, young advocate on girls’ education, Zambia
Ms. Ketsia Passou, youth advocate on climate, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ms. Rawe Kefi, coordinator of the Children of the Earth Network non-governmental organization, Tunisia, and member of the group of young negotiators on climate change

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Ms. Félicité Tchibindat, UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa a.i.
Regional statements

Closing words by Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF

Closing of the Special Focus Session by H.E. Ms. Marie-Louise Koch Wegter, Chair

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