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The African Child Policy Forum

*Second International Policy Conference on the African Child*

## **Violence Against Girls in Africa**

(11-12 May 2006, United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa)

Conference Programme

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### **Thursday, 11 May 2006**

8.00 – 9.00 Registration, Coffee and Refreshments

#### **9.00 – 10.00 Opening Session**

- **About the Conference** – Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, The African Child Policy Forum and Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- **Welcome** - H.E. Dr. Salim A. Salim, AU Special Envoy and Chief Mediator for the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on Darfur; Secretary-General OAU (1989-2001); Chairman, International Board of Trustees, The African Child Policy Forum
- **Partnership for Children** - Mr. Jim Emerson, Chief Operations Officer, Plan International
- **My Wishes and My Pledge for Africa's Children** – Dr. Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- **Children's Declaration on Violence** – A Statement by African Children: A report from their two day pre-conference meeting on “*Violence Against Children*” May 9-10, 2006
- **Special Guest** - Madame Chantal Compaoré, Epouse du President du Faso (First Lady of Burkina Faso)
- **Opening Address** - H. E. Girma W / Giorgis, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

10.00-10.45

### **Special Sitting: Keynote Address**

**H.E. President Joaquim Chissano, former President of Mozambique and current Chairperson of the Africa Forum for African former Heads of State**



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10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

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11.15 – 12.45 **Plenary Session I : Violence, Women and Girls – The International Dimension**

**Chair:** Professor Jaap Doek, Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, and Member of the International Board of Trustees of the African Child Policy Forum

- ***Violence against Women: The International Dimension*** – Dr. Yakin Erturk, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women
- ***Dealing with Violence: Lessons from International Experience*** - Ms. Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda, UNIFEM Regional Programme Director for East and Horn of Africa
- ***Moving on from Violent Punishment of Children*** - Mr. Peter Newell, Coordinator of the Global Initiative to End Corporal Punishment of Children
- ***Plenary Discussion***

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

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14.00 – 16.00 - **Plenary Session II : Violence, Women and Girls – The African Dimension**

**Chair:** Adv. Bience Gawanas, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union, and Member of the African Child Policy Forum

***Violence against Girls in Africa: An Overview*** - Mr. David Mugawe, The African Child Policy Forum

## Panel Discussion

- ***Violence against Girls: Experience and Protection in Western Africa*** - Mr. Guy Massart, Plan International, West Africa Regional Office
- ***Sexual Violence against Girls and HIV/AIDS*** - Mr. Bunmi Makinwa, UNAIDS Country Representative, Ethiopia
- ***Violence against Children at Work*** – Mr. Yaw Ofosu, International Labour Organization
- ***Violence against Girls in Crisis and Conflict Situations*** – Ms. Florence Tercier Holst-Roness, International Committee of the Red Cross
- ***Violence against Girls in Schools*** - Ms. Maryce Ramsey, Director, Safe Schools Programme, USAID
- **Plenary Discussion**

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

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## 16.30 – 18.00 - **Plenary Session III : Violence by Children against Children: Children as part of the Solution**

**Chair:** Ms. Lena Karlsson, Global Advisor, Save the Children Sweden

- ***Violence by Children against Children: A Growing Concern*** – Ms. Carol Bower, Executive Director, Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
  - ***The Southern Africa Experience*** – Dr. Anthony Simpson, Social Anthropology Department, Manchester University, UK
  - ***The South America Experience*** – Mr. Gary Barker, Executive Director of Instituto Promundo, Brazil
  - ***The Asian Experience*** – Mr. Ravi Karkara, Regional Programme Manager (Nepal), Save the Children Sweden
  - **Comments by Children**
  - **Plenary Discussion**
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Friday, 12 May 2006

9.00 – 10.30 **Plenary Session IV : Towards a Common Position**

**Chair:** Ms. Christine Cornwell, Member of the International Board of Trustees, The African Child Policy Forum

***The UN Report on Violence against Children - Professor Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Independent Expert for the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children***

***Discussants: What does it mean for Africa?***

- Hon. Sofia Simba, Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children, United Republic of Tanzania
- Ambassador Salamata Sawadogo, Chairperson, AU Commission for Human and People's Rights
- Professor Jaap Doek, Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Mr. Don McPhee, West Africa Regional Office, Plan International

➤ **Plenary Discussion**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

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11.00 – 12.30 **Plenary Session V : Towards a Movement to Stop Violence against Children**

**Chair:** Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Chair, Global March against Child Labour, and Member of the International Board of Trustees, The African Child Policy Forum

**Panel Discussion**

- ***Grassroots Experience in Social Mobilisation: A Report from Ethiopia***  
Dr. Bogalech Gebre, Executive Director, Kembatta Women's Self Help Centre, Ethiopia
- ***Mobilising Girls against Violence*** - Ms. Mercy Musomi, National Coordinator, Girl Child Network, Kenya



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- ***Mobilising Against Harmful Traditional Practices: Lessons from Africa***  
Ms. Berhane Ras-Work, Executive Director, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
  - ***Social Mobilisation: Lessons from International Experience*** - Mr. Sergio Kristensen, Country Representative, Save the Children Denmark
  - ***Moving the Cause Forward*** - Dr. Amaya Gillespie, Director, Secretariat United Nations Secretary General's Study on Violence against Children
  - ***Plenary Discussion***

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

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### 13.30 – 15.00 **Plenary Session VI : What Governments Can Do**

**Chair:** Prof. Dharam Ghai, Member International Board of Trustees, The African Child Policy Forum

- ***Getting Governments to Account*** – Ambassador Moushira Khattab, Secretary General, National Council for Childhood & Motherhood and Vice Chair of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- ***Establishing Child Protection Systems*** - Ms. Margie de Monchy, Child Protection Advisor, UNICEF, Nairobi
- ***Addressing Violence: The South Africa Experience*** - Adv. Thoko Majokweni, Director, The National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa
- ***Establishing an Effective Legal System to deal with Violence*** Ms. Souad Abdennebi-Abderrahim, Regional Advisor for the Promotion of Women's Human and Legal Rights, UNECA
- ***Plenary Discussion***

15.00- 15.30 Coffee Break

### 15.30 – 16.30 **Plenary Session VII : The Declaration**

**Chair:** Mr. Ben Kioko, Director and Legal Counsel, African Union

- ***Presentation and Adoption of the Declaration***
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16.30 – 18.00 **Closing Session: A Call and Promise for Action**

**Chair:** H.E. Dr. Salim A. Salim, AU Special Envoy and Chief Mediator for the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on Darfur; Secretary-General OAU (1989-2001); Chairman, International Board of Trustees, The African Child Policy Forum

*[This closing session will be **unconventional** in the sense that speakers will be expected to focus on the way forward and pledge to specific actions to end violence against children.]*

- By Children
- H.E. Ambassador Tim Clarke, Head of Mission, European Union, Ethiopia
- Mr. Per Engebak, Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF
- Mr. David Muthungu, Regional Director, Southern and Eastern Africa, Plan International
- Mr. Jean Baptiste Zoungana, Chairperson, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child,
- Prof. Paulo Pinheiro, Independent Expert for the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children

***Special Guest Speaker:***

- **His Grace Archbishop John Onaiyekan, Catholic Archbishop of Abuja and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria**

- **THE PLEDGE**



**Saturday, 13 May 2006**

9.00-13.00: **The All-Africa Consultative Meeting of Child Rights, Youth, Women and Human Rights Organisations**

This is a special meeting of Civil Society Organisations to discuss how they could support each other and work together so as to create a strong Africa-wide movement for the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of African children.

It is being organised in collaboration with organisations such as the African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) and the Coalition of NGOs working for Children in Africa (CONAFE).