



Seventh IPC

“Our Shame: Crimes and extreme violence against children in Africa”

Provisional agenda

MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER: THE PROBLEM AND THE CONTEXT

Opening session and curtain raiser

This session sets the tone and places the conference in global and African context.

- **Our shame, our responsibility: A keynote speech by an African head of state**
- **Crimes and extreme violence against children: A Global Plague: Reflections by a Nobel laureate**
- **Words from a renowned African child rights champion**
- **A documentary film**

Session I

African and international frameworks for the protection of children from violence

This session lays down the international and African child rights instruments and mechanisms as they relate to crimes and extreme violence against children.

- **A panel of -**
 - **The African Union Department of Social Affairs**
 - **The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child**
 - **The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**

SESSION II SPECIAL SITTING

This session presents two broad perspectives about crimes and extreme violence against children against the backdrop of global and African commitments and the success and failure thereof

- A message from the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Crimes and extreme violence against children in Africa: Views of an angry African

Session III The problem and the drivers

This session presents the evidence around the extent and magnitude of the various manifestations of crimes and extreme violence against children in Africa as well as the driving factors and perpetrators.

- Ritual killings and child sacrifices in Africa
- Violence against children with disabilities and children with albinism in Africa
- Witchcraft-related violence against children in Africa
- The gender dimension of crimes and extreme violence against children

Session IV What is being done?

This session discusses the measures undertaken and related good practices demonstrated at various levels on the legislative, policy and programmatic fronts to combat crimes and extreme violence against children.

- Legislative and policy good practices: Expert analysis
- National experiences from Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria: Government perspectives
- The Asian experience

TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER: WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

SESSION V SPECIAL SITTING

This session highlights the religious and socio-cultural dimensions of crimes and extreme violence against children and the potential role of religion and culture in combating these crimes.

- The African child under the lens of religion: A keynote speech by a renowned African religious figure
- Society, values and children: Reflections by a renowned African scholar

Session VI What is to be done: African and global perspectives

This session deliberates on what needs to be done and what can be done by various stakeholders for achieving a more sustained and effective result in combatting crimes and extreme violence against children.

- Roles of African and global civil society in combating extreme violence against children
- Roles of development and funding partners
- Roles of the media

SESSION VII SPECIAL SITTING

This session benefits from the words of wisdom of two distinguished pan-Africanists and accomplished former African heads of state on the way forward.

- Words of wisdom

From two former Heads of State and fellows of ACPF's International Board of Trustees

This session adopts a continental programme of action for follow up, helps garner individual commitments and concludes the conference.

Session VIII What Next

- **Adoption of the programme of action**
- **Making it happen: A final word on the way forward**
- **Closing remarks**