

SYMPOSIUM ON CHILDREN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN AFRICA
4 - 5 November 2021

PROGRAMME
Day 1: 4 November 2021

Time	Activity
09:00-09:30	Registration – Coffee and tea
09:30-09:40	Opening Remarks- Prof Frans Viljoen, <i>Professor of Law, Director, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
	KEYNOTE PANEL
9:40 – 9:50	Chair: Dr Nkatha Murungi, <i>Assistant Director, Programmes, Centre for Human Rights</i>
	Panellists:
9:50 - 10:05	Prof Ann Skelton – <i>Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, Member of the UN CRC Committee</i> <i>The added value of the Abidjan principles in furthering/strengthening children's rights to education in Africa</i>
10:05 - 10:20	Prof Usang Maria Assim – <i>Dullah Omar Institute, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape</i> <i>The Implementation of Children's SERs in Domestic, African Law</i>
10:20 - 10:35	Prof Joy Ezeilo – <i>Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, (Nssuka), Nigeria</i> <i>Litigating Children's Socio-Economic Rights in African, Domestic Courts – Focus on the Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of the Girl child</i>
10:35 - 10:50	Mr Ayalew Getachew Assefa – <i>Senior Child Protection Officer, African Children's Committee</i> <i>The African Committee of Experts,' Response, to Strengthening the Implementation of Children's Socio-Economic Rights, in Regional, African Children's Rights Mechanisms</i>
10:50 - 11:05	Dr Alejandro Fuentes – <i>The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian, Lund University, Sweden</i> <i>The Evolution of the protection of the Socio-economic Rights of indigenous children in the Inter-American Human Rights System</i>
11:05 - 11:35	Questions and Answers
11:35-11:45	Short - Break
	PANEL 1 THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION – Part 1
11:45 – 11:55	Chair: Dr Robert Nanima, <i>Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Western Cape and Member of the African Children's Committee</i>
	Panellists
11:55 - 12:05	<i>Dr Charlene Kreuser & Ms. Amy-Leigh Payne – Candidate Attorneys – Legal Resource Centre, Cape Town</i>

12:05 - 12:15	<i>The right to education under the African Children's Charter and the South African Constitution: The obligation to address discrimination against transgender learners by allowing them to wear the school uniform that correspond to their gender identity</i>
12:15 - 12:25	<i>Dr Annemarie Strohwalde – Postdoctoral Fellow, faculty of Law, University of Stellenbosch The child's right to basic education in South Africa: The importance of reporting to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child</i>
12:25 - 12:35	<i>Mr Hoitsimolimo Mutlokwa - PhD Candidate, School of Law, KOÇ University, Istanbul, Turkey Best approaches home schooling education: balancing children's rights in the era of Covid in South Africa</i>
12:35 - 13:05	<i>Ms Olanike S. Adedokun – Instructor, School of Law, American University of Nigeria Child's Rights Awareness and the Enforcement of the Right to Education of Internally Displaced Children in Nigeria</i>
13:05 – 14:05	Questions and Answers Lunch
PANEL 2 THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION – Part 2	
14:05 – 14:15	Chair: Dr Musa Chibwana - <i>Senior Child Protection Officer, African Children's Committee</i>
14:15 - 14:25	<i>Ms Opal Masocha Sibanda - Legal Researcher, African Children's Committee Digital Transformation of Education during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons learnt on children's right to education and the 4IR in Zimbabwe</i>
14:25 - 14:35	<i>Dr Linet Sithole & Dr Cowen Dziva – (Lecturer, Peace & Development College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance Africa University, Zimbabwe AND Human Rights Commissioner – Zimbabwe, Human Rights Commission) Are we there yet? An assessment of the implementation of Article 11 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children in Zimbabwe</i>
14:35 - 14:45	<i>Dr Manase Kudzai Chiweshe - Senior Lecturer, Department of Social and Community Development, University of Zimbabwe Analysing the lived experiences of undocumented and unaccompanied child migrants from Zimbabwe to South Africa</i>
14:45 - 14:55	<i>Mr Njiti Lucius Batty – Advocate, High Court of Tanzania and Lecturer, University of Dodoma, Tanzania The implementation of child rights to education in Rwanda from the outset of genocide to the commemoration of 31st years of African Children's Charter</i>
14:55 – 15:25	Questions and answers
15:25 - 15:30	Closing Remarks – Day 1: Dr Elvis Fokala, <i>Project Manager, Children's Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
18:00	Networking Dinner

Day 2: 5 November 2021

Time	Activity
9:00 - 09:30	Registration – Coffee and tea
PANEL 3: CONTEMPORARY ASPECTS, RELATED TO CHILDREN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN AFRICA	
9:30 - 9:40	Chair: Prof Usang Maria Assim , <i>Dullah Omar Institute, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape</i>
9:40 - 09:50	Prof Ebenezer Durojaye , <i>Professor of Law and the Head of Project of the Socio-Economic Rights Project, Dullah Omar Institute, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape</i> <i>A Critical Review of the Right to health under the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child</i>
09:50 - 10:00	Dr Musa Chibwana , <i>Senior Child Protection Officer, African Children's Committee</i> <i>Social protection for children in Africa: the case of South Africa and Mauritius</i>
10:00 - 10:10	Mr Rongedzayi Fambasayi, Mr Negussie Dejene and Mr Yehualashet Mekonen - <i>Regional Senior Technical Officer, Children and the Law Programme, African Child Policy Forum, Ethiopia</i> <i>Spotlighting the commitment to invest in girl's rights in Africa: Reflections on recent developments</i>
10:10 - 10:20	Dr Robert Nanima - <i>Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Western Cape and Member of the African Children's Committee</i> <i>A suitable approach to Socio-economic rights? Revisiting the African Committee's decisions in MRGI v Mauritania and IHRDA v Cameroon</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Mr Nimrod Muhumuza & Dr Elvis Fokala – <i>Doctoral Candidate, Dullah Omar Institute, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, AND Project Manager, Children's Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights</i> <i>Children's Rights and Climate Change: An analysis of the utility of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to climate action in Africa</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Questions and Answers
11:00 - 11:15	Short – Break
PANEL 4 SURVIVAL, DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION	
11:15 - 11:25	Chair: Dr Fasil Mulatu , <i>Assistant Professor of Law, Director, Center for Human Rights - Addis Ababa University</i>
11:25-11:35	Ms Linda Ajemba – <i>Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i> <i>Contributions of 'The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child' to the Socio-Economic Rights of Children with Mental Disability</i>
11:35-11:45	Dr Zahara Nampewo – <i>Human Rights and Peace centre, School of Law, Makerere University</i> <i>Child's Play or Sexual Abuse? The Efficacy of International Law in Dealing with Child-to-Child Sex</i>

11:45 - 11:55	Ms Elizabeth Wanjiru Wambiri – <i>School of Law, Kenyatta University, Kenya</i> <i>Who owns a child's body? Tackling sexual reproductive health rights for the African Child through the lenses of autonomy</i>
11:55 – 12:00	Mr Haroub J. Almassy - <i>Policy Researcher, Dar es Salam, Tanzania</i> <i>An Assessment on the fund budgeted by Local Government Authorities to finance nutrition program A case of Momba district council in Tanzania</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Questions and Answers
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
	PANEL 5: PARENTAL CARE AND CHILD PROTECTION
13:30 - 13:40	Chair: Ms Matilda Lasseko-Phooko , <i>Programme Manager, Women's Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
13:40 - 13:50	Ms Chitalu Yalobi – <i>Advocate of the High Court for Zambia</i> <i>Carceral Geography and the African Children's Charter: A discussion on the Right of Children of Imprisoned Mothers to a Family Environment within the Notion of 'Carceral Spaces'</i>
13:50 - 14:00	Ms Grace Cheng - <i>Lawyer, Civil and Estates Litigation, Toronto, Canada</i> <i>Children's Right to Maintenance in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, With South Africa as a Case Study</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Ms Bwalya Chisanga - <i>LLM Student, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> <i>Children's right to health: A contextual analysis of the influences of Jehovah's Witness guardian' consent to life-saving medical procedures in Zambia</i>
14:10 – 14:20	Dr Kamgang Simeu Christelle Corinne – <i>Senior Lecturer, University of Dschang, Cameroon</i> <i>The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: A genuine tool for the protection of social and economic rights under the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child?</i>
14:20-14:30	Ms Thobekile Matimbe - <i>LLM Student, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> <i>The impact of children birth registration to their SER in Zimbabwe</i>
14:30-15:00	Questions and Answers
15:00 – 15:10	The way forward - Publications - Dr Elvis Fokala , <i>Project Manager, Children's Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
15:10 – 15:20	Closing Remarks - Mr Lloyd Kuveya – <i>Assistant Director, Operations, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
15:30 -	Farewell Braai