

DRAFT AGENDA

1st NGO Forum for Child-Rights Organizations in Africa

April 17-19, 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Venue to be determined

Day 1- Friday, April 17th, 2009

Time	Title of the session	Confirmed Presenter	Facilitator	Rapporteur
9:00- 9:30	Welcome and introduction of the 1 st NGO Forum	Dr. Assefa Bequele Dr. Abiola Tiley- Gyado Wambui Njuguna Save the Children representative	Chikezie Anyanwu	
9:30- 10:00	Setting the context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History from OAU to the AU • Presentation of the AU legal instruments that impact children • Presentation of the Call for Accelerated Action Towards an Africa Fit for Children 	AU Commission	Chikezie Anyanwu	
10:00- 10:30	Discussion			
10:30- 11:00	Tea break			
11:00- 11:30	<u>Setting the context: Panel discussion</u> Presentation of the Social Affairs Department- where are they going and what do they expect from civil society Presentation from the African Committee of	AU Department of Social Affairs and a representative from the ACERWC	UNICEF	

	Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child of their key priorities for 2010- 2014 and what do they expect from civil society			
11:30- 12:00	Discussion		UNICEF	
12:00- 12:30	How can civil society engage with the ACERWC?	Asa Rapp Baro, Save the Children Dr. Abiola Tiley-Gyado, Plan International	UNICEF	
12:30- 1:00	Discussion		UNICEF	
1:00- 2:00	Lunch			
2:00- 2:15	How Child-friendly are African Governments?: Priorities for Action:	Dr. Assefa Bequele, African Child Policy Forum		
2:15- 2:45	Discussion			
2:45- 4:15	<p>Parallel sessions: <u>Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Communications to the ACERWC: Panel presentation of the already-submitted communications (30 minutes) • Split into two groups: discuss and develop recommendations on a) how to ensure they are reviewed by the ACERWC and b) brainstorm on possible other communications that should be submitted (1 hour) <p><u>Reporting (State reports, alternative reports and concluding observations)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Mali and Tanzania on how they advocated for 	NGO Coalition representatives		

	<p>the state to submit its report and how they did the alternative report: process and challenges (30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split into two groups and discuss and make recommendations on: how state reports, alternative reports and concluding observations can be more effective <p><u>Rules of Procedure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observer Status • Communication and link to the African Court • Report obligation of Committee to Heads of State of AU <p>Stay in one group and discuss and make recommendations for the ACERWC on these issues</p>			
4:15- 4:30	Tea break			
4:30- 5:30	Report back from the group discussions			
5:30- 6:00	Nomination of a small group to pull together a draft communication to: 1) submit to the ACERWC and 2) to inform further NGO involvement			

Day 2- Saturday, April 18th, 2009

Time	Title of the session	Confirmed Presenter	Facilitator	Rapporteur
9:00- 9:30	Recap of yesterday's proceedings	Drafting committee		
9:30- 9:50	Presentation on the ACERWC Strategic Plan (2005- 2009)	ACERWC member		
9:50-11:30	Group work (4 language groups) Analyze the gaps and strengths of the current plan and recommend what should be incorporated into the new plan (using the Call for Accelerated Action as the guide)		4 Committee members to facilitate each of the groups	
11:30- 11:45	Tea and coffee break			
11:45- 1:15	Report back from the four groups and discussion and consolidation of the recommendations		Sophie Mosko and Chikezie Anyanwu, Save the Children	
1:15- 2:15	Lunch			
2:15- 2:45	Panel on current issues affecting children in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGO expulsion in Sudan • NGO law in Ethiopia 		Remember Miamingi, Africa-Wide Movement	
2:45- 3:15	Discussion and development of a position to recommend to the ACERWC		Remember Miamingi, Africa-Wide Movement	
3:15- 4:15	Brainstorming and strategic thinking. Two groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of the African Child • Update on what we are all doing this year and development a 		UNICEF	

	<p>recommendation for next year's theme</p> <p>AU Summit in July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a joint statement and plan for dissemination on how the agriculture and food security affects children 		David Mugawe, ACPF	
4:15- 4:15	Tea break			
4:45- 5:15	Reporting			
5:15- 5:45	Nomination of a small group to pull together a draft communication from the day's proceedings to: 1) submit to the ACERWC and 2) to inform further NGO involvement			

Day 3- Sunday 2009

Time	Title of the session	Confirmed Presenter	Facilitator	Rapporteur
9:00- 9:30	Recap of yesterday's proceedings	Drafting committee	Plan (Dr. Abiola)	
9:30- 10:00	Presentation by the NGO Forum before the ACHPR: learning from their experiences		Plan (Dr. Abiola)	
10:00-11:00	Brainstorming session for the agenda of the next NGO Forum		ANPPCAN	
11:00- 11:15	Tea and coffee break			
11:15- 12:15	Presentation and endorsement of the final communication that goes to the ACERWC		ANPPCAN	
12:15- 12:45	Closing session			