

ANNEX 1: CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

| Monday November 30, 2009 | | |
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| 9:00 - 9:50 | Opening Session Welcome Addresses Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, ACPF Dr. Irene Rizzini, President, Childwatch International Dr. David Parker, Deputy Director, UNICEF Innocenti Center Prof. Yanghee Lee, Chair, UNCRC | |
| 9:50 - 10:45 | Address by H.E. Minister Mufrihat Kamil, Ministry of Women's Affairs Address by the Guest of Honour H.E. The Right Honourable Joyce Banda, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi | |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:15 - 11:45 | Children's Rights and the UN Convention Prof. Jaap Doek, Former Chair, UNCRC | |
| 11:45 - 12:10 | Research and the UN Study on Violence Dr. Marta Santos Pais, UN Special Representative on Violence against Children | |
| 12:10 - 12:35 | The Child at the Heart of Policy Making Mr. Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF | |
| 12:35 - 13:00 | The Outcome Document: Purposes and Process Ms. Tincati Carlotta, Overseas Development Institute (ODI) | |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 14:00 - 17:00 | Thematic Round Tables | Moderators |
| | Health and Nutrition | Dr. Usha Nayar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India |
| | Education and Early Childhood | Mr. Per Egil Mjaavatn, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology |
| | Policies and Legislation | Mr. Per Engebak, Regional Director, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa |
| | Governance and Participation | Dr. Roger Hart, City University, New York |
| | Poverty and Inequality | Dr. Leif Jensen, The Pennsylvania State University, US |
| | Migration and Dislocation | Dr. Stuart Aitken, San Diego State University |
| | Social Welfare Services | Dr. Leila Patel, University of Johannesburg, South Africa |
| | Child Labour | Mr. Frans Röselaers, International Research on Working Children, The Netherlands |
| Note: Afternoon tea/coffee will be served at the Exhibition Concourse on the ground floor from 15:30 - 16:30 | | |

| Tuesday December 1, 2009 | | | |
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| 9:00 - 9:40 | <p>The Child at the Heart of Policy Making</p> <p>Dr. Agness Akosua Aidoo, Vice-Chair, UNCRC</p> <p>NGOs and Research based Programmes</p> <p>Mr. Jim Emerson, Deputy CEO, Plan International</p> | | |
| 9:40 - 11:00 | <p>Panel Discussion: CRC as a Framework for Research, Policy and Practice</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Akila Aggoune Belembaogo, Head, UNICEF Liason Office, Special Representative to the African Union (AU) and UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Yehualashet Mekonen, ACPF</p> <p>Ms. Shanta Sinha, Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India</p> <p>Dr. Sheila Greene, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>H.E. Mrs Clara M. Pulido, Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cuba</p> | | |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee Break | | |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | <p>Thematic Round Tables (Continued...)</p> <p>Health and Nutrition</p> <p>Education and Early Childhood</p> <p>Policies and Legislation</p> <p>Governance and Participation</p> <p>Poverty and Inequality</p> <p>Migration and Dislocation</p> <p>Social Welfare Services</p> <p>Child Labour</p> | <p>Moderators</p> <p>Dr. Usha Nayar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India</p> <p>Mr. Per Egil Mjaavatn, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology</p> <p>Mr. Per Engebak, Regional Director, UNICEF Easern and Southern Africa</p> <p>Dr. Roger Hart, City University, New York</p> <p>Dr. Leif Jensen, The Pennsylvania State University, USA</p> <p>Dr. Stuart Aitken, San Diego State University</p> <p>Dr. Leila Patel, University of Johannesburg, South Africa</p> <p>Mr. Frans Röselaers, International Research on Working Children, The Netherlands</p> | |
| | 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break | |
| | 14:00 - 15:00 | <p>Panel Discussion: Policies for Applied Child Research</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Robbie Gilligan, Childwatch International</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Haktor Helland, Ministry of Children and Equality, Norway</p> <p>Dr. Julie Meeks Gardner, University of the West Indies</p> <p>Dr. Lothar Krappmann, UNCRC</p> | |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | <p>Thematic Round Tables</p> <p>Studies and Models of Research Policy Dialogue</p> <p>Research as a basis for Monitoring and Reporting Systems</p> <p>Global Economic Policies</p> <p>Child Research as a National Infrastructure for Child Policies and Practices</p> <p>Participatory Child Research</p> <p>Academic Capacity Building</p> | <p>Moderators</p> <p>Dr. Rob Chaskin, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, USA</p> <p>Mr. Gerardo Sauri, Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en México</p> <p>Dr. Arowolo Mr. Stefan van der Swaluw, International Child Support</p> <p>Dr. Bettina Silbernagl, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit</p> <p>Dr. Natalie Bolzan, University of Western Sydney, Australia</p> <p>Dr. Vishanthie Sewpaul, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa</p> |
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| Wednesday December 2, 2009 | |
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| 9:00 - 9:20 | <p>The African Charter and Evidence based Policies Honourable. Ms. Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate, Chair, The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child</p> |
| 9:20 - 10:15 | <p>Gap Minder: Communicating Child Research Ms. Birgitta Rubenson, Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm</p> |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | <p>Doing Research to Influence Policy and Practice - Young People's Agenda-Presentations by Youth Delegates Aloys Angelo Fungafunga and Nyabuchwenza Metusela, TAMASHA, Tanzania Selome Araya, UNICEF Ethiopia Natan Tilahun, Speak Africa, Ethiopia</p> |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | <p>From Research to Policy: New Perspectives and Opportunities Dr. David Parker, Deputy Director, UNICEF Innocenti Center</p> |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | <p>The Double Invisibility: The Knowledge Deficit and Children in Africa Dr. Urban Jonsson, The Owls</p> |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | <p>Presentation of Key Recommendations in the Draft Outcome Document Ms. Tincati Carlotta, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)</p> |
| 14:30 - 16:00 | <p>Comments on Key Recommendations: Moderator: Mr. Jim Emerson, Deputy CEO, Plan International Dr. Agness Akosua Aidoo, Vice-Chair, UNCRC Prof. Andrias Eshete, President, Addis Ababa University Mr. Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF Prof. Rosaline September, Childwatch International Dr. Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, ACPF</p> <p>Summary of Recommendations Prof. Jaap Doek, Former Chair, UNCRC</p> |
| 16:00 | <p>Closing Adv. Bience Gawanas, Commissioner of Social Affairs of the African Commission</p> |

ANNEX 2: PLENARY SPEAKERS AND ROUNDTABLE MODERATOR'S BIOGRAPHIES

| Name | Biography |
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| <p>Agnes Akosua Aidoo</p> | <p>Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ph.D. (History and Social Anthropology), University of California at Los Angeles.</p> <p>Policy advocacy on children's and women's rights</p> <p>Consultancy and advisory services to government, UNICEF, United Nations System in Ghana and NGOs on child rights, gender and development, poverty and vulnerability issues. Research and policy analysis on early childhood development, and poverty, vulnerability and exclusion of children, youth and women in poverty reduction strategies in Africa. Fund raising and voluntary services for school children's needs in education, health and sanitation through National Partnership for Children's Trust, Ghana</p> <p>Policy guidance and professional support to the Institute of African Studies and Africa Network of International Women's Empowerment Research Consortium</p> |
| <p>Aitkin, Stuart</p> | <p>Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography San Diego State University</p> <p>Substantive areas of research in urban and social geography with an emphasis on (i) families and communities, (ii) children and youth, and (iii) film.</p> <p>Critical analysis of visual representations and Geographic Information Systems with a focus on how they are used in planning and teaching.</p> <p>Qualitative and post structural methods in geography. Emphasis on feminist and critical theory.</p> |
| <p>H.E. Mrs. Banda Joyce</p> | <p>Right Honourable Joyce Banda began her work in the civil society working with grassroots women. In 1989, she founded the National Association of Business Women (NABW), a nationwide project that serves to date over 50,000 women with economic empowerment activities. In 1991 she co-founded with 7 women the African Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (AFWE) in Ghana.</p> |

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| | <p>She was the first woman to chair the Malawi Housing Corporation (1994) and the Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (ADMARC). In 1996, she served on the International NGO Advisory Committee to UNFPA. In the same year, Right Honourable Joyce Banda along with 13 African Women Leaders founded the Council for Economic Empowerment of Women in Africa (CEEWA).</p> <p>In 1997, she received the Hunger Project Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End to Hunger, which she shared with the then President of Mozambique, Joaquim Chissano. The same year, she chaired the national organising committee for “Bringing Beijing to Malawi”. And in 1997- 1998 she was voted Woman of the Year in Malawi. Between 1997 to date Right Honourable Mrs. Joyce Banda has received seven International Awards.</p> <p>She established the Joyce Banda Foundation in 1998, a Foundation that is instrumental in realising her vision of empowering Women and Children through Education, Leadership, and Economic Empowerment. The Joyce Banda Foundation has a total of 10,500 beneficiaries.</p> <p>In 2000, Right Honourable Joyce Banda was elected First Chairperson of the NGO Gender Network. The NGO Gender Network has been an instrumental civil society network championing women’s rights in Malawi.</p> <p>In 2004 she was elected a Member of Parliament and was also appointed as Minister of Gender, Child Welfare and Community Services. In that capacity, she spearheaded a number of activities to empower women and the vulnerable groups, and notably she championed the passing of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Bill in April 2006. From 2006 to 2009 Right Honourable Joyce Banda served as Malawi’s Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. That same year, she was also appointed member of the Advisory Committee to UNIFEM. In May 2009 Right Honourable Joyce Banda became Malawi’s first female Vice President.</p> <p>Recently on 7th August 2009, the Vice President was appointed a Goodwill Ambassador for Safe motherhood for Malawi, and this appointment enables her to fulfil one of her long standing areas of passion – maternal health. And on 20th August 2009, Right Honourable Joyce Banda was appointed Eminent Person for Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Malawi. In this role, she will be the lead champion for the plight of children and advocate for comprehensive approach to policies and programmes for children from birth to eight years of age, their parents and caregivers.</p> |
| <p>Bequele, Assefa</p> | <p>Economist, PhD. and a child rights expert with considerable experience in university teaching (USA and Ethiopia).</p> <p>Long years of service in the United Nations system (ILO Geneva, Asia and Africa). He has devoted most of his professional life to the</p> |

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| | <p>promotion of the rights and welfare of children, especially the progressive elimination of child labour. He was responsible for many years for the design, development and management of the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) - the world's premier technical programme on child labour - and the development of the ILO's new Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour (Convention No 182).</p> <p>Author of many publications and articles on child rights and economic development.</p> <p>Founder and Executive Director of The African Child Policy Forum, a leading non-profit, Pan-African policy advocacy centre on the African child based in Addis Ababa. www.africanchildforum.org</p> |
| <p>Mrs Akila Belembaogo</p> | <p>Head of UNICEF Liaison Office and Special Representative to the African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa and has 25 years of experience in working on social development and rights. She has assumed high level Governmental functions as Member of the Supreme Court and Minister of Social Action and Family and has been a member of the 2nd Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Mrs Belembaogo has contributed to a number of publications as author and co-authors with UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO and Save the Children Alliance, among others. She has been a member, founder of national non governmental organizations who are active on children and women issues.</p> |
| <p>Bolzan, Nathalie</p> | <p>Lecturer at the school of Social Sciences, University of Western Sydney. Her main teaching areas are social policy and health. She is a member of the Social Justice Social Change Research Centre which is concerned with research that contributes to social transformation through a focus on equity, access, social inclusion and participation as well as human rights.</p> <p>International Co-convener of the Women's Symposium and Interest Group for the International Association of Social Work and Welfare Educators.</p> <p>Member of Local Organizing Committee of the International Childhood Indicators Conference, November 2009.</p> <p>National Secretary Australian Council of Heads of Schools of Social Work 2008.</p> <p>Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the National Social Work and Welfare Practitioner and Educator's Conference 2008.</p> <p>Executive member of the Australian Association of Social Work and Welfare Educators.</p> |

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| Chaskin, Rob | <p>Associate professor at the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration and a research fellow at Chapin Hall, where he directs the International Network of Child Policy Research Centers. His research focuses primarily on the role of community and community-based efforts to improve the lives of children and families. He is co-author of Building Community Capacity (Aldine 2001) and co-editor of Research for Action (Oxford 2007).</p> |
| Diakhate , Ms. Seynabou Ndiaye | <p>Chairperson, The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. She is a member of the Court of Justice of the West African Economic and Monetary Union. Prior to this she was the Senior Investigatiopn Magistrate at the Court of First Instance in Dakar, Senegal and the Public Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance in Thiès. She has also been the Deputy Public Prosecutor in charge of Juvenile cases at the Court of First Instance in Dakar.</p> |
| Doek , Jaap | <p>A Jurist, specializing in family and juvenile law. He is currently a Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, where he was the Dean of the Law Faculty from 1988 to 1992. Currently he is a Deputy Justice in the Court of Appeal of Amsterdam. He was a juvenile court judge in the district court of Alkmaar and the Hague from 1978-1985. He was elected to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in February 1999 and, from May 2001 to the end of his mandate in February 2007, served as its Chairperson.</p> |
| Emerson, Jim | <p>Jim Emerson became Plan's Chief Operations Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer in January 2005. Prior to his current assignment, he worked as Interim Chief Executive Officer, Director of Finance, Regional Director, Regional Program Director, and has held several positions as Country Director and Field Director.</p> <p>He has over 27 years of experience in international development and humanitarian assistance, and has lived almost all of his adult life in various countries in East, West and Southern Africa.</p> <p>He is also a Trustee of Charities Evaluation Services in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Before joining Plan, Jim worked as a trainer, counsellor and social worker in Kenya, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. He trained as a Public/Environmental Health Officer.</p> <p>In his spare time he has taught music, conducted children and youth choirs, and managed and played in a street-kid's rock band.</p> |
| Gawanas, Bience | <p>Commissioner of Social Affairs on the African Commission. She was a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission in Namibia from 1991 to 1996, and an Ombudswoman in the Namibian Government from 1996 to 2003. She has also been a Lecturer in Gender Law at the University of Namibia, Director of the Board of the Central Bank</p> |

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| | <p>of Namibia, and involved in many non-governmental organizations including Secretary-General of the Namibian National Women's Organization and patron of Namibian Federation of Persons with Disabilities. As Chairperson of the Law Reform Commission she oversaw the passage of the Married Persons' Equality Act. The commission also did extensive work on Rape Acts and other important laws that were eventually passed after her time.</p> |
| <p>Gilligan, Robbie</p> | <p>Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at the Trinity College in Dublin (TCD), Ireland. He is also Head of the School of Social Work and Social Policy and Associate Director and co-founder of the Children's Research Centre at TCD. In addition, he is co-ordinator of the MSc in Child Protection and Welfare.</p> <p>He has particular interest in the application of resilience and strength – based perspectives in interventions with children and families. The primary focus of his research is on (a) children and young people in public care and (b) family support. Prof. Gilligan is a Board member of Childwatch International Research Network.</p> |
| <p>Greene, Sheila</p> | <p>Co-founder of the Children's Research Centre in Dublin, Ireland. Currently the Centre's Director, she has been actively involved in the Centre in various capacities since 1991. Sheila is the holder of the AIB Chair of Childhood Research, co-endowed by the Atlantic Philanthropies and Allied Irish Banks.</p> <p>She is a Fellow of the Trinity College in Dublin and is currently co-director of the National Longitudinal study of children in Ireland.</p> |
| <p>Grillo, Milena</p> | <p>Executive Director to Fundación PANIAMOR, a key Institution to the Childwatch International Research Network since 1999.</p> <p>A recipient of the 1992 Leadership Award granted by the Child Assault Prevention Program of the United States, and the 2005 Latin Trade Bravo Award as Humanitarian of the Year for the Latin American Region.</p> <p>Mrs. Grillo is a Law graduate specialized in Human Rights, with a Masters Degree in Social and Family Violence, and currently following doctoral studies in Constitutional Law. In such capacities she has acted as a training-research-policy drafting and advocacy consultant and/or program leading officer for governmental and non-governmental international cooperation agencies working in the field of public policy, violence prevention and children and adolescents rights. This includes the European Commission, ECPAT International, UNICRI, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Save the Children Sweden, UN International Labor Office, UNICEF Costa Rica, and the Pan American Health Organization.</p> |

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| <p>Hart, Roger</p> | <p>Executive Director to Fundación PANIAMOR, a key Institution to the Childwatch International Research Network since 1999.</p> <p>A recipient of the 1992 Leadership Award granted by the Child Assault Prevention Program of the United States, and the 2005 Latin Trade Bravo Award as Humanitarian of the Year for the Latin American Region.</p> <p>Mrs. Grillo is a Law graduate specialized in Human Rights, with a Masters Degree in Social and Family Violence, and currently following doctoral studies in Constitutional Law. In such capacities she has acted as a training-research-policy drafting and advocacy consultant and/or program leading officer for governmental and non-governmental international cooperation agencies working in the field of public policy, violence prevention and children and adolescents rights. This includes the European Commission, ECPAT International, UNICRI, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Save the Children Sweden, UN International Labor Office, UNICEF Costa Rica, and the Pan American Health Organization.</p> |
| <p>Helland, Haktor</p> | <p>General Director in the Ministry of Children and Equality and responsible for Child and Youth Policy since 1991. Before that he was a General Director in the Ministry of Education and he has been working with long- term planning in the Ministry of Finance for several years. He has been a member and chaired different steering-committees in the Norwegian Research Council .He has also been a politician at the municipal and county level, and for a short time he has also been a state-secretary in the Ministry of Planning and Administration. He is a psychologist, educated from the University of Oslo. After his exam he has worked as a researcher and research-director for many years, including two years in Tanzania.</p> |
| <p>Houry, Saad</p> | <p>Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, appointed in January 2008. Mr. Saad Houry joined UNICEF in June 1978 as Assistant Programme Officer in the Middle East and North Africa Regional Office in Beirut, Lebanon.</p> <p>From 1981 to 1983, he served as Resident Programme Officer in Aden, Yemen. Mr. Houry was later transferred to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he served as Adviser to the Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organization, and as head of their Programme Division from 1983 to 1988. Mr. Houry returned to UNICEF as Regional Programme and Planning Officer in the West and Central Africa Regional Office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 1988 to 1993. He then served on special assignments and programme-related activities at UNICEF offices in Oman, Madagascar, Mozambique and New York, from 1993 to 1996. From April 1996 to August 1998, Mr. Houry served as UNICEF Representative in Burkina Faso. From August 1998 until January 2001, Mr. Houry served as Deputy Regional Director in Amman, Jordan, until he was appointed Chief, Office of the Executive Director in UNICEF Headquarters, New York.</p> <p>In January 2003 he was appointed as Director of the Division of Policy and Planning.</p> |

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| Jensen, Leif | <p>Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography at The Pennsylvania State University (USA). (Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin)</p> <p>His research interests are found within three broad areas. The first is social stratification with emphasis on issues of poverty, employment hardship, and household economic strategies in rural and urban areas. The second is demography with special attention to migration and immigration. The third is the sociology of economic development with focuses on Latin America and on children and youth.</p> <p>He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on poverty, international development, problems and children and youth, and population and development. Jensen has served as Director of Pennsylvania State's Population Research Institute, and currently serves as a Senior Fellow of the Carsey Institute (University of New Hampshire) and as a Fellow of the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (Bergen, Norway).</p> |
| Jonsson, Urban | <p>PHD, Executive Director of the Owls. Born in Sweden with more than thirty years of work in developing countries and Asia, most of the time in senior field positions in UNICEF. The last year in UNICEF he worked as the Senior Human Rights Advisor to the Executive Director. He is a “naturalized” Tanzanian and an expert on young child health and nutrition. After the UN reform, launched in 1997, he was a pioneer in UNICEF and the UN in the development and adoption of human rights-based approach (HRA) to development and development programming. Since his retirement from the UN in 2004, he has undertaken about forty consultancies, mostly in training on a HRA. He is a very experienced trainer.</p> |
| Krappmann, Lothar | <p>Member of The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. From 1975-2002 he was researcher with the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education.</p> <p>Chairman of the expert commission that prepared the 10th German Report on Children and Youth (published 1998).</p> <p>Since 1982, Professor of Sociology of Education at the Freie Universität, Berlin</p> <p>Other main activities: Active member of national and international academic associations such as the Society for Research on Child Development and the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development. Initiator/member of and adviser to committees and groups concerned with promoting children's education, day-care and welfare.</p> |

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| Lee, Yanghee | <p>Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Professor of Child Psychology and Education at Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of the governing board of the Korean Committee for UNICEF - Member of the National Coordination Committee on Children's Policies, - Member of the Task Force for Drafting National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea |
| Lewis, Stephen | <p>From 1995 to 1999, Lewis was Deputy Director of UNICEF. From 2001 until 2006, he worked as United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. In his role as Special Envoy, he worked to draw attention to the HIV/AIDS crisis and to convince leaders and the public that they have a responsibility to respond. He has been widely praised for his effectiveness in this role. In 2005 he adapted his Massey Lectures in a book titled "Race Against Time", where he describes the disjuncture between what the international community promises and their actions in responding to the pandemic in Africa.</p> <p>In May 2006, Lewis joined the Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster University as a Scholar-in-Residence.</p> |
| Meeks Gardner, Julie | <p>Head of the Caribbean Child Development Centre and Director of the Consortium for Social Development and Research, University of the West Indies, Open Campus. Professor of Child development and nutrition.</p> <p>Current Research: Research Programme on Children, Aggression and Violence.</p> <p>She is a board representative on several governmental and NGO institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Committee for Early Childhood Development • Caricom Working Group on Early Childhood • Peace Management Initiative • National Food and Nutrition Coordinating Committee • Malnourished Children's Foundation • Inter-sectoral Working Group on Children and Violence • Children's Issues Coalition • Board member of Childwatch International |

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| <p>Mekonnen, Yehualashet</p> | <p>Yehualashet Mekonen, M.Sc. Population Studies; B.Sc. Statistics. He has more than 16 years of experience in research, development of survey methodologies, tools and report writing. He is currently the Coordinator of Information and Statistics at The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF). He developed an approach for measuring governments' performance in realising child rights and wellbeing. This approach was used to construct the Child-friendliness Index used in The African Report on Child Wellbeing to rank African governments' performance on legal, budgetary and child-outcomes issues. He is also the co-author of <i>The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2008: How child-friendly are African governments?</i> Other publications include: <i>The Child-friendliness Index: Approach and Indicators; Governance and Child Wellbeing: Approach to the measurement of government performance.</i></p> <p>To be completed by Childwatch</p> |
| <p>Mjaavatn, Per Egil</p> | <p>Researcher at the Department of Education, Faculty of Social Science and Technology Management, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Departments of Linguistics and Scandinavian Languages 1976-79, 1981-1982.</p> <p>Director of the Education programme, the Norwegian Refugee Council 1979-1981.</p> <p>Director, the Norwegian Centre for Child Research, 1982-1997. Member of the founding committee and board member of Childwatch International.</p> <p>Member of the Council of Europe Research Team on Children and Work (1994-95) Member and co-ordinator of the Council of Europe Research Team on Children and their Environment. (1998- 2000)</p> |
| <p>Parker, David</p> | <p>Deputy Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, in Florence, Italy, where he serves as head of the research programme. From 1999 to 2003 he was the Senior Programme Coordinator for UNICEF cooperation with China. From 1993 to 1999 he served as regional policy adviser and planning officer for UNICEF in South Asia, based in Kathmandu.</p> <p>Previously, from 1987, he held a range of positions in evaluation, health financing and social policy analysis in UNICEF New York.</p> <p>He holds MPA, MPH and PhD degrees, and earlier had worked in the field of health policy. His most recent research has concerned climate change and child health.</p> |

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| Patel, Leila | <p>Director for the Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA), University of Johannesburg, South Africa and Professor of Social Development Studies at the University of Johannesburg. She was previously the Director General of Social Welfare in South Africa and Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice-Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. She played a leading role in the development of South Africa's welfare policy after apartheid. Her research interests are social welfare, social security, social development and civic engagement. She is editor of the Social Worker Researcher-Practitioner and her recent book is titled Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa (Oxford University Press, 2009).</p> |
| Pulido, Clara Margarita Escandell | <p>Ambassador Clara Margarita Pulido Escandell:</p> <p>1982 Graduated from the University at the High Institute of International Relations, Havana, Cuba. 1992 M. Phil, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon. 1994 M. Sc. Faculty of Philosophy and History, University of Havana, Cuba.</p> <p>1982-1984: Specialist at the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the People. 1982-1996: Researcher at the Centre of Studies on Africa and Middle East (1993 Head of Sub-Saharan African Department, 1995 to 1996 in charge of Research Policy). 1997-1999: Official at Foreign Affairs Department of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party. 1999-2003: Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Cuba in Ghana. 2004-2008: Director at the Centre of Studies on Africa and Middle East.</p> <p>Since November 2008: Ambassador of Cuba in Ethiopia, as well as to the African Union and Djibouti.</p> |
| Rizzini, Irene | <p>Professor and researcher at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC, Department of Social Work). She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Rio de Janeiro Institute of Research (IUPERJ), Brazil. In 1984, Professor Rizzini founded the Center for Research on Children (CESPI) which has become the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood at PUC.</p> <p>Professor Rizzini is the President of Childwatch International Research Network.</p> |
| Rubenson, Birgitta | <p>Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. She has extensive experience as a public health nurse in Ethiopia and Yemen, as a programme secretary for HIV and AIDS at the World Council of Churches and since 2005 as a course organiser and teacher in Global Health at Karolinska Institute. She was a member of the Save the Children/Sweden Board 1991 - 1999, worked with the CRC-committee in developing the General Comment on Adolescent Health in 2003 and is member of the expert advisory group of UNICEF/Sweden.</p> |

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| Santos Pais , Marta | <p>UN Special Representative on violence against children. Santos Pais left her job as Director of Unicef Innocenti Research Centre to take up this position in 2009. She has helped to draft a number of international human rights standards, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Declaration on the Rights and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms; • The Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities; • Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; • Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances; • She was a Special Adviser to the Machel Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. |
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| September, Roseline | <p>Professor in the Faculty of Community Health Sciences at the University of the Western Cape, where she heads the Child and Youth Research and Training Programme. She has developed and sustained productive professional relationships and networks with both government and non-governmental organizations. These include national and provincial government departments, the National Programme of Action for Children's Steering Committee (NPA), international agencies and the Office on the Rights of the Child in the Presidency. Board member Childwatch</p> |
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| <p>Sinha, Shantha</p> | <p>Chair of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in India. The Commission was set up in March 2007 under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, an Act of Parliament (December 2005). Professor Sinha is its first chair. She is an anti-child labour activist of international reputation and the founder of Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiya Foundation, popularly known as MV Foundation (which is named in memory of her grandfather Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiah). She is a Professor in the Department of Political science in Hyderabad Central University.</p> |
| <p>Swaluw, Stefan van der</p> | <p>Stefan van der Swaluw has worked in international development and child rights advocacy since 1991, being stationed across countries in Northern, Eastern and Southern Africa. While working with the international child development organization Plan, he helped to ensure that a substantial portion of Dutch government money was secured for child development purposes. In 2003, he contributed to the establishment of the African Child Policy Forum in Ethiopia, which has since become one of the leading African organizations researching on and advocating for child rights on the continent.</p> <p>In 2007, Stefan was appointed as Regional Director Africa for the Dutch development agency International Child Support in Kenya, and in that capacity continuous to support programmes that promote the rights of children. The Africa Child Policy Forum is one of ICS’ most important partners in Africa. ICS funds and co-implements projects with the ACPF.</p> |