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OUR HIDDEN SHAME: CRIMES AND EXTREME VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN AFRICA

**7-8 November 2016
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

PROGRAMME

ACPF

MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
THE PROBLEM AND THE CONTEXT

09:00-10:30

Opening session

- **Mr Theophane Nikyema**, Executive Director, ACPF
- **Mrs Graça Machel**, Chairperson, International Board of Trustees, ACPF
- **Imam Ousman Jah**, Amirul Hajj, Republic of The Gambia
- **Bishop Michael Msonganzila**, Diocese of Musoma, United Republic of Tanzania
- **H.E. Wzo Demitu Hambissa**, Minister, Women and Children's Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Crimes and Extreme Violence against children: What we know,
Dr Assefa Bequele, Distinguished Fellow, ACPF

Documentary film

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

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session I: The problem and the drivers

Chair: Dr Najat Maalla M'jid, Member, International Board of Trustees, ACPF ;
Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child
Pornography (2008-2014)

- *Violence against children with disabilities*, **Dr Shimelis Tsegaye**, Head, Child Development and Protection Programme, ACPF
- *The plight of children with albinism in Africa*, **Ms Vicky Ntetema**, Executive Director, Under The Same Sun's Tanzania
- *Occult and witchcraft-related violence against children in Central Africa*, **Prof Joseph Tonda**, Omar Bongo University, Libreville, Republic of Gabon

Discussion

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:20

Session II: What is being done? *Country experiences*

Chair: Prof Tilahun Teshome, Professor of Law, Addis Ababa University

- **Hon. Dr Olayinka Sylvia Blyden**, Minister of Social Welfare, Gender & Children's Affairs, Republic of Sierra Leone
- **Hon. Molahlehi Letlotlo**, Minister of Social Development, Kingdom of Lesotho
- **Hon. Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi**, Minister of State for Children and Youth Affairs, Republic of Uganda

Discussion

15:20-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Session III: What is being done? *Country experiences*

Chair: H.E. Sidibe Fatoumata Kaba, Ambassador of Guinea to Ethiopia ;
Permanent Representative to the AU and UNECA

- **H.E. Mrs Yvette Dembele**, State Secretary, in charge of Social Affairs, Persons with disabilities and combating social exclusion, Republic of Burkina Faso
- **H.E. Mr Youssouf Cissé**, Special Adviser to the Presidency in charge of the High Judiciary Council, the Republic of Mali
- **Mr Mujogo Kanyamuhanda Viateur**, Adviser in charge of Children's Affairs, Ministry for Women, Family and Children, Democratic Republic of Congo

Discussion

END OF DAY ONE

TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER: WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

9:00-10:30 **Session IV: What is to be done? Global and African leadership**

Chair: Dr Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Member, International Board of Trustees, ACPF ;
Rapporteur, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2007-2013)

- **Bishop Michael Msonganzila**, Diocese of Musoma, United Republic of Tanzania
- **Imam Ousman Jah**, Amirul Hajj, Republic of The Gambia
- **H.E. Ambassador Olawale Maiyegun**, Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission
- **Mr Peter Vrooman**, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Embassy of the United States of America to Ethiopia

A video message from **Ms Marta Santos Pais**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children

Discussion

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:30 **Session V: What is to be done? The role of civil society**

Chair: Mr Mohammadou Lamine Cissé, President, AfricaWide Movement for Children (AMC)

- *Generating public visibility to crimes and Extreme Violence against Children in Africa*, **Ms Coumba Gawlo Seck**, Goodwill Ambassador UNDP & UNODC, Artist, Singer-songwriter, Composer, Performer
- *Ending child sacrifices in Africa*, **Mrs Leah Najjemba Agaba**, Programme Manager, Kyampisi Childcare Ministries, Uganda
- *Caring for and protecting children with autism in Africa*, **Ms Zemi Yenus**, Autism activist and Founder and Executive Director, Nia Foundation

Discussion

12:30-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00-15:00

Session VI: What is to be done?
Sub-regional perspectives

Chair: **Chair: Mr Bob Ransom**, Advisor, African Disability Forum ; Senior Advisor,
The Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development

- **Mr Ian Mashingaidze**, Regional Programme Development Director, SOS Children's Village International
- **Mr David McDonald**, Deputy Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, Plan International
- **Ms Kathryn Leslie**, Child Protection Specialist, Office of the UN SRSG-VAC
- **Ms Ramatou Touré**, Senior Child Protection Specialist, WCARO, UNICEF

Discussion

15:00-16:00

Session VII: What is to be done?
Perspectives from media partners

Chair: **Mr Salim Amin**, Founder and Chairman, The Mohamed Amin Foundation ;
Co-Founder and Chairman, A24 Media

- **Ms Coumba Gawlo Seck**, Goodwill Ambassador UNDP & UNODC, Artist, Singer-songwriter, Composer, Performer
- **Mr Eric Chinje**, CEO, African Media Initiative
- **Mr Daniel Furnad**, COO and Senior Executive Producer, A24Media

Discussion

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:00

Session VIII: Next steps and closing

Adoption of ***Call for Action***

Closing remarks

Mrs Graça Machel

END OF CONFERENCE