



Social Work and Development Student Conference (SWDSC)

Friday, 14 June | 08AM-12PM WAT | 09AM-1PM CAT/SAT | 10AM-2PM EAT. || 16 June is [Day of the African Child](#) (DAC).

For info, registration and Zoom details, go to <https://africasocialwork.net/DACC24>

PROGRAM

| Session & Time | Presenters | Presentation Titles |
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| 1ST HOUR | CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 1 <i>10 mins/presenter, 5 mins Q&A</i> | Dr Samuel Simbine , Midlands State University, Zimbabwe and Uche Nwatu , Social Worker, University of Nigeria, Nsukka |
| 1 | OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS | Danzel Rademan , Social Worker, University of the Free State, South Africa Tatenda Sukulao , Bachelor of Social Work, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe |
| 2 | Nwatu Juliet Ogechukwu Social Work Student, University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Addressing the growing epidemic of child abuse in Nigeria: Insights from social work practitioners in South-Eastern Nigeria. |
| 3 | Obgan David Social Work Student University of Benin | The digital divide: Exploring the impact of technology on the social life of the African child |
| 4 | Nwaeze Vivian Amarachi Social Work Student University of Nigeria, Nsukka | The voice of the child: exploring the importance of involving children in decision-making processes that affect their lives and discussing best practices for promoting their active participation. |
| 2ND HOUR | CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 2 <i>10 mins/presenter, 5 mins Q&A</i> | Dr Grey Magaiza , Senior Lecturer: Department of Community Development, University of the Free State, South Africa and Cornelius Dudzai , PhD Student, University of Wollongong, Australia |

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| 5 | Victoria Okoeguale Social Work Student University of Benin | The role of parental empathy in promoting healthy child development |
| 6 | Adams E. Ademola Social Work Student University of Benin | Inclusive education for children with special needs in Africa: policies, practice, and support system. |
| 7 | Nwoga Cynthia Chikodili Social Work Student University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Empowering children with disabilities: Promoting inclusive development and social participation |
| 8 | Saneliso Matsebula Social Work Student Eswatini Medical Christian University | Building resilient education systems in juvenile centers for increased access to inclusive learning in Africa: Shared experiences from Eswatini |
| 3RD HOUR | CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 3 10 mins/presenter, 5 mins Q&A | Elizabeth Chanyau , Social Worker, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe and Dr Kofi Awiury-Newton , Social Work Lecturer, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe |
| Break | Break | Break |
| 9 | Bongekile Ntshalintshali Social Work Student Eswatini Medical Christian University | Children's rights in digital environment: Experiences of social work students in Eswatini during community work. |
| 10 | Christabel Okoroafor Ebubechukwu Social Work Student University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Creating a sustainable future for the African child: A solar punk concept |
| 11 | Emordi Promise Jude Lecturer, Department of Arts and Humanities & | Humanitarian crisis in Nigeria: A threat to child protection |

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| | Egbuchulam Prisca Chibuzo , Postgraduate Student, Department of Political Science University of Nigeria, Nsukka | |
| 4TH HOUR | CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 4 <i>10 mins/presenter, 5 mins Q&A Session: 25 minutes</i> | Ntloko Nkqubela , PhD Candidate in Social Work, NMU and Weston Chidyausiku Social work lecturer Eswatini Medical Christian University |
| 12 | Okafor Moses Nnamdi Social Work Student University of Benin | Maximizing technology: Concern on the African child`s literacy |
| 13 | Christopher Orobosa Social Work Student University of Benin | Learning by doing: Field practicum as a catalyst for social impact in education |
| 14 | Session: Ubuntu Digital Platform Launch Led by Prof Twikirize Makerere University, Uganda | Launch of Ubuntu Digital Platform for Learning and Teaching funded by International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team introduction • Official opening of the project • Demonstration of the platform • Discussion |
| 15 | THANK YOU AND CLOSING REMARKS 5 minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rugare Mugumbate, Conference Convenor, Africa Social Work and Development Network |

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