



Social Work and Development Student Conference (SWDSC)

Monday, 16 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/DACC25>

PROGRAM

Session & Time	Presenters, Guests and Moderators	Details
1ST HOUR	INTRODUCING CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND HOUSE KEEPING ISSUES <i>2 minutes</i>	Erina Nyahwema, Conference and Meetings Coordinator, ASWDNet
	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS <i>10 minutes</i>	Lwazi S. Mavuso, Conference Chairperson, Social Worker, Researcher & Advocate for Juvenile Rehabilitation & Never Winnie James Sebit, Conference Organising Committee, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, India.
	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 1 <i>10 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A</i>	Dr Rugare Mugumbate, School of Health and Society, University of Wollongong, Australia; Senior Research Associate, Department of Social Work & Community Development, University of Johannesburg, South Africa & Haggai T. K. Muchapondwa, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University, Bindura, Zimbabwe.
THEME 1: UBUNTU IN ACTION - COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND CHILD PROTECTION		
1	Noncebo Shabalala Social Work Student, level 2, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Eswatini	Bridging policy and practice: Investing in child protection through responsive budgeting in Eswatini.
2	Temantimandze Gamedze, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Social Work Level 2	Who raises the child? A Social work perspective on responsive budgeting and collective responsibility.
3	Nosipho Simelane, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Social Work Level 2	Threats to Child Rights in Eswatini: The Impact of U.S. Aid Cuts and Pathways to Sustainable Protection through Responsive Budgeting.

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4	GUEST SPEAKER - Ms. Zee C. Masuku, MSW Field Education Coordinator Department of Sociology & Social Work the University of Eswatini, Eswatini	Title to be advised.
2 ND HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 2 10 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Danzel Rademan, Social Worker, University of the Free State, South Africa. & Thandeka Mahlangu
THEME 2: IMBIZO FOR JUSTICE – VOICES FROM THE MARGINS		
5	Gavaza T. Kelvin Women's University in Africa, Manresa Campus & Kudzai Mwapaura, Women's University in Africa, Manresa Campus, Harare, Zimbabwe	Protection from Child Exploitation and Child Labour in Lithium Mining Communities: A case of Goromonzi, Mashonaland East, Zimbabwe.
6	Pedzisa Yeukai, University of Pretoria	The role of social workers in providing services to unaccompanied refugee children in south Africa
7	Mergesa Tolera PhD candidate in Peace and Development Studies, Department of Sociology and Social, Arsi University, Ethiopia	Situation analysis of street child beggars in Bishoftu city, Ethiopia.
8	GUEST SPEAKER - Dr Clement Langa, Senior Lecturer & Dean of Student Affairs, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Kingdom of Eswatini.	A Pariah in his land: A stateless African Child
3 RD HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 3 10 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Weston Chidyausiku, Social Work lecturer, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Eswatini & Ighalo Jennifer Benita, University of Benin, Nigeria
Break	Break (10 minutes)	Break
THEME 3: SANKOFA FUTURES – EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND CLIMATE		
9	Pottar Muzamba, Sociologist and Disaster risk and livelihoods specialist & Willard Muntanga, MSc student on Peace, Leadership and Governance Studies, Great Zimbabwe University.	An exploration of climate change's polycrisis on children's rights to education and responsive budgeting. A case of Binga rural District, Zimbabwe.



10	Haggai T. K. Muchapondwa (Corresponding author), Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University, Bindura, Zimbabwe	A pathway to the realization of equal opportunities in Children's right to education: Mapping the gaps in policy and practice with respect to Artificial Intelligence in Zimbabwean Education System.																					
11	Nwaeze Vivian Amarachi, University of Nigeria, Nsukka	Integrating African indigenous knowledge into child-sensitive planning and budgeting: A pathway to inclusive development and sustainability.																					
12	GUEST SPEAKER – Dr Noel Garikai Muridzo, Director, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe	Gaps in the Victim Friendly System: Confirmation of Unfriendly Child Budgeting																					
4 TH HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 4 10 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Tatenda Sukulao, Bachelor and Master of Science in Social Work, Midlands State University, School of Social Work & Lwazi S. Mavuso, Social Worker, Researcher & Advocate for Juvenile Rehabilitation																					
THEME 4: UMUNTHU AND IDENTITY – CULTURE, LANGUAGE, AND SOCIALISATION																							
13	Devotion T. Mahamba, Charamba Sunungurayi Matanga Anesu A, Midlands State University	Poverty and pipeline: How socioeconomic disparity fuels juvenile recidivism at Blue Hills Probation Hostels in Gweru, Zimbabwe																					
14	Rafael Amando Benzene, Lurio University Mozambique, Exchange Student THWS	Winela emwali: Analysis of the values transmitted to girls in initiation rites and their relationship with tolerance of domestic violence – case of women from the Island of Mozambique.																					
15	Christabel Okoroafor, Ebubechukwu. Bsc. Graduate, Department of Social work, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeria.	State of emergence: The identity of the African child (A case of receptive Bilingualism)																					
16	CLOSING REMARKS	Tatenda Sukulao, Conference Vice-Chairperson, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe & Ighalo Jennifer Benita, Conference Organising Committee member, Social Work Student, University of Benin, Nigeria.																					
1 hour	ASWDNet ANNUAL AWARDS Awards Selection Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Simbeye, Regional Administration and Local Government, Social Welfare, Manyara Region, Mbulu District, Tanzania • Augustina Naami, PhD, Department of Social Work, University of Ghana • Mbongiseni Samuel Mngomezulu, Mpumalanga Department of Social Development, Standerton Sub-District Office, South Africa 	<table> <tr> <th>Award category</th><th>Awarded to</th><th>Speech</th></tr> <tr> <td>Social Worker of the Year</td><td>Ms Valary Cheptoo, Kenya</td><td>5-10 mins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lifetime Achievement Award</td><td>Prof. Rodreck Mupedziwa, Botswana/Zimbabwe</td><td>10-20 mins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social Development Award</td><td>Amanda Ndebele, South Africa</td><td>5-10 mins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social Work Education Award</td><td>Professor Chinwe Rosabelle Nwanna, Nigeria</td><td>5-10 mins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Decolonising Award</td><td>Dr Charles Kalinganire, Rwanda</td><td>5-10 mins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Student Award</td><td>Abdirahim Jirde, Somaliland/Somalia</td><td>5-10 mins</td></tr> </table>	Award category	Awarded to	Speech	Social Worker of the Year	Ms Valary Cheptoo, Kenya	5-10 mins	Lifetime Achievement Award	Prof. Rodreck Mupedziwa, Botswana/Zimbabwe	10-20 mins	Social Development Award	Amanda Ndebele, South Africa	5-10 mins	Social Work Education Award	Professor Chinwe Rosabelle Nwanna, Nigeria	5-10 mins	Decolonising Award	Dr Charles Kalinganire, Rwanda	5-10 mins	Student Award	Abdirahim Jirde, Somaliland/Somalia	5-10 mins
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Zoom ID 82738314760 | Password dacc25
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 A 14-Year Legacy of Policy & Practice: Investing in Child Rights Through Responsive Budgeting

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