**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**

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| Session & Time | Presenters, Guests and Moderators | Details |
| 1ST HOUR | **INTRODUCING CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND HOUSE KEEPING ISSUES**  ***2 minutes*** | **Erina Nyahwema, Conference and Meetings Coordinator, ASWDNet** |
|  | **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**  ***10 minutes*** | **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***  ***10 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A*** | **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. |
| 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. |
| 2ND 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 |
| 3RD 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 |
| 4TH 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:   * Thomas Simbeye, Regional Administration and Local Government, Social [Welfare](https://africasocialwork.net/glossary/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 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Award category | Awarded to | Speech | | Social Worker of the Year | Ms Valary Cheptoo, Kenya | 5-10 mins | | Lifetime Achievement Award | Prof. Rodreck Mupedziswa, 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 | |

  