



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.

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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	Ms. Zee C Masuku, MSW Field Education Coordinator Department of Sociology & Social Work the University of Eswatini, Eswatini
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	Title to be advised.
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. &	An exploration of climate change's polycrisis on children's rights to education and responsive budgeting. A case of Binga rural District, Zimbabwe.



	Willard Muntanga, MSc student on Peace, Leadership and Governance Studies, Great Zimbabwe University.																						
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 Muridzo	Title to be advised																					
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: <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 Mupedziswa, 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 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
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 16 June 2025, 1130AM-1230PM WAT | 1230-130PM CAT/SAT | 130PM-230PM EAT on 16 June 2025
 The awards ceremony will be soon after the Day of the African Child Students Conference
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