



Social Work and Development Student Conference (SWDSC)

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

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PROGRAM

Session & Time	Presenters, Guests and Moderators	Details
1ST HOUR	INTRODUCING CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, HOUSE KEEPING ISSUES AND ROLES <i>2 minutes</i>	Erina Nyahwema, Conference and Meetings Coordinator, ASWDNet, introduce committee, brief about housing keeping and announce roles. <i>Conference Chairperson: Lwazi S Mavuso, Keeping Time & Maintaining Order</i> <i>Conference Secretary/Scribe/Repertoire: Christabel Okoroafor & Willard Muntanga. Checking the chat and taking notes</i> <i>Conference facilitator: Danzel Rademan Mowagae & Trymore manyika, Transition between sessions, introduce session moderators Zoom (slides, streaming and recording) – Dr Rugare Mugumbate</i> <i>Participants: ask questions, post comments, resources, emoji and questions in the chat and keep mics.</i>
	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS <i>10 minutes</i>	Lwazi S. Mavuso, Conference Chairperson, Social Worker, Researcher & Advocate for Juvenile Rehabilitation & Okoroafor Christabel. Secretary, Graduate, BSc. Social Work, University of Nigeria Nsukka
	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 1 <i>8 minutes 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 & Danzel Rademan, Social Worker, Organising Committee Member, South Africa

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1	Blessing Simelane , University of Eswatini, Bachelor of Social Work level 2	“No Tap Card, No Water: Ubuntu-Inspired Solutions to Children’s Water Insecurity in Eswatini”
2	Mamba Linda , Social Work Student, Eswatin Medical Christain University	Ubuntu-informed community-based response to Hender-Based Violence and Child Wellbeing in Eswatini
3	Victoria Abaekere , Social Work Student, Babcock University Ilesan-Remo, Nigeria	The awareness of medical social workers' roles beyond advocacy in selected healthcare institutions in Lagos state, Nigeria
4	Temantimandze Gamedze , Social Work Student, Eswatini Medical Christian University	The Impact of Limited WASH Services on Children in Rural Areas
5	Dlamini Nkosephayo , Social Work Student, Eswatini Medical Christian University	Championing Universal WASH Access: The Role of Social Work and Ubuntu Philosophy in Eswatini
6	GUEST SPEAKER - Prof Mpumelelo E. Ncube , Head of Department: Social Work, University of the Free State, South Africa	
	Question & Answer	
2ND HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 8 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Edward Muzodo, Social Work Lecturer, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Swaziland
7	Thobile Zaca , Social Work Student, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Beyond Borrowed Frameworks: Community-Based Approaches as a Decolonial Alternative to Western Social Work Models in Africa
8	Vuyani Queen Vukeya , Social Work Student, University of Venda, South Africa	Barriers to accessing clean water and sanitation and their implications for early childhood development in rural South Africa
9	Nashie N. Maposa & Rufaro Mavherudze , Social Work Students, Women’s University in Africa, Zimbabwe	A pathway to curbing recidivism among juveniles at Kadoma training institute, Zimbabwe: An analysis of self-efficacy theory
10	Nosipho Simelane , Social Work Student, Eswatini Medical Christian University	Reclaiming African approaches to child well-being: A decolonised Social Work perspective on WASH through Ubuntu



11	Masuku Tengetile , Social Work Student, Eswatini Medical Christian University	When water is not a right: examining inequalities in w.a.s.h access
12	GUEST SPEAKER – Weston Chidyausiku , PhD Candidate: University of KwaZulu-Natal & Social Work Lecturer, University of Eswatini, Swaziland	
	Question & Answer	
3 RD HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 3 8 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Hawa Sankwasa, Social Worker, Botswana
Break	Break (10 minutes)	Break
13	Tafadzwa Mhereyenyoka , Social Work Student, University of Zimbabwe	A Contextualized Model to Strengthen Child Protection Services in Geographically Extensive Rural Districts: A Case Study of Zvimba, Zimbabwe
14	Nosisekelo Dlamini , Social Work Student, University of Eswatini	Water, Dignity, and Social Justice: Advancing Social Work’s role in achieving universal WASH access for children in Africa.
15	Dziro Jocasta , Social Work Student, University of Zimbabwe	“Integrating Social Work in Education: A Pathway to Improved Child Well-Being”
16	Nhletelo Baloyi , Social Work Student, University of Venda, South Africa	Water Insecurity and Educational Outcomes: Experiences of School-going Youth in Malamulele, Limpopo province
17	Veronica Mangwane , Social Work Student, University of Eswatini	Community rituals and sacred waters: Reclaiming cultural practices for child protection
18	GUEST SPEAKER – Busie (Busisiwe) Madikizela-Theu , Social Work Lecturer, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa	
	Question & Answer	



4TH HOUR	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 4 8 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Lwazi S. Mavuso, Conference Chairperson, Social Worker, Researcher & Advocate for Juvenile Rehabilitation & Willard Muntanga, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe (Secretary)
19	Mlondolozu Mamba , Social Work Student, University of Eswatini	School-based water and sanitation challenges and their impact on learners' dignity and education
20	Lihle Khumalo , University of Eswatini	Promoting child wellbeing in Eswatini: An Ubuntu approach to water sanitation and hygiene
21	Masilela Sinenhlanhla Treasure , Social Work Student, University of Eswatini	Access to clean water and sanitation and its impact on child dignity and development
22	Christopher Orobosa Omowa , University of Benin	From Campus Action to Professional Advocacy: Aligning Student Leadership with OPSWI and Connect Hub for Sustainable Change
23	Toluwani Dorcas Kushimo , Babcock University, Nigeria	Rooted in Resilience: A Fieldwork Journey with a Gender-Based Violence Advocacy Agency in Lagos
24	Thembele Ndlela , University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	African Cultural Practices and Children's Rights in South Africa: A Narrative Review of Zulu Virginity Testing and Balancing Tradition with Child Protection
25	GUEST SPEAKER - Kudzai Mwapaura, Social Work Lecturer & Researcher, Women's University in Africa, Zimbabwe	
	Question & Answer	
5th Hour	CHAIR & MODERATOR SESSION 4 8 mins per presenter, 2 mins Q&A	Okoroafor Christabel. Secretary, Graduate, BSc. Social Work, University of Nigeria Nsukka & Norman T. Manyika, University of Zimbabwe
26	Tsogololathu Angel Itaye , University of Cape Town, South Africa	Recurrent cholera outbreaks and child nutrition in Malawi: A reflective analysis of WASH gaps

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	Nongcebo Shabalala , Eswatini Medical Christian University, Eswatini	A call for Lubumbano: The role of social workers in advocating for clean water access for children in Nkwalini Zone 4, Mbabane
27	Buhlebezwe Mabuza , Eswatini Medical Christian University,	Access to clean water and sanitation in rural Eswatini: Health, economics and education barrier
28	Tshegofatso Seroka , University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa	The Intersectionality of Armed Conflicts in Africa, Genocide and Child Trafficking in relation to Femicide: A Policy Analysis in Macro Social Work
29	Malerato Mokhele , University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Reclaiming the Developmental Role of Social Work: Empowering Future African Professionals Beyond Administrative Boundaries
30	Vanessa Mandere , Eswatini Medical Christian University, Eswatini	Promoting Access to Inclusive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Services for Children with Disabilities in Eswatini
31	Professor Chinwe Rosabelle Nwanna , Nigeria	
	Question & Answer	
	CLOSING REMARKS 10 minutes	Tatenda Sukulao , Midlands State University, Zimbabwe (Vice-Chairperson) & Devotion Mahamba , Midlands State University, Zimbabwe (Committee member)