

Towards an Africa free from Violence against Children

VIRTUAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
CONCEPT NOTE



Together to
#ENDviolence
Solutions Summit Series

INTRODUCTION

The African Partnership to End Violence against Children [APEVAC] was launched in 2016 to promote an Africa-wide movement and conversation that will contribute to global, continental, regional, and national efforts to ending violence against children. As a Pan-African platform, APEVAC seeks to influence African Union's, Regional Economic Communities' and national level agenda-setting and to catalyse the implementation of relevant targets of the SDG, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), Africa's Agenda for Children 2040, and Agenda 2063.

A flagship initiative of African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), APEVAC is committed to building political will at national and continental levels to advance multi-sectoral collaboration in addressing present and emerging forms of violence against children. This continental platform provides opportunities for countries to connect and learn from each other on home-grown solutions on prevention and responding to violence against children.

APEVAC has now produced three major reports that examine the state of violence against children in Africa, looking in the progress made, the capacity of governments, and promising initiatives. This high-level Pan-African Conference forms part of key biennial events that APEVAC will organise to track and showcase Africa's progress towards 2030. It also links to this year's *"Together to #ENDviolence"* Solutions Summit Series under the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children.

Overall Objective

To amplify Africa's success and mobilise political commitment to end violence against children.

Scope

The high-level virtual Conference will be focusing specifically on three overriding themes: the current national capacity to address violence against children, the progress Africa has made thus far in addressing violence against children, and the home-grown initiatives that have been effective in reducing violence against children in Africa.

Expected Outcome

- Enhanced political will and commitment to end violence against children in Africa.

Conference Resources

- Three new reports that will be launched at the Conference (available in English and French)
- Video: "Towards and Africa Free from Violence against Children"
- The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2020: How friendly are African Governments towards Girls?
- Combatting sexual exploitation of children in Burundi, Malawi and Sierra Leone: Progress and challenges (2020)
- Sexual Exploitation of Children in Africa: A Silent Emergency (2019)
- Under Siege: The Impact of COVID-19 on Girls (2020)
- Taking Stock: Rekindling Commitment
Africa's 30-year journey with the African Children's Charter

Participants

This high level virtual Conference will bring together heads of states and governments, ministers, representatives of the AU and the ACERWC, RECs, African and regional CSOs, UN bodies, INGOs, the private sector, and media.

Conference Schedule, Venue, and Languages

Date: Thursday, 22 July 2021

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 pm East Africa, 1.00 – 3.00 pm Central Africa, 12.00 – 2.00pm West Africa

Venue: Virtual

Languages: English with French interpretation

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Registration

Link to be shared closer to the date. Visit ACPF's website for more details.