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19th Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC)

26 - 30 March 2012 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Draft Program of Work

Day 1: Monday, March 26, 2012

08:30-09:00	Arrival and Registration	Presenters
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by AUC Commissioner for Social Affairs Opening Speech by Chairperson of the Committee 	
09:30-10:00	Consultation among Committee Members (closed session)	
	Tea Break for participants	
10:00-10:15	Procedural Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the Agenda and the Program of Work. Organization of work 	
10:15-11:00	Brief Presentations by Partners	Partners
11:00-12:00	Presentation of the CSO Forum Recommendations to ACERWC	Representative CSO
12:00-13:00	Presentation : Guidelines on action for children in the justice system in Africa	Mr David Mugawe :ACPF
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Submission: the Best Interest of the child and children of incarcerated Parents: Guidance for States Parties on the implementation of Article 30 of the ACERWC.	Mr Asim Turkawi: International on Penal Reform
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-18:00	Presentation of 2012- 2013 ACERWC Activities to Partners	-Mme Kabore Agnès: Chairperson ACERWC

Day 2: Tuesday, March 27, 2012: Discussion on the Article 21 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

08:30-9:00	Introduction to the Objectives and Format of the Discussion.	Mme Kabore Agnès: Chairperson ACERWC
9:00-10:30	Presentation and Discussion on Article 21 of the Charter: "Protection against Harmful Social and Cultural Practices"	Prof Julia Jane Sloth-Nielsen: ACERWC
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:00-12:00	Presentation and Discussion on the Article 42 of the Charter: ACERWC mandate on issuing General Comment	Mr. Edmund Foley :CLC
12:00-13:00	Presentation of the Report of the AUC Pan- African Conference on Celebrating Courage and Overcoming Harmful Traditions Practices	Dr Strijdom Johan: AUC
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-16:30	Overview on Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP) in Africa	-Ms. Akila Belembaogo : UNICEF -Mr. Denis Pain: Consultant
16:30-17:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
17:00-18:00	Presentation and Discussion : Research into Child Mutilation and Trafficking body parts in "Southern Africa"	Mr Simon FELLOWS: Humane Africa
18:00	Welcoming Reception	

Day 3: Wednesday, March 28, 2012: Discussion on the Article 21 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (continue)

08:30-10:00	Presentation and Discussion on Legal and Policy Instruments related to HTP , Weaknesses and Challenges in their Application:	-Prof Julia Jane Sloth-Nielsen: ACERWC -Mr Denis Pain :Consultant -Mr.Saba Lishan: ACPF
10:00-10:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:30-13:00	Presentation and Discussion on 'Good Practices and Experiences in the Reduction of Harmful Traditional Practices in Africa'	Dr. Gabriela GAHN: Consultant
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Recommendation on the Implementation of Article 21 of the Charter	Plenary
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-18:00	Recommendation on the Implementation of Article 21 of the Charter (Continue)	Plenary

Day 4: Thursday, March 29, 2012 (closed Session)

09:00-11:00	Discussion and Adoption of the Draft Concept Notes on the ACERWC 2012-2013 Activities	
11:00-11:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:30-13:00	Discussion and Adoption of the Theme for Day of the African Child 2013	
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Discussion with the Secretariat staff on the proper functioning of the ACERWC	
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-18:00	Any Other Business	

Day 5: Friday, March 30, 2012

16:00-17:00	Adoption of the Draft Report	
17:00-17:15	Closing Ceremony	