CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**4TH NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)
STAKEHOLDERS' CONFERENCE**
27th – 28th, July, 2021
Jaramogi Oginga Odinga,
University of Science and Technology,
Siaya County, Kenya

THEME: ***RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING FOR CHILDREN IN DIVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES:
INNOVATIONS AND INCLUSIVITY***

VISION
A society where all children, ages 0-8 years, realize holistic early childhood development for lifelong success.

MISSION
To promote, support and sustain an enabling early childhood development environment in Kenya.

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The ECD Network for Kenya (ECDNeK) is pleased to announce its 4th call for proposals for the 2021 National ECD Stakeholders Conference.

ECD Network for Kenya exists to strengthen coordination and collaboration between the Government (at National and County Levels) and non-state actors and support development and implementation of relevant ECD policies and programmes in Kenya through capacity development, research and advocacy. The Network works closely with National and County governments, organizations, parents and community members to ensure that children are able to access and participate in high-quality, holistic Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs. Specifically, the Network seeks to:

1. Promote equitable access to quality ECD services in Kenya for all children
2. Develop and work for an enabling environment that encourages local research in ECD
3. Strengthen ECD stakeholders' collaboration and coordination
4. Influence financial resource allocation and utilization towards ECD programs in Kenya

The conference anticipates bringing together ECD practitioners, researchers, policy makers and leaders from various national and county governments as well as research institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector, donors, and the media. The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and share insights on the status of ECD programs in Kenya, innovations and challenges, creating resolutions to establish a holistic/multi-sectoral approach towards ECD in Kenya that will enhance implementation of the Nurturing Care Framework through policy and practice.

PRESENTATION THEMES

The theme of the 4th National Early Childhood Stakeholder's Conference is "*Responsive Caregiving for Children in Diverse Circumstances: Innovations and Inclusivity.* The conference will lend itself to exploratory emphasis focusing on selected sub-themes. These focus areas/sub-themes will therefore form the overarching interest of the abstracts invited from prospective participants and include;

- ➢ Childcare in Humanitarian situations
- ➢ Policies, Guidelines, Regulations and financing in Childcare settings
- ➢ Childcare in urban informal Settings
- ➢ Childcare in diverse religious and cultural settings
- ➢ Childcare at the workplace/marketplace
- ➢ Childcare for the vulnerable groups (e.g. disability, orphans, institutionalized, children in incarceration, street children)
- ➢ Childcare and Women's Economic Empowerment
- ➢ Rethinking childcare workforce
- ➢ Male involvement in childcare work
- ➢ Protection and Safety in Childcare
- ➢ SDGS and Emerging Issues in Childcare settings
- ➢ Teen motherhood and the plight of children of teen mothers
- ➢ COVID-19 and Childcare
- ➢ The Nurturing Care Framework

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Single-paper proposals should have (see templates provided):
1. The first section includes the paper's title, the name(s), institutional affiliation(s), presentation category or categories (if presentation addresses more than one category), and contact information (e-mail address and phone number) for each author

Section 2
2. For presentations of original data or synthesis of existing research, the proposal should specify the questions addressed, the methods used, and the main findings and their interpretation. Proposals for non-data-based presentations—such as those focusing on practice, programme development/ implementation, or policy issues—should include clear statements on the conceptual and/or practical logic and evidence informing the work, the nature of the main issues to be presented, and how those issues advance knowledge, practice, and/or policy in not more than 400 words.
3. An abstract of no more than 250 words to be included in a conference booklet of abstracts that will be accessible on the conference page of the ECD Networks website. Only abstracts from accepted papers will be published in the booklet.

Formatting guidelines

Font Size: Font should be 11points
Spacing: Single spacing
Font Type: Times New Roman.

Submission deadline

Conference papers are invited from Early Childhood Development Stakeholders covering the above sub-themes. Abstracts may be sent to: ecdkenyaabstracts@gmail.com with a copy to earlychildhoodnetwork2016@gmail.com <mark>to be received no later than March 31st, 2021.</mark>

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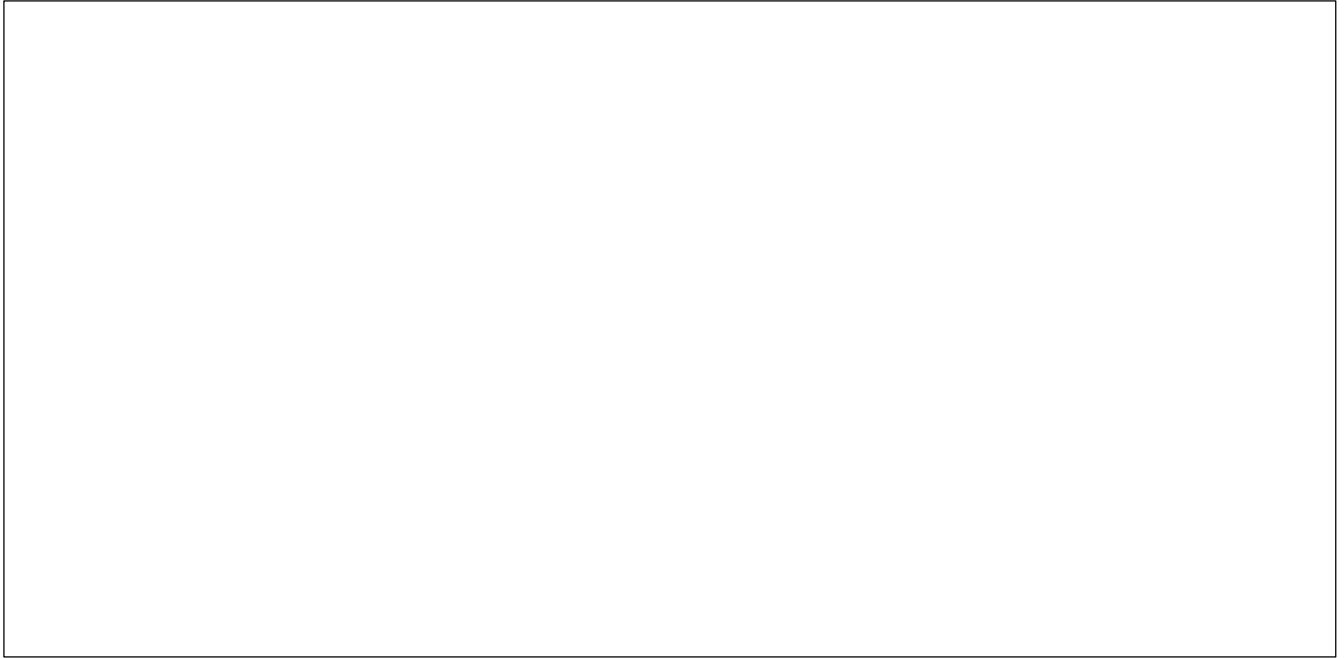
1. General information

Papers title:

Author/s name:

Institutional affiliation:

Contact information (main author email address):

findings/results, and recommendations/implications for practice or policy (*in 400words*)

Summarized version of abstract in 250 words