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**5<sup>th</sup> National ECD Stakeholders Conference**

*The County Government of Turkana in collaboration with the ECD Network for Kenya are pleased to announce the Fifth National ECD Stakeholders Conference. The conference will convene practitioners, policymakers and leaders from national and county governments, academicians, researchers, research institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector, donors, and the media. In addition, all other interested parties are welcome to attend and participate in the conference.*

**Intro paragraph**

**When/ Where:** The conference is scheduled to take place on 17th - 19th July 2023 at Turkana University College, Turkana County.

**Why:** The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to gain knowledge and insights on global and national policy directions; cultural / indigenous child-rearing practices; models of good practice for children living in diverse circumstances; community systems engagement including through enhanced technology use; ECD financing and funding priorities, investment and budgeting; advocacy priorities; the Children Act (2022) in relation to ECD implementation, reimagining the Nurturing Care Framework (NCF); stakeholder roles, coordination, collaboration and implementation of ECD to reach all children.

**Detail paragraph**

The Constitution of Kenya (2010), acknowledges the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC, 1989); and Article 53 guarantees the right of every child to free and compulsory education, nutrition, shelter, health care and protection. The Nurturing Care Framework (WHO, 2018) provides a roadmap for action to support best practices to support holistic early childhood

development, and how it can be improved through policy and intervention. Hence, having systems in place that supports having a nurturing care environment for young children during their early childhood years is critical to promote children's development.

### **About**

#### **The Early Childhood Development Network for Kenya (ECD Network for Kenya)**

The ECD Network for Kenya is a membership non-profit organization registered by the NGO's Coordination Board of Kenya. It exists to strengthen coordination and collaboration of ECD initiatives in Kenya with a focus on actors that supports implementation of early childhood development programmes as well as research and advocacy on ECD. The Network undertakes capacity development, research and advocacy working with National and County Governments, civil society organizations, parents and community members to ensure that children access and participate in high quality, holistic ECD programs based on international best practices. Specifically, the Network seeks to promote, support, sustain and advance an enabling environment for the implementation of nurturing care for ECD through research, advocacy, effective partnerships, and strengthened multi sector collaborations.

<https://ecdnetworkforkenya.org/>

#### **About Turkana County**

Turkana County is located in the North Western part of Kenya. It is in the former Rift Valley Province. It is known for its rich cultural heritage, diverse wildlife, and beautiful landscapes. The area is home to several indigenous communities, including the Turkana people, who are known for their semi-nomadic lifestyle and unique cultural traditions. Turkana is also famous for its paleontological sites, which have yielded important fossils of early human ancestors and other mammals, including hominids and large carnivores. These discoveries have helped shed light on the evolution of human beings and the ecosystems in which they lived.

#### **About Turkana University College**

Turkana University College is a public university in Turkana County located in the northwestern region of Kenya. It was established in 2013 as a constituent college of Moi University, with the goal of providing quality education and training opportunities for the residents of the region. Turkana University College offers a range of academic programs in fields such as science, engineering, education, and humanities. The university is known for its focus on sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on research and innovation in areas such as renewable energy. The university is a dynamic and growing institution that is playing an important role in the development of the Turkana region and the wider northwestern region of Kenya.