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Knowledge sharing forum: Innovative solutions to reduce child labour and forced labour in Africa

Date: 28-30 May 2024
Venue: Naivasha, Kenya



Forum Background

The 2020 Global Estimates of Child Labour indicate that, for the first time in 20 years, the absolute number of children in child labour has risen from 152 million in 2016 to 160 million in 2020.

The number of children in child labour has risen to 92 million in Africa – an increase of 20 million children in the last four years. Based on these estimates, one out of every five African children are in child labour. More than 80% of child labour is happening in agriculture, mainly within families. These figures do not include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has likely further worsened the situation of child labour in many countries across the region.

There are 27.6 million people in situations of forced labour globally on any given day, with 3.8 million from Africa according to the 2021 Global Estimates of Modern Slavery. Women and girls make up 11.8 million of the total in forced labour. More than 3.3 million of all those in forced labour are children. Forced labour in private enterprises forms a large part of the population. For Africa, the report highlights forced labour issues linked to fishing, migration, debt bondage, trafficking and the worst forms of child labour.

Under this backdrop this event seeks to catalyse a strong, collaborative response to these challenges. It aims to convene experts, policymakers, international agencies, and community stakeholders to foster a shared understanding of the complexities of child and forced labour in Africa. By highlighting innovative strategies, sharing best practices, and forging effective partnerships, we aspire to provide inputs to regional/national action plans that addresses both the symptoms and root causes of these issues, making significant strides towards eradicating child and forced labour in Africa.

In the spirit of international collaboration and knowledge exchange, this forum aims to create a dynamic platform where tripartite constituents, advocates, experts, etc convene to share, learn, and strategize together how to accelerate actions on child and forced labour. The event will draw inspiration from replicable good practices taken from African region, supported by ACCEL Africa, the 8.7 Accelerator Lab and other projects.

Aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, the forum's vision is firmly rooted in the universal commitment to end all

forms of child labour and forced labour, modern slavery, and human trafficking by 2030. The event seeks to foster a vibrant dialogue that transcends borders, encouraging comprehensive discussions that emphasize the political significance and urgency of this collective mission. The forum contributes to enhancing knowledge sharing and partnerships which are critical elements of the African Union Action Plan on Child Labour, and provides a platform to share progress made by participating countries on the 2022 Durban Call to Action and to learn about examples of emerging innovative practices to accelerate key actions.

Embracing the power of collaboration and intra-African partnership creation, the discussions at this forum will not only fuel political will and boost advocacy but also develop and strengthen partnerships. By addressing the critical challenges and sharing innovative solutions, the event is expected to re-initiate a wave of positive change, and collaboration among nations facing similar challenges.

The impact of this event will extend far beyond the confines of the forum room, resonating across communities and borders. Tripartite constituents, NGOs, and individuals will be invited to join the conversation at the forum. Together, we will build a strong, united front against child and forced labour, modern slavery, and human trafficking, making strides towards a safer, fairer world for all.

This event will be reported under the ACCEL Africa and 8.7 Accelerator Lab indicator frameworks and will also support the implementation of the **ILO's Programme for Africa**, especially in what refers to strengthening the institutional capacity of tripartite constituents and social dialogue to advance social justice, promoting the ratification and implementation of international labour standards, and fighting against forced labour and child labour. It also directly responds to the commitments of the ILO on what regards the implementation of the **P&B 2024-25 Output 1.4. Increased capacity of constituents, partners and stakeholders to respect, promote**

and realize fundamental principles and rights at work, strengthening constituents' capacity and knowledge through international experience sharing, to support evidence-based policymaking to address the root causes of child labour and forced labour, with a view to accelerating progress towards SDG target 8.7. The event will build on the Durban Call to Action adopted by Delegates at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour on 20 May 2022, by presenting good practices related to the specific action points and will be a continuation of the knowledge sharing process initiated through the ROAF's Regional Conference: Knowledge Sharing for Partnerships on the Elimination of Child Labour in Supply Chains hosted in Abidjan in February 2023.

Our focus on innovation

Innovation will be a cornerstone of this event, acting as the catalyst for pioneering solutions in the fight against child and forced labour in Africa. Recognizing the complex and multifaceted nature of these issues, the forum will facilitate a unique environment where creativity and forward-thinking are not only encouraged but essential. This will be achieved through a series of interactive workshops, panel discussions, and brainstorming sessions focused on harnessing unconventional strategies to address and mitigate the roots of forced labour and child labour.

With this aim, the agenda of the event is thoughtfully crafted to promote innovation and knowledge exchange in addressing child labour and forced labour in Africa. The tripartite opening ceremony will emphasize on knowledge sharing and collaboration, while the following sessions will dive deep into practical solutions and innovative strategies.

Key components

► Knowledge Sharing and Strategy Development

Encouraging the flow of insights, experiences, and effective strategies among participants to foster informed and innovative approaches in combating child and forced labour.

- Knowledge booths
- Expert panels
- Digital knowledge wall

► Multi-sectoral Collaboration

Building bridges between partners to promote a comprehensive, unified front against exploitative labour practices.



Objectives

- **Develop a shared understanding among global and regional stakeholders** about the complexities of child and forced labour in Africa and the role of innovation and knowledge sharing to advance on the elimination of these issues.
- **Highlight and share innovative strategies, best practices, and effective partnerships** from different countries and sectors.
- **Establish a dynamic environment for international collaboration and knowledge sharing**, where experts, policymakers, and affected individuals can exchange insights and learn from each other.
- **Incubate new policy ideas and operational strategies**, inviting participants to contribute fresh perspectives and approaches, ensuring solutions are both innovative and practical.
- **Prioritize the voices and experiences of survivors and community representatives** to ensure that solutions are culturally sensitive, contextually relevant, and grounded in real-life experiences.
- **Build strong partnerships across various supply chains** involved in ACCEL Africa and the Accelerator Lab
- **Establish a regional knowledge-sharing network** to enhance multi-sectoral collaborations and partnerships, fostering a strong, united front across nations against child and forced labour.

Expected outcome

This event is designed to bring together a wide range of participants, including experts, advocates, and individuals affected by child and forced labour, to share ideas and strategies for tackling these issues through innovative approaches. It aims to leverage successful practices from across Africa, supported by initiatives like ACCEL II and the 8.7 Accelerator Lab.

Under this context, **the primary expected outcome is to foster a united approach against child and forced labour by highlighting innovative, practical solutions that are relevant and effective in the African context towards the development of solid intra-African South-South Partnerships to combat child labour and forced labour.**

Agenda

TIME	SESSION
Day 1	
9:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony
10:30 – 11:00	Setting the scene
11:00-11:15	Coffee/Tea break
11:20 – 12:30	Leveraging innovation in sectoral initiatives to address forced labour and child labour
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	Roles of workers' organizations in implementing the commitments under the regional frameworks on forced labour and child labour
14:30-14:45	Coffee/Tea break
14:45-16:45	Innovative policy and enforcement for accelerating eradication of forced labour and child labour
16:45-17:30	The importance of ethical reporting on child labour
Day 2	
9:00- 9:30	Voices: Experiences from survivors of child labour and forced labour
9:30 – 10:30	Community innovations to combat child labour and forced labour
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/Tea break
10:45-11:30	Update on the implementation of the African Union Ten Year Action Plan on Child Labour
11:30-12:30	The role of cooperatives in combating child labour
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:30	The pivotal role of the private sector to eliminate child labour and forced labour
14:30-16:30	Breakout sessions (coffee break to be served during break out sessions)
	Group 1: Climate friendly innovations
	Group 2: Gender integrated innovations
	Group 3: Technological innovations
	Group 4: Policy innovations
16:30-17:30	Project presentations and plenary discussion
17:30-18:30	Participants explore booths, engage in discussions, share insights
Day 3	
09:00-10:00	Gender approaches to combat child and forced labour
10:00 – 12:30	From knowledge to action: interactive activity to identify potential replicable solutions and scale up approaches in Africa
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:00	The Netherlands priorities in the fight against child labour with focus on supply chains
14:00 – 14:30	Partnership for development
14:30-14:45	Coffee/Tea break
14:45- 15:45	Innovations to finance the elimination of forced labour and child labour
15:45 – 16:30	Way forward
16:30- 17:00	Closing remarks by tripartite constituents



Karibu Naivasha

Welcome to Naivasha

Nestled in Kenya's Rift Valley, Naivasha Town is a lively center celebrated for its unique blend of natural wonders and bustling city life. From the bustling markets to iconic landmarks like Hell's Gate National Park and the tranquil waters of Lake Naivasha, there's a wealth of experiences waiting to be explored.

With modern facilities catering to both business travelers and tourists, Naivasha showcases its forward-thinking mindset. The town's commitment to sustainability shines through initiatives like the Crater Lake Game Sanctuary, highlighting its dedication to preserving the area's natural beauty.

Nature enthusiasts will be captivated by the stunning scenery of Lake Naivasha and the rugged terrain of Hell's Gate National Park. Additionally, Naivasha offers a selection of luxurious resorts where visitors can relax and rejuvenate in peaceful surroundings, elevating their experience even further.

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or cultural immersion, Naivasha guarantees a memorable journey filled with hospitality and charm. Don't miss the chance to discover why Naivasha is a must-visit destination in Kenya's Rift Valley during your conference visit.

Languages

In terms of languages, Kenya boasts a rich linguistic diversity. The official languages are English and Swahili, with English predominantly used in government and educational settings. Swahili, on the other hand, serves as a lingua franca among various ethnic groups and is widely spoken across the nation. In addition to English and Swahili, Kenya is home to over 60 indigenous languages, highlighting the country's vibrant cultural tapestry and reflecting the diverse heritage of its people.

Meeting Venue

The Knowledge sharing forum will be held in Naivasha, Kenya at Lake Naivasha Resort along Moi South Lake Road, from 28-30 May 2024.

Visa Information

Kenya issues three categories of visas as follows:

- ▶ Nationals and Persons who do not require Visas to enter Kenya.
- ▶ Nationals who require visas to come to Kenya may be issued with a Visa on application.
- ▶ Nationals who require referred Visas to enter Kenya. This category also includes Stateless persons and recognized refugee holders of United Nations Refugee Travel Documents.

Delegates are required to apply for Kenyan Visas online through the following link: <https://etakenya.go.ke/en>

Delegates should ensure that they make an application for a single journey visa and not a multiple journey visa. Upon application and payment of the visa fee is \$51; no additional payment should be made.

All diplomatic, official, and service passport holders attending the conference are required to also apply for Kenyan visas online, after which they will be issued with courtesy (gratis) visas.

Passports should be valid for at least **six (6) months from the date of entry** and should have at least **one (1) unused page** when presented for endorsements. Applicants must also hold an official letter of invitation to the conference and a round-trip ticket.

During the application process, one is required to attach a clear passport biodata page and a clear photograph. The file format of the attachments should be JPG, and the size of the attachment should be 293KB. Passports must meet these requirements for successful visa processing.



Customs

All delegates will be subject to standard customs procedures.

Arrival and departure dates

Delegates will be expected to arrive in Kenya on 27th May and depart on 31st May 2024.

Transportation for delegate

Courtesy shuttle services will operate from JKIA to the Lake Naivasha Resort. Delegates will be picked up from the airport upon arrival and transported to the hotel. Participants will also be dropped off from the hotel at the airport upon departure.

Daily Subsistence Allowance

The Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be provided according to each country's specific arrangement. Local participants will receive DSA based on UN-Government of Kenya (UN-GOK) harmonized rates, covering accommodation, out-of-pocket expenses, and dinner costs for the duration of the workshop. Please note that under the UN harmonized rates, costs for drivers and security are not included. It's important to note that DSA will be calculated based on the daily physical attendance of participants.

Meals

During the workshop, participants will enjoy complimentary lunch and refreshments, including coffee/tea and light snacks, provided as part of the conference package. Any additional meals or beverages beyond those outlined in the agenda will be at the participant's expense.

Health

Covid-19

The WHO has lifted COVID-19 travel requirements; however, any delegate experiencing flu-like symptoms accompanied by fever must undergo testing and, if positive, isolate themselves.

Yellow Fever Vaccination

Participants travelling from non-endemic yellow fever countries are not required to present a yellow fever certificate upon entry into Kenya. However, participants traveling from yellow fever-endemic countries are mandated to be vaccinated at least ten (10) days prior to departure for the destination country.

Travellers coming into Kenya from the following countries are expected to possess valid yellow fever vaccination certificates upon arrival. (These include airport transit for 12 hours or more) For more information, visit

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2022-DON361>

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Rwanda, and Uganda

Note: Delegates without proof of vaccination will be immunized at the airport clinic at a cost of USD 30

Referral Hospitals

Delegates can access medical services from the following hospitals in Naivasha:

- ▶ The Karen Hospital Naivasha
- ▶ Naivasha Sub-County Hospital
- ▶ Nairobi Women's Hospital (Naivasha Branch)
- ▶ Aga Khan University Hospital Medical Centre

All delegates are advised to have Insurance valid in Kenya from their Member States before embarking for the conference.

Focal Points and contacts for the workshop

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Visitor Information & Service

Climate

Kenya, situated on the equator, boasts a pleasant tropical climate, although significant regional climatic variations are influenced by various factors, including altitude. Daytime temperatures in Kenya typically range between 20°C/68°F and 28°C/82°F, with warmer conditions experienced along the coast. Due to its proximity to the equator, Kenya does not experience distinct winter and summer seasons. Instead, it has both a Dry and Wet season.

Time zone

Kenya operates on GMT+3 time.

Banking Services and Currency

The local currency in Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling. Exchange rates are subject to fluctuations. Banking hours typically run from 08:30 to 16:00 from Monday to Friday, and from 08:30 to 12:00 on Saturdays. Banks are closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most banks have Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) that accept various international debit and credit cards. Foreign exchange facilities are available throughout Nairobi.

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks and Forex Bureaus. The Kenyan Shilling (KES) is issued in denominations of 1000, 500, 200, 100, and 50 banknotes, as well as 40, 20, 10, 5, and 1 coin. Currency exchange services are available at banks, the airport, and major hotels. Daily prevailing exchange rates for major international currencies can be obtained from the Central Bank of Kenya website:

<https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/>

Telecommunication

Mobile telephone services are highly efficient in Kenya, with Safaricom, Airtel, and Telkom being among the main service providers. These providers offer a range of services including voice calls, data, messaging, and mobile money services. Additionally, the telcos operating in Kenya offer internet coverage using third-generation (3G), fourth-generation (4G), and fifth-generation (5G) technologies. SIM cards for cell phones are readily available at a cost of approximately KES 140. It's important to note that registration is required for activation. Most establishments in Kenya accept online payments, including Visa, Mastercard, PayPal, and others. Furthermore, many hotels and public spaces, including summit venues, provide free Wi-Fi connections for the convenience of visitors.

Delegates are advised to consider purchasing a Safaricom SIM card and registering for M-PESA. M-PESA is widely used for local payments in Kenya, offering convenience and accessibility during their stay.

Electricity Supply

In Kenya, the electrical circuits operate at 240 volts. Plugs predominantly consist of UK 3-pin plugs, although many locations, including hotels, feature 2-pins. Adaptors for 2-pin plugs are readily accessible.

Plastic bags

As part of an environmental protection policy, Kenya prohibits the entry of plastic bags. Passengers arriving at JKIA or any other border post with plastic bags must dispose of them.



Interested in practicing Swahili?

Greetings

Hello Jambo/hujambo	Goodbye Kwaheri/kwaherini (if more than one person)	Nice to meet you Nimefurahi kukutana nawe	
How are you? Habari gani	See you later Tutaonana baadae	Good night Lala salama	Fine (response) Nzuri

Civilities

Yes Ndiyo	No Hapana	Thank you very much Asante sana	Please Tafadhali	Ok Sawa
Excuse me Samahani	You're welcome Karibu	Can you help me? Tafadhali, naomba unisaidie?		
What is your name? Jina lako nani?	My name is Jina langu ni	Where are you from? Unatoka wapi?	I'm from... Natoka...	
May I take a picture? Naomba kupiga picha?	Do you speak English? Unazungumza kiingereza?	Do you speak Swahili? Unazungumza Kiswahili?		
Just a little bit Kidogo tu	How do you say...in Swahili? Unasemaje...kwa kiswahili	I don't understand Sielewi	Friend Rafiki	