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BUILDING SOUTH AFRICA'S HUMAN CAPITAL FOUNDATIONS
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN DEVELOPING
TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL



PROGRAMME

WEBINAR 1: MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021, 12-2pm

What progress have we made in advancing the equal and optimal development, protection and well-being of children?

Programme Facilitators

Ms. Mayke Huijbregts - Chief Child Protection | UNICEF South Africa
Dr. Gilbert Wesso – Chief Researcher | Parliament

Topic	Speaker	Time
Opening	Speaker of the National Assembly - Honourable Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, MP	12.00-12.07pm
Purpose of the webinar	UNICEF – Ms. Christine Muhigana, UNICEF Representative	12.07-12.10 pm
Status report on the rights of children, notably the vulnerable to develop to their full potential and participate: Progress, gaps, challenges and causes and impact of COVID 19	Professor Nic Spaull, Department of Research on Socioeconomic Policy (RESEP), Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, Stellenbosch University	12.10-12.30 pm
Overview of the multi-deprivational index and report and data related to the following rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Basic Health Care Services • Access to Education • Access to Basic Nutrition • Access to Social Services • Right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation 	Statistics South Africa Ms. Nozipho Shabalala, Chief Director: Poverty and Inequality Ms. Patricia Koka, Director Multi-dimensional Poverty and Statistics Children's Institute – Ms. Lori Lake, Communications and Education Specialist	12.30-12.50pm
Questions and Answers	Ms. Mayke Huijbregts	12.50-13.00pm

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The implications of the data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development – of children and the country • Constitutional obligations • Treaty obligations 	Department of Social Development – Mr. David Chabalala, Acting Chief Director, Office on the Rights of the Child	13.00-13.20pm
Parliament's role to date and how it can strengthen responses	Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Social Development - Honourable Nonkosi Queenie Mvana, MP	13.20-13.45pm
Plenary discussion on strengthening Parliament's oversight role	Facilitated session – Ms. Patricia Martins, Senior Expert on Child Rights Governance	13.45-13.55pm
Thanks and closure	Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces - Honourable Amos Masondo, MP	13.55-14.00pm

Biography of Presenters

Opening

Honourable NN Mapisa-Nqakula, MP - Speaker of The National Assembly, Parliament of The Republic of SA

The Hon. Nosiviwe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula, MP is the Speaker of the National Assembly in the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa. She was elected Speaker of the House (National Assembly) on Thursday 19 August 2021. She previously served as the Minister of Defense and Military Veterans (2012-2021); Minister of Correctional Service (2009-2012); Minister of Home Affairs (2004-2009). Deputy Minister Home Affairs (2002-2004) within the South African government.

Purpose of Webinar

Ms. Christine Muhigana, UNICEF Representative

Christine Muhigana has 33 years of experience within the United Nations. She took up her role as UNICEF Representative in South Africa in September 2020. She was previously the UNICEF Representative in the Central African Republic (CAR) for three years, from 2017 to 2020, and prior to that, she served as UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for the West and Central Africa region based in Dakar, Senegal from 2013 to 2017. From 2008 to 2013, She was the Deputy Director of the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF in New York. Christine worked in many African countries, including Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Sénégal and visited many more in her regional and headquarters advisory functions. She holds a master's degree in Political Science and International Relations and a Master's degree in Maritime and Air Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium.

Session 1. Status report on Children

Prof. Nic Spaul

Nic Spaul is an Associate Professor of Economics at Stellenbosch University. His research focuses on education policy, inequality as well as early grade reading and early grade mathematics.

Session 2. Three presenters: StatsSA and Children's Institute, UCT

Ms. Shabalala

Ms. Nozipho Shabalala, Chief Director responsible for poverty and Inequality Statistics and Acting DDG for Population and Social Statistics branch at Stats SA

Ms. Patricia Koka

Ms. Patricia Koka is Director responsible for the production of Multidimensional Poverty Statistics within the Poverty and Inequality Statistics Division at Stats SA.

Ms. Lori Lake

Lori Lake is a Communications and Education Specialist at the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, where she plays a central role in the production of the annual *South African Child Gauge* and co-convenes the institute's child rights courses for health and allied professionals. She chairs the Advocacy Committee in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health and serves on the Child Health Priorities Executive Committee. Lori has an Honours in Anthropology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education. She specialises in making complex ideas accessible to a wider audience and is interested in engaged scholarship that harnesses the power and resources of the university to promote children's rights, health and optimal development.

Session 3. Implications of the data

Mr. David Chabalala, Acting Chief Director Office of the Rights of the Child, Department of Social Development

David Chabalala is currently the Acting Chief Director, Office on the Rights of the Child at the National Department of Social Development. Post Graduate on Development Studies with UNISA. Before joining government, he was involved in the trade union movements as a worker representative and organiser for the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (NUMSA) and involved in different COSATU structures at local, regional and national levels. He attended a number of courses on Labour Relations which amongst others, were offered by Wits and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). He joined government in the early years of the South African democratic dispensation in 1996. He started at the Department of Labour National office where he was responsible for negotiations towards the promulgation of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act. He spearheads the national agenda on child labour, including effective participation at national and international levels during the negotiations on the drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour. David Chabalala participated in the presentation of the first South African country report to the UN in 2000, Geneva. He joined the Presidency (Office on the Rights of the Child) in 2005 where he was responsible for ensuring implementation of national agenda on the elimination of child labour as it was one of the priorities. Presently David Chabalala is responsible for the development and implementation of the National Plan of Action for Children, which involves ensuring the strengthening of institutional mechanisms and capacity development, Child Rights Advocacy, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting obligations at national, regional and international levels.

Session 4. Parliament's role to date and how it can strengthen responses

Honourable Nonkosi Queenie Mvana, MP - Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Social Development

Full biography to be updated

Closing Remarks

Honourable Nkosiyakhe Amos Masondo, Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Parliament of The Republic of SA

Mr. Nkosiyakhe Amos Masondo is the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, one of the two Houses of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa. He was elected to this position after May 2019 National general elections in South Africa. He was born on 21 April 1953 in Louwsburg, about 50 kilometers from Vryheid, and grew up in Soweto (Johannesburg).

In the early 1970's he became a member of both NAYO (National Youth Origination) as well as SASM (South African Student Movement). He was imprisoned on Robben Island from 1976 to 1981 for his participation in the liberation struggle. He was again detained under the emergency regulations from June 1985 to March 1986 and again from July 1986 to 1989. He served as member and leader of the Soweto Civic Association.

He is a founding member of the United Democratic Front. On his release in 1989, he became regional secretary for the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the trade union umbrella organisation and the African National Congress' regional election coordinator. In 2001 he was elected as a Member of the Gauteng Legislature and was subsequently elected to serve as Mayor of Johannesburg. He was the Mayor of the City of Johannesburg from 2001 to 2011 and successfully led the process of deepening and unifying the Local Municipality into a greater Metropolitan Democratic Local Government. He later served in the headquarters of the African National Congress at the President's Office. He became a Member of Parliament, serving in the National Assembly, from May 2014 until May 2019. In the National Assembly, he was appointed to the Joint Committee on Ethics and to the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. He also served on the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament and on the Ad Hoc Committee to nominate a person for appointment as the Public Protector. He has been awarded many awards and recognised for various achievements on governance.
