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PROGRAMME

WEBINAR 2: MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021, 10-12:20pm

Government's treaty and development responsibilities to children and Parliament's role in ensuring compliance / strengthening of the system and responses – addressing the data / deficits

Programme Facilitators

Ms. Mayke Huijbregts - Chief Child Protection | UNICEF South Africa

Dr. Gilbert Wesso – Chief Researcher | Parliament

Topic	Speaker	Time
Opening and observations from day 1	UNICEF – Ms. Muriel Mafico, UNICEF Deputy Representative	10.00-10.15pm
Overview of treaty and development responsibilities on the State: Implementation through a Child Rights Governance System	Department for International Relations (DIRCO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nthabiseng Malefane, <i>Director: Vulnerable Groups</i> Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jean Beafils Fokwa, Human Rights Officer 	10.15-10.45pm
Questions and Answers (Q&A)	Moderator: Ms. Mayke Huijbregts - Chief Child Protection UNICEF South Africa	
Critical gaps and challenges – based on concluding observations and the UN's recent LOI against which government must report in 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Ann Skelton UNESCO Chair: Education Law in Africa, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria 	10.45-11.10pm

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The role of Parliament in strengthening the national system of CRG and driving improvements in development outcomes for children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Maurencia Gillion Chairperson of the Select Committee on Health and Social Services, Parliament RSA	11.10-11.35pm
The role of civil society in strengthening child rights governance.	Representative from civil society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Zita Hansangule, Project Coordinator, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Centre for Child Law The South African National Child Rights Coalition and Save the Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Emmanuel Modikwane, Child Rights Governance Thematic Manager 	11.35-11.50pm
Questions and Answers (Q&A)	Moderator: Ms. Patricia Martin, Advocacy Aid	11.50 – 12.05pm
Way forward	UNICEF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Christine Muhigana, UNICEF Representative 	12:05 – 12:15pm
Closure and Vote of Thanks	Parliament RSA, Dr. Wesso, Chief-Researcher	12.15 – 12:20pm

Biography of Presenters

Day II.

Overview of treaty and development responsibilities of the State

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Ms. Nthabiseng Malefane is Director: Vulnerable Groups. She has more than 20 years' experience in the public service, including 17 years as a Senior Manager in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation. She has held various posts such as Director: East Asia; Director: Human Rights and Director: Environment Science and Technology. She has also represented South Africa in various international fora and served abroad on two postings; as Deputy Ambassador to Japan and as Minister Plenipotentiary in France. She holds a Master of Science Degree from the University of the Witwatersrand.

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Jean Fokwa is a Human Rights Officer with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Regional Office for South Africa. He leads the work of the Regional Office in terms of providing technical support, guidance and advisory services to Government stakeholders, National Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organisations and United Nations Country Teams in the sub- region on engagement with United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms.

Critical gaps and challenges

Professor Ann Skelton

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Ann Skelton is a Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria. She has worked as a children's rights lawyer in South Africa for 30 years. Her global influence has been recognised through the Juvenile Justice Without Borders award (2017), her involvement as chairperson of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Global Study on Children Deprived of their Liberty, and being appointed as an Ambassador for the British Society of Criminology. Ann is currently a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, having been elected in 2020 for a second term of office.

The role of Parliament in strengthening the national system of CRG and driving improvements in development outcomes for children

Hon. Maurencia Gillion, MP

Hon. Maurencia Gillion, a permanent delegate to the National Council of Provinces, serves as the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Health and Social Services. She previously served as Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (2014-2019); Member of Standing Committees on Community Development and Petitions; Western Cape Provincial Treasurer; alternate member at Rules Committee and Executive Mayor of Overberg District Municipality (2006-2010).

The role of civil society

Ms. Zita Hansangule

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*Zita Hansungule joined the **Centre for Child Law** first as a student assistant in 2011 and then as part of the Centre's Research, Monitoring & Evaluation team in 2012. Zita obtained her LLB degree in 2011 and her Master's degree in Child Law in 2016 and is currently working on her Doctorate on Children's Rights. In 2016, she had the opportunity to be a researcher in the Constitutional Court under the mentorship of Justice Bess Nkabinde. Recently, Zita has been responsible for co-ordinating the children's rights sector's engagements with international and regional human rights treaty bodies. She has been involved in a global study on children deprived of liberty and a study on the impact of the Child Justice Act in South Africa.*

Mr. Emmanuel Modikwa

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*Emmanuel Modikwane, Child Rights Governance Thematic Manager at **Save the Children** South Africa. He was instrumental in the completion of the National Child Participation Framework primarily ensuring that children influence the decisions that affect their lives and that their voices are amplified for the realisation of their rights. Furthermore, he was key to the recent establishment of the **South African National Child Rights Coalition** (SANCRC) and currently serves on its Steering Committee.*
