17th - 19th July, 2023

5TH NATIONAL ECD STAKEHOLDER'S CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme:
From Policy & Evidence to Action

VENUE:
TURKANA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, TURKANA COUNTY

Convener:
Early Childhood Development Network for Kenya (ECDNeK)

The Early Childhood Development Network for Kenya in collaboration with Turkana County Government are pleased to announce the call for proposals/abstract for the 5th national ECD stakeholders' conference. The conference will bring together practitioners, researchers, policymakers and participants drawn from national and the 47 county governments, research institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector, donors, and the media. The conference will provide participants an opportunity to share and gain knowledge and insights on cultural / indigenous child-rearing practices; models of good practice for children living in diverse circumstances; community systems engagement through enhanced technology use; ECD financing, investment and budgeting; the Children Act (2022) in relation to ECD implementation, reimagining the NCF; coordination, collaboration and implementation of ECD to reach all children.

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CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THEMES

Theme: **From Policy & Evidence to Action**

Sub-themes:

1. *Systems thinking and the Nurturing Care Framework: Strengthening community systems – leveraging the community health strategy to ward level;*

2. *Leveraging intersectionalities: Coordination, Technical Working Groups, and implementation blocks;*

3. *Aligning knowledge: Indigenous and traditional child-rear ing practices and cultures that promote nurturing care;*

4. *Reframing inclusivity: A good start for all children; and*

5. *Early Childhood Education: building programs on best practices.*

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

1. Single-paper proposals should be prepared as per the templates provided below:

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 conference booklet.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Font Size: Fonts should be 11 points
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

Important Dates

- Abstracts and proposals to be received by January 30th 2023
- Abstracts and proposals to be reviewed and feedback given by 15th March 2023
- Revised full paper and abstracts to be received by 15th April 2023

SECTION A
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 400 words)

Summarized version of abstract in 250 words