

REGIONAL MEETING ON MEASUREMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

24-27 October 2023

UBUMWE GRANDE HOTEL, KIGALI, RWANDA

The **primary aim** of the Regional Meeting is to support governments in developing robust measurement systems that are relevant for early childhood development (ECD).



Objectives

- ▶ Discuss population-level outcome and impact measures of ECD and how to interpret and use the data.
- ▶ Review national monitoring and evaluation frameworks for ECD to facilitate peer learning and identify any areas for improvement.
- ▶ Discuss availability and integration of data at national and subnational levels, and how available information is being used to strengthen programme implementation.
- ▶ Agree on priority actions to advance ECD-relevant measurement at the country level, as well as the supportive role of regional and global entities.



Expected outcomes

- ▶ Countries are oriented and equipped to use data from available and forthcoming measurement and monitoring tools to monitor progress in ECD.
- ▶ Country-level and regional mappings of data are used to influence policy, budgeting, and programming for ECD.
- ▶ A regional roadmap to guide countries on how they can mainstream/integrate monitoring of ECD into their national statistical systems is developed.
- ▶ Country-specific action plans to strengthen monitoring of programme implementation and children's development outcomes are developed.

DAY 1: TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
08:30-9:00	Arrival, registration	
09:00-10:00	Welcome Opening remarks Official opening Objectives and Expected Outcomes Participant introductions	Ozonnia Ojielo, UN Resident Coordinator Representatives from the co-convening organizations The representative from the Government of Rwanda
10:00-10:30	Tea/coffee break + group photo	
10:30-11:15	Keynote address Monitoring enabling environments for early childhood development	Linda Richter, University of Witwatersrand
11:15-12:00	The situation of young children in Eastern and Southern Africa Overview Question and answer	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF
12:00-12:30	What do the data tell us? Developing robust measurement systems that are relevant for ECD Overview Question and answer	Janet Kayita, WHO
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
Objective 1: Discuss population-level outcome and impact measures of ECD and how to interpret and use the data.		
Chair: Magdalena Janus, McMaster University		
13:30-14:30	Rationale and overview of population-level measures of ECD: ECDI2030, GSED, AIM-ECD Rationale for monitoring ECD at population level Overview of the purpose, similarities, and differences of ECDI2030, GSED, AIM-ECD Question and answer	Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF Tarun Dua, WHO Diego Luna Bazaldua, World Bank
14:30-15:30	Uptake, use and harmonization of population-level measures of ECD Regional uptake Implementation considerations and commonalities Harmonization efforts Question and answer	Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF Tarun Dua, WHO Diego Luna Bazaldua, World Bank Ibrahima Samba, World Bank
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Working together to improve the availability and use of population-level data on ECD Panel discussion with countries Plenary discussion	Moderator: Magdalena Janus

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Objective 2: Review national monitoring and evaluation frameworks for ECD to facilitate peer learning and identify any areas for improvement.

Chair: Lynette Okengo, AfECN

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:15	Recap day 1 Overview of Day 2	Lynette Okengo, AfECN
09:15-09:45	Country profiles for ECD Overview Question and answer	Linda Richter, University of Witwatersrand
09:45-10:15	Gaps and new developments Overview Question and answer	Bernadette Daelmans, WHO Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF
10:15-10:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45-11:30	Regional ECD policy landscape Overview: From policy to action Country examples Question and answer	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF Chemba Raghavan, UNICEF
11:30-13:00	Monitoring progress in implementation of ECD policies: M&E Frameworks Overview Country examples Question and answer	Maniza Ntekim, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Marketplace Countries present their policy and M&E Framework. Guided discussion.	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Report back High-level observations	Moderators: Boniface Kakhobwe, UNICEF Teshome Desta, WHO

DAY 3: THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

Objective 3 Discuss the availability and integration of data at national and subnational levels, and how available information is being used to strengthen programme implementation.

Chair: Janet Kayita, WHO

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:15	Recap day 2 Overview of Day 3	Janet Kayita, WHO
09:15-10:00	Using data to strengthen systems Overview Country examples Plenary discussion	Patricia Martin-Wiesner, WHO Shekufeh Zonji, ECDAN
10:00-11:00	Breakout groups Sector-specific groups. Guided discussion	
11:00-11:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00	Report back	
12:00-13:00	Routine Management Information Systems: challenges and opportunities Health routine management information systems Country examples Question and answer	Hillary Kipchumba Kipruto, WHO
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Monitoring programme implementation Overview Country examples Plenary discussion	Mark Tomlinson & Marguerite Marlow, Institute of Life Course Health Research at Stellenbosch University
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Monitoring children's development Early identification: an overview of and reflections on current measures and approaches Plenary discussion	Magdalena Janus, McMaster University Edward Kija, MUHAS

DAY 4: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

Objective 4: Agree on priority actions to advance ECD-relevant measurement at the country level, as well as the supportive role of regional and global entities.

Chair: Shekufeh Zonji, ECDAN

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:15	Recap day 3 Overview of Day 4	
09:15-09:45	New developments Latest developments in measuring child development	Sunil Sazawal, John Hopkins University/Centre for Public Health Kinetics
09:45-11:15	Group work: Action planning Each country is to agree on priority actions and identify the support required.	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF Janet Kayita, WHO
11:15-11:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:45-12:45	Report back & Reflections Each group is to share 1-2 priority actions.	Shekufeh Zonji, ECDAN
12:45-13:00	Closing	The representative of the Government of Rwanda Representative(s) from the co-convening organizations
13:00	Lunch & End of Meeting	