

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN AFRICA - trends in programming

Conference pre-invitation: **23rd October 2008 in Copenhagen**

Date: 23rd October 2008

Venue: Faculty of Life Science, Fest-auditoriet, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C.

Time: 9 – 5pm

Modality: Plenary and colloquium

Hosted by: DBL - Centre for Health Research and Development, The Danish Child and Youth NGO Network, AIDSNET - The Danish Network on AIDS and Development and UNICEF Danmark

Registration: www.ngonet.dk

By 2010, it is estimated that there will be around 15.7 million children orphaned by AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. These children, as well as their families and society in general, are confronted with multiple problems which severely compromises human development prospects in the worst hit countries. To address these massive challenges we need to increase funding and obtain political commitment from African governments to the rights of children. The international community, bi- and multilateral donors as well as NGOs and researchers have an important role to play in moving this issue forward. The conference organizers would like to invite you to this important forum focusing on good practices:

How can we identify sustainable programs and effect change?

Morning sessions: Policies and strategies

- Chairman of the Board of Danida *Mr. Klaus Aa. Bustrup*: Opening of conference
- Minister for Development Cooperation, *Mrs. Ulla Tørnæs*: Opening speech
- UNICEF Representative *Dr. Douglas Webb*: Taking stock of policies and strategies - viable and sustainable solution to the problem of mass orphanhood in Africa
- Trends in programming - *speaker to be announced*
- *Dr. Gabriel Urgoiti*, South Africa: The effect of children's involvement

Afternoon sessions: State-of-the-art in programming

Short presentations will be followed by workshops run by professional facilitators. Issues to be addressed are among others:

- Policy and strategies – ways to commit African Governments (*Douglas Webb and Christian Friis-Bach*)
- Programming – appropriate and practical approaches at local level (*Key note speaker and Helle Gudmandsen*)
- Children's participation (*Gabriel Urgoiti and Lise R. Østergaard*)
- Material and psycho-social needs (*Jens Aagaard-Hansen and Cæcilie Bom Kahama*)

The conference closes at 5:00 pm after summing up and collating main findings.

We are pleased to invite the participants to an informal reception after the end of the conference.

See you **in Copenhagen**



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