



Promoting the Rights and Welfare
of African Children

Modern Day Slavery of African Children in the UK: Addressing the Demand and Supply Nexus

25th – 26th July 2007

... An event to
commemorate the
200th anniversary of
the law abolishing the
trans-Atlantic slave
trade.

Conference Venue:

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Why Attend This Conference?

AFRUCA – Africans Unite Against Child Abuse is the premier charity promoting the rights and welfare of African children in the UK.

Two hundred years after the enactment of the law abolishing the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the trafficking of African children to the UK continues unabated. Despite the increasing number of cases coming to the fore across the country, there has been little effort at bringing together experts and front-line practitioners in the UK as well as in source countries to learn from each other's experiences and deliberate on this disturbing trend. This timely conference will fill the gap by bringing together experts in the field of counter-trafficking from the UK and African countries. It will explore the phenomenon of the trafficking and exploitation of children from Africa in the UK while examining key demand and supply issues fuelling this illicit trade in children. In addition, it will assess ongoing efforts to address the issue at both the supply and demand ends whilst highlighting gaps in the system that continue to make counter trafficking efforts an uphill struggle. Ultimately, it will identify key ways forward for governments and other agencies working in the area of counter-trafficking in Africa and the UK to work together to prevent trafficking and safeguard victims.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the conference, participants would have:

- Improved their knowledge of child trafficking and related issues through sharing ideas, information and experiences with experts in the UK and African countries on initiatives to address the trafficking of children from Africa to the UK
- Identified barriers and gaps in policy and service provision to meet the needs of child victims of trafficking in the UK
- Explored strategies to improve relationships, communications and collaborations between experts and practitioners in the UK and in Africa to aid counter trafficking efforts
- Identified ways forward for policy and practice to aid the prevention, protection, rehabilitation of victims of trafficking as well as prosecution of traffickers

Who Should Attend?

Policy makers, local safeguarding boards officers, local authority children and family services officers, Connexion advisers, NGO workers, international agencies staff, law enforcement officers, immigration workers, education officials, health workers, faith organisations and community representatives

Invited Keynote Speakers

Vernon Coaker Under Secretary of State for Policing, Security and Community, Home Office

Hajia Alima Mahama Honorable Minister for Women and Children, Republic of Ghana

Dr Carol Ndaguba Chief Executive, National Agency for Trafficking in Persons and Other Related Matters, Nigeria

Chris Beddoe Director, ECPAT UK

Key Themes:

- Prevention efforts in African countries
- Rehabilitation and reintegration of victims
- Legislation, enforcement and prosecution
- Supply issues in Africa
- Demand issues in the UK
- Community Engagement
- Victim Support

Workshop Presenters

- **Millie Odhiambo-Mabona**, Executive Director, The CRADLE – The Children's Foundation, Kenya
- **Ken Williams Nhang**, Executive Director, African Network for the Prevention and Protection of Children Against Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Malawi
- **Dapo Oyewole**, Executive Director, Centre for African Policy and Peace Strategies (CAPPS), UK and Nigeria
- **Beb Van Bloten**, Executive Director, International Foster Care Organisation, the Netherlands
- **Nadine Finch**, Immigration Law Practitioners Association, UK
- **Jane Dykins**, Head, Children's Panel, Refugee Council, UK
- **David MacDonald**, Head, Vulnerable Children's Unit, Home Office
- **Gary Foxcroft**, Executive Director, Stepping Stones, Nigeria

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Day One

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Coffee

9:30 – 10:40 Plenary
Welcome, Introductions
Keynote Speeches

- UK Government's Response to Human Trafficking (Vernon Coaker, Under Secretary of State)
- Combating Child Trafficking in Africa: Response of the Government of Ghana (Hajia Mahama, Minister for Women and Children, Ghana)
- Child Trafficking in the UK – An Overview (Chris Beddoe, ECPAT UK)
- Responses to Child Trafficking Prevention and Victim Support in Nigeria (Carol Ndaguba, NAPTIP, Nigeria)

10:40 – 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 – 13:00 Morning Workshops

Supply issues: factors fuelling the trafficking of children in Africa. (Workshops will be repeated)

Workshop One

- Globalisation, Child Trafficking and Poverty in Africa (Dapo Oyewole, Centre for African Policy and Peace Strategies)
- Child Trafficking, HIV/AIDS and International Adoption (Bep Van Sloten, International Foster Care Organisation, the Netherlands)

Workshop Two

- Child Trafficking, Religion and Culture in Malawi (Ken Williams Nhango, ANPPCAN, Malawi)
- Child Trafficking and Sex Tourism in Kenya (Millie Odhiambo, The CRADLE, Kenya)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Afternoon Workshops

Demand issues: Identification of victims and the impact of Child Trafficking in the UK
(Workshops will be repeated)

Workshop One

- Trafficking of African Children – domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, forced labour and implications for victims (Debbie Ariyo, AFRUCA)

Workshop Two

Victim Identification, Criminalisation and Assessing the Indicators of Trafficking (Jane Dykins, Refugee Council)

16:00-16:20 Afternoon Plenary

16:20 End of Day One

17.30 – 20:00 Evening Reception and Networking Event for Participants and Other Guests

Day Two

9:00 - 9:30 Coffee

9:30 – 11:15 Plenary
Recap of Day One
Presentations

Responses at Source – Prevention, Protection, Rehabilitation and Prosecution.

- Return, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Victims in Africa (IOM)
- NGO Sensitisation and Awareness Raising Activities in Malawi (Ken Williams Nhango, ANPPCAN, Malawi)
- Supporting victims of witchcraft abuse and street children in Nigeria (Gary Foxcroft, Stepping Stones Children's Home, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria)

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00 Presentations

Responses in the UK – Prevention, Protection and Support for Victims.

- Community Engagement in Prevention (Million Joseph, AFRUCA)
- Operation Pentameter – Working with Victims of Trafficking (Glyn Rankin, UK Human Trafficking Centre)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Afternoon Workshops

Improving the Governmental Framework to Address Trafficking – Filling the Gaps
(Workshops will be repeated)

Workshop One

- The New Government Action Plan on Human Trafficking (David Macdonald, Home Office)
- Legal Protection for victims, right to prosecute exploiters and EU Convention on Human Trafficking (Nadine Finch, Immigration Law Practitioners Association)

Workshop Two

- Collaboration between UK and African Countries (Millie Odhiambo, The CRADLE)

16:00 - 16:10 Closing Plenary

16:10 Conference Ends

Registration Details

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Conference Language

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Accommodation

A list of reduced rate hotels close to the venue of the conference will be available on our website for interested delegates. Most hotels require payment in advance with booking.

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Must be received in writing at least two weeks before the conference. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after 14 days of the conference. Failure to attend after confirming a booking will be subject to the same terms. We are happy to accept a substitute delegate at any time.

Conference Registration Fee Per Delegate

- £190 (NHS, Public Sector and Charities with more than 10 employees)
£180 (International Delegates)
£50 (UK based African community and grass-root organisations)

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