

Timothy Ekesa

Educational Qualifications

2010 – 2011: Masters of Science Degree – Organizational Development - (United States International University (USIU) – Africa.

2003 – 2003 : Post Graduate Diploma in Management & Development of NGOs, Galilee College, Israel

1990 – 1994: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications & Community Development, Messiah College through Daystar University College, Kenya.

1994 – 1994: Certificate in Magazine Editing and Production, I.C.M.T - Daystar University College.

Publications

Kenyan study of *Disrupting Harm Study on Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse* spearheaded by ECPAT International, UNICEF Innocenti and Interpol. 2020/21. Nairobi

Co-authored *2019 Violence Against Children Study*. NCCS. Nairobi

(Co-authored): *Guidelines for Child Participation in Kenya* 2016. NCCS. Nairobi

(Co-Edited): *Child Participation in Action – Best Practice Booklet – An Experience of KAAACR* (2014). KAAACR, Nairobi

Editor: *The Child Magazine* (Quarterly) 2012. KAAACR. Nairobi

(Co-edited): *Trainers Guide for Institutional and Non-institutional care for children*, Nairobi, 2003

(Co-edited) *Defilement/Rape – You can be a Victim*, Nairobi, 1996

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Experience in the Children's sector on benefit to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

- ◇ Executive Director, Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children (KAAACR) Coalition of 250 CSOs.
- ◇ Experienced in leading national state party periodic reporting and CSO supplementary reporting on implementation of UNCRC & African Charter on the Rights & Welfare of Children (ACRWC) processes in Switzerland & Ethiopia respectively since 1997.
- ◇ Participated in 71st Pre-Sessional Working Group (2015) & 71st Session of CRC, (2016), Geneva Switzerland.
- ◇ Panelist at the 13th session of the Human Rights Council as presenter on Situation of Violence against Children in East Africa alongside UN Special Rapporteurs on VAC, Torture and Child Trafficking during Rights of the Child Day in Geneva, Switzerland 2010.
- ◇ Led child participation in CRC reporting process during 44th Session of CRC when Kenya presented the 2nd State Party report of Kenya in 1998 – 2004.
- ◇ Lobbied for Special NGO Consultative Status for Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children (KAAACR) with ECOSOC (UN) 2000 and Observer Status with African Committee of Experts on Rights and Welfare of Children (ACERWC) – 2019.
- ◇ Participant at A20 Global Leadership Summit on Child Advocacy 2019 in Beijing, China.
- ◇ Presenter at 12th European Congress of International Society on Child Abuse & Neglect (ISPCAN), September 2011, Tampere University, Finland.
- ◇ Leading coalition of CSOs in East & Southern Africa as representative of ECPAT creating awareness on SEC, Child Labour, empowerment of Girls and Young Women & Prevention of Violence against Children.

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Kenya's Candidate

Membership to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
2025 - 2029



Committed to amplifying CRC work through Children's Voices

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Vision Statement

As the Executive Director of Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children and a leading Child Rights Activist with over 29 years' experience of advocating for children rights at national, regional and global levels, I believe I will contribute meaningfully to the work of the CRC Committee. I come with vast experience on state party CRC periodic and CSO supplementary reporting having participated in three (3) Committee on the Rights of the Child sessions in Geneva, Switzerland.

My Vision

To ensure effective Child participation in CRC reporting processes from grassroots to International levels.

I am

Fully committed to promotion of the principles of UNCRC

In my work with children, I truly believe and exercise the Best Interest of Child, non-discrimination, children voices are key to achieving life and survival of all children in the world.

I believe in

Meaningful engagement of children in CRC Processes

Voices of Children are key in enriching state party reports. I prioritized meaningful child participation in all programs and projects of Child protection. I led Kenya in contributing case studies on Children's Engagement in CRC Reporting alongside other experiences from England, Peru, Hong Kong, Scotland and Mongolia published by NGO Group on CRC into a guidebook – <https://childrightsconnect.org>.

Kenya's Track record on CRC Implementation

Kenya ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on 30th July 1990 and in a bold step domesticated the Convention by enacting the Children Act (Cap 586 Laws of Kenya). Kenya demonstrated commitment to the UNCRC by stipulating rights specific to children in Article 53 of Kenya's Constitution (2010) and the subsequent enactment of several laws, including the Children Act 2022, to give effect to the Constitutional provisions.

Kenya is consistent in fulfilling its obligations as a State Party to the UNCRC. It has submitted its initial and several periodic reports on the level of implementation of the convention including its combined 6th and 7th periodic report. The reports have always conformed with the UNCRC reporting guidelines and are largely informed by the progress made in addressing the Concluding Observations of previous reports. Kenya is cognizant that despite the progress made to safeguard the Rights and welfare of the child, there are challenges that still need to be addressed.

In this regard, Kenya is committed to forging partnerships and networks that will steer it closer to creating an environment that enables children to develop to their full potential.

Kenya is convinced that Mr. Timothy Ekesa is eminently qualified and will contribute substantially to the Committee on the Rights of the Child given his vast experience in child rights advocacy.

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Membership In Professional Bodies relevant to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

2022 – 2024: Member of ECPAT International Global Supervisory Board

2020 – 2023: Board member of 14-country Eastern Africa Child Rights Network (EACRN)

2013 – 2016: Member of the National Council for Children Services (NCCS), Ministry of Labour Social Security and Services

2014 – 2016: Vice Chairperson, Elimu Yetu Coalition (Educational Advocacy lobby)

2014 – 2020: Member of ACK Language & Orientation School Management Committee, Kenya

2006 – 2015: Member of the Executive Committee of World Leisure Commission on Children and Youth, University of Northern Iowa, USA

2004 - 2004: Founding Director of Child Line Kenya – Child Helpline Number -116

