



COMMUNIQUE

INAUGURAL CHILDRENS DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE.

From 27th to 28th February, 2017

Nairobi Primary School,
Nairobi, KENYA

THEME: DEVOLUTION-TRANSFORMING LIVES: TELL YOUR STORY



We, the representatives of the Children of Kenya¹, drawn from the 47 counties of the Republic, congregating at the inaugural Children's Devolution Conference, held from 27th to 28th February, 2017 at the Nairobi Primary School, Nairobi, under the theme, "Devolution-Transforming Lives: Tell Your Story",

As a synthesis of our ideation workshops, discussions and plenary interaction, we call for the following:

Child protection and participation

- i. Establishment of children rescue homes and centers
- ii. regular interactions between county officials and children representatives

Peace, Values and Cohesion

- i. County governments to take action that enhance children dialogue and education on Peace, national values and cohesion during the election 2017 and beyond;
- ii. Political leaders to create harmony and promote peace without inciting their constituents to violence.

Education

- i. County governments should support education programmes that are inclusive, especially for the vulnerable, children with disabilities and marginalized children at the grass root levels;
- ii. Provide more ECDE and vocational training centers with better facilities and more teachers;

Health

- i. County governments to facilitate public education on health, employ more health professionals, provide affordable assistive devices and aids for children living with disabilities, and provide Kenyan Sign Language and other accessibility assistance to improve access to primary health care;
- ii. Provide and ensure access to emergency services such as ambulances in rural areas

Energy and Infrastructure

- i. Use of solar and wind energy as alternative sources of energy that would assist in improving learning

¹ Children were drawn from the County children governments and students council

- ii. More roads, bridges be constructed to ensure greater rural accessibility and markets to facilitate better prices for agricultural goods

Environment

- i. Ensure afforestation and tree planting
- ii. Recycling of waste, especially plastics, and facilitate, in collaboration with children, county cleaning days

Fight against Corruption

County Governments, especially Governors, to take responsibility and address issues of corruption at the county

Protection Rights of Children with Disability and Special interest Groups

County governments recognize that rights of the groups and undertake programmes aimed at taking affirmative action to ensure that have equal access to services offered by county governments

In conclusion, we wish to thank all those who made this Children's Conference a success, hope that our views will be considered and implemented. We request that feedback on the issues raised will be provided towards to all participants the end of the 1st Quarter of 2017.

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