

# JOINING THE INITIATIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING AND LABOUR



Regional seminar jointly organized by the ECOWAS Parliament, the Sahel and West Africa Club/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (SWAC-OECD) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

ECOWAS Parliament, Abuja, 12-14 June 2012

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY 12 June

#### Chair

9:00-	9:45	Registration of participants and distribution of documents	
9:45-	10:30	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Remarks by the Secretary General of IPU</li> <li>▪ Opening address by the President of the ECOWAS Parliament</li> </ul>	• To be announced
10:30-	10:45	Coffee break	
		<b>▶ SEGMENT 1: Report on national activities in the fight against child trafficking and labour</b>	• To be announced
10:30-	13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief background information on the project and the Cotonou Declaration</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u> a member of parliament and an expert from SWAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities conducted and results achieved in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Members of parliament and other actors in the countries listed</p> <p>Discussion</p>	
13:00-	15:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
15:00-	17:30	Segment 1 (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities conducted and results achieved in Congo, Niger, Senegal and Togo</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Members of parliament and other actors in these countries</p> <p>Discussion</p>	

### WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

		<b>▶ SEGMENT 2: A few key ways to consolidate the fight against child trafficking and labour, both upstream and downstream</b>	
9:00-	11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage systematic registration of births as the first step in guaranteeing the rights of the child.</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and monitor the implementation of a regional migration policy adapted to the region's needs.</li> </ul>	• To be announced

		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		Discussion	
11:00-	11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-	13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Render efficient and effective justice against traffickers.</li> </ul>	• To be announced
		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break the vicious circle of trafficking: promote guidance and assistance for victims.</li> </ul>	
13:30-	15:00	<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		Lunch	
		<p>► <b>SEGMENT 3: ECOWAS as a key instrument in developing and implementing a regional approach to the fight against child trafficking and labour: what role for its Parliament?</b></p>	
15:00-	17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions taken by the ECOWAS Commission in the fight against child trafficking and labour: progress to date and outlook going forward</li> </ul>	• To be announced
		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the Committee on Human Rights of the ECOWAS Parliament</li> </ul>	
		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		Discussion	
		<i>Dinner - reception</i>	

#### THURSDAY 14 June

		<p>► <b>SEGMENT 3 (continued)</b></p>	
9:00-	11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the ECOWAS Parliament in harmonizing national strategies for a regional approach to child trafficking and labour.</li> </ul>	• To be announced
		<u>Speakers:</u> Experts/consultants	
11:00-	11:15	Coffee break	
		<p>► <b>SEGMENT 4: How other actors can contribute to the action being taken by the ECOWAS Parliament</b></p>	• To be announced
11:15-	12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do more to promote children's rights: technical contribution from the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.</li> </ul>	
		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		Discussion	
12:00-	14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil society as an indispensable partner: contribution from the West Africa Network for the Protection of Children</li> </ul>	
		<u>Speaker:</u> Expert/consultant	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support from international institutions and organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).</li> <li>- The International Labour Office and/or International Organization for Migration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
		<u>Speakers:</u> Experts/consultants	
		Discussion	
14:00-	15:30	Lunch	

15:30-	16:30	Presentation of the conclusions of the Conference
16:30-	17:00	Closing ceremony