



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#ACFMOMBASA2026

Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World

13–15 October 2026 | Pridelnn Flamingo Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa, Kenya

Pre-Conference: 12 October • Post-Conference Field Visits & Departures: 16 October

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THEME: Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World



Welcome Messages

WELCOME NOTE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World

Dear Esteemed Participants,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Africa Childcare Forum 2026 (ACFMombasa2026) in the vibrant coastal city of Mombasa, Kenya.

Building on the momentum of ACFKigali2025 and the Kigali Commitments on Early Childhood Care and Development, this Forum seeks to move the childcare agenda from commitments to implementation, positioning Africa as a leader in shaping the future of care systems.

Under the theme "Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World," the Forum brings together policymakers, practitioners, researchers, investors, philanthropies, private-sector actors, civil society organizations, community leaders and childcare providers for three days of high-level dialogue, practical learning, evidence exchange and partnership building.

The Forum will provide space to examine childcare as a foundation for child development, women's economic empowerment, decent work, inclusive growth and resilient communities.

We invite all participants to engage with open minds, bold ideas and a shared commitment to building quality, affordable, inclusive and sustainable childcare systems across Africa. Welcome to Mombasa, and welcome to ACFMombasa2026.

ACFMombasa2026 Steering Committee

Ms. Deman Yusuf- Chair, Steering CommitteeACFMombasa2026



WELCOME FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Welcome to **Africa Childcare Forum 2026** in Mombasa.

It is a privilege to bring together colleagues from across Africa and beyond who are working to ensure that every child, family and caregiver can access the care and support they need to thrive. Mombasa is particularly special because this, alongside Nairobi, Kisumu, Busia and Kajiado Counties in Kenya is where the Collaborative Action for Childcare was incubated.

Under the theme "**Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World**," this 2nd Africa Childcare Forum is a space to connect evidence with action, share what is working, learn from one another and build partnerships that can strengthen childcare systems across our continent. It is a space to build lasting connections that lead to new projects, new initiatives that accelerate quality, and affordable childcare.

We are especially pleased to thank the County Government of Mombasa. As you will hear at this event, Mombasa has been taking some significant steps to lead through deliberate action.

I welcome governments, childcare providers, practitioners, researchers, investors, development partners, and community leaders. Each has an essential role in building care systems that are accessible, inclusive, quality-assured, and sustainable.

I hope that your time in Mombasa will be filled with meaningful conversations, new connections and practical ideas — and that together we will leave with a stronger sense of what is possible when we **unite for care**.

Welcome to Mombasa. Welcome to ACFMombasa2026.

Asayya Imaya

CEO, Uthabiti Africa & Convenor, Collaborative Action for Childcare

WELCOME STATEMENT BY H.E. ABDULSWAMAD SHARIFF NASSIR

Governor, Mombasa County

Distinguished Guests, Esteemed Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the people and Government of Mombasa County, to welcome you to the **Africa Childcare Forum in 2026**.

We are proud to host this important gathering under the theme **"Uniting Care: Africa's Call to the World."** The theme speaks to an issue that touches every family, every community, every economy: **how we care for our children and how we support those who provide that care.**

Childcare is fundamental to the wellbeing and development of our children. It is also essential to enabling parents, particularly women, to participate fully in economic and social life. For this reason, childcare must be recognized not simply as a social service, but as an important part of our economic and social infrastructure.

As governments, we have a responsibility to create policies, regulations, investments and partnerships that enable quality, affordable, inclusive, and sustainable childcare to flourish. We must also recognize supporting the childcare workforce upon whom millions of families depend.

Mombasa County is pleased to be part of this continental conversation and to learn from the experiences of governments, communities, practitioners and partners across Africa.

I hope that this Forum will strengthen partnerships, generate practical solutions, and, most importantly, move us from **commitment to implementation**.

To all our guests from Kenya, Africa and beyond, **welcome to Mombasa**. We hope you will experience not only the warmth of our hospitality, but also the richness of our ideas, partnerships, and shared commitment to the future of Africa's children.

I wish you a productive and inspiring Forum.

Karibuni Mombasa. Karibuni Africa Childcare Forum 2026.



Programme at a Glance

12 OCTOBER	Pre-Conference
13 OCTOBER	Day 1 — Government Leadership in Childcare Systems Transformation
14 OCTOBER	Day 2 — Solutions, Partnerships & Innovations That Work
15 OCTOBER	Day 3 — Accountability & The Path Forward
16 OCTOBER	Post-Conference — Learning in Practice, Field Visits & Departures

PRE-CONFERENCE

Monday, 12 October 2026

Arrivals & Pre-Conference Events

FOCUS Delegate arrival • Partner-led events • Optional field visits • Registration opens

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS	LEAD / CONTRIBUTORS
All Day	Delegate Arrival & Transfers	Arrival of local and international delegates and hotel transfers	ACF Secretariat
09h00–17h00	Partner-Led Pre-Conference Events	Workshops, partner meetings, technical sessions and coalition engagements	Uthabiti Africa / Partners
14h00–17h00	FIELD VISIT Optional Field Visits	Pre-Conference Courtesy Call with Governor, Mombasa County Government By Seychelles IECD Delegation and others	Mombasa County ECD Directorate / IECD & Partners
16h00 onwards	Conference Registration Opens	Registration, materials collection and delegate information desk	ACF Secretariat

DAY 1
Tuesday, 13
October 2026

Government Leadership in Childcare Systems Transformation

FOCUS Government leadership • Collective action • Workforce development • Policy • Systems strengthening

Lead Moderator: Rebecca Muiruri **Co-Moderators:** NITA, Council of Governors



Mombasa County

Note: NITA Technical Validation: The NITA Child Caregiver III Curriculum, Trainer Guide, Trainee Manual and related technical outputs remain integrated within the Day 1 validation programme.

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
08h00–09h00	NETWORKING: Arrival, Registration & Networking	Delegate arrival, registration and networking
09h00	PRELIMINARIES	5 Minute Spotlight Presentations from Selected Countries and Partners Peninah Ndegwa, CEO, WowMom: <i>How Government Leadership is Making A Difference to Women in Markets</i>
09h05–10h30	OFFICIAL OPENING	Elevating Childcare on National and Global Agendas — positioning childcare within national and global agendas Welcome remarks Asayya Imapa, CEO Uthabiti Africa & Convenor CAC Prof. Teresa Mwoma- National Coordinator, ECD-Network for Kenya Remarks by Steering Committee Ms. Deman Yusuf- Chair, Steering CommitteeACFMombasa2026
	Special Panel:	Innovative Childcare Models by Global Schools Forum (GSF) • Lake Region Development Programme • TotoCare • TBC • TBC
	Official Opening Ceremony	Government Organizing and Scaling Childcare at National Level: Experiences from Countries • Ms. Shirley Choppy — Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD), Seychelles • Representative, DRC • Representative, Uganda • Representative, Tanzania Kenya Government remarks and official Forum opening

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
		Dr. Rukia Atikiya, PhD — <i>Director General, National Industrial Training Authority</i>. Government Leadership and Childcare Workforce Development as a National Priority: A Call to Action CPA Carren Ageng'o — TBC: <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for Children Services</i> Ms. Anne Wang'ombe — TBC : <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action</i>: Childcare Standards, women's economic participation, family support and the care economy Council of Governors — TBC: Policy and Regulatory Reform within the Devolved Governance System Official Opening Address H.E. Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir — <i>Governor, Mombasa County</i>: Mombasa Government in the Lead — Policy, Regulations and Mainstreaming Childcare in Mombasa County
10h30–11h00	NETWORK: Networking Tea Break	Networking and partner engagement
09h40–10h30	PLENARY PLENARY	Collaborative Action in Practice: Government leadership and stories of change Facilitator: Council of Governors, Kenya Panellists: - Wilkister Adero, Kisumu County Government - Zelipah Mureithi, Director, Quality Assurance Mombasa City County Government - Murang'a County Government - Ruth Owuor, Director, Education Nairobi City County Government - Easter Okello, ECD Sector Lead, Lake Region Economic Bloc, Kenya
12h45–13h30	PLENARY PLENARY: Workforce Development in Practice	Kenya's Workforce Development Example: Presentation and Validation of the Child Caregiver III Curriculum and Training Package National Industrial Training Authority Team
13h30–14h30	NETWORKING: Networking Lunch	Lunch and networking
14h30–16h30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session 1: Kenya's Workforce Development Example: Validation of the Child Caregiver III Curriculum and Training Package - National Industrial Authority Team Session 2: Governance, Regulation & Country Childcare Systems Strengthening childcare governance, standards, regulatory systems and national–county coordination Global Schools Forum (GSF)/NCCS/ SDCS/ GSF/COG/NITA DG
16h30	NETWORKING Networking Break	Networking and partner engagement <i>All delegates</i>

DAY 2
Wednesday, 14
October 2026

Solutions, Partnerships & Innovations that are Working

***FOCUS** Innovation • Evidence • Partnerships • Financing • Technology • Inclusion • Scalable solutions*

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
08h30–09h00	NETWORKING Arrival, Registration & Networking	Delegate arrival, registration and networking
09h00–09h15	Day 1 Summary & Key Takeaways	Rapporteur reflections, key messages and takeaways from Day 1
	5 Minute Spotlight Presentations from Selected Countries and Partners:	Stellah Mengele, Stellah Mengele Foundation: Play, Selfcare and Caregivers in the Lead
09h00	SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS	BRAC Education - Bangladesh Presentation: BRAC Education Programme – Hub & Spoke Childcare Model - Naheed Showmmi, Deputy Manager – Curriculum, Quality and Capacity Development, BRAC Education Programme - Ferdousei Papia, Sr. Manager, BRAC Education University of Malawi - Malawi Presentation: Inclusive Early Childhood Education in Emergencies Lessons from Malawi for Building Climate-Resilient Childcare Systems in Africa Maggie Kuchonde- ECD Lecturer, University of Malawi Malawi
09h15–09h30	KEYNOTE OF THE DAY Keynote Presentation:	Childcare, Early Brain Development & Evidence for Investment <i>Evidence from neuroimaging and implications for childcare investment</i> African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Nairobi City County Government, Kisumu County Government & Uthabiti Africa / Collaborative Action for Childcare (CAC)
	PANEL FEATURED PANEL: Childcare as Economic Infrastructure — From Commitments to Action	Childcare as economic and social infrastructure, including public investment, workforce development, women's economic empowerment, productivity and national development Panelists: Stellah Mengele — Founder/CEO Stellah Mengele Foundation Debby Otambo- Project Program Coordinator at Kisumu Medical & Education Trust-KMET Cindy Lithimbi- Lead, Kenya Policy & Partnerships, Nurture First Asayya Imapa — Founder & CEO Uthabiti Africa Stella Tumwebaze — Executive Director, LBE Uganda

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
10h30–11h00	NETWORKING Networking Break	Networking and partner engagement
11h00–11h15	SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS	NurtureFirst Kenya Eva Wangari Wanjiru <i>Presentation: Beyond Training: A Quality Improvement Approach to Strengthening Home-Based Childcare in Murang'a</i> Institute for Human Development, Aga Khan University (Kenya) Linnet Kaloki, ECD Technical Specialist <i>Presentation: Where Care and ECD Meet: From Evidence to Policy, Lessons from Isiolo and Lamu Counties.</i>
11h15–12h00	PANEL PANEL	Strengthening Government Systems for Quality, Locally Rooted and Globally Informed ECD service Madrasa Early Childhood Programme—Kenya (MECP-K) Panelists: TBC • TBC
12h00–13h00	PLENARY PLENARY: Childcare Micro-Enterprises & Sustainable Childcare Businesses	Financing childcare enterprises and sustainable investment BRAC Uganda <i>Presentation: From Caregivers to Childcare Entrepreneurs — A Women-Led Micro-Enterprise Model for Sustainable Childcare in Uganda</i> - Ariko Charles Michael, <i>Early Childhood Development Technical Specialist</i> - Charity Adongo, <i>Deputy Manager, Training — ECD (AIM Programme)</i> Children in Crossfire Tanzania <i>Presentation: Beyond Access for the Most Vulnerable Children: A Financing Model for Quality Improvement, Family Resilience and Sustainable Childcare Enterprises</i> Heri Ayubu — <i>Director of Performance and Operations</i> Tiny Totos Kenya / East Africa <i>Presentation: TBC</i> - Roselynn Awili, <i>Chief of Learning</i> NurtureFirst Kenya <i>Presentation: From Individual Childcare Providers to Collective Voice: Building Provider Networks and Associations for Home-Based Childcare</i> - Hawa Njenga — <i>Mombasa Project Officer</i> Kenya Medical Education Trust (KMET) Kenya / East Africa <i>Presentation: Can We Improve Childcare Quality Without Improving the Provider's Livelihood? Financial Resilience and Quality Improvement among Home-Based Childcare Providers in Kenya</i> - Debbie Otambo — <i>Project Program Coordinator</i>
13h00–14h00	NETWORKING Networking Lunch	Lunch and networking



TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS	
14h00-15h30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	SESSION 1 — Disability and Inclusion in practice: A Master Class Eva Naputuni — Africa Special Needs Network (ASNEN) SESSION 2 — African Childcare Innovation & Digital Solutions Showcase Practical innovations, technology-enabled solutions and scalable childcare models <i>ECD Measure ECD Measure North America — United States</i>	SESSION 3 — Childcare Workers Connected and Thriving <i>Special Caregiver-led Session led by Uthabiti Caregiver Network and IECD Seychelles</i> SESSION 4 – Global Schools Forum (GSF) and Open Capital (OCA) <i>Innovative Financing for Childcare</i> SESSION 5- Child Protection: Master Class NCCS/ MamaPlus / Compassion International/ Pursue Kenya
15h30–16h00	Rapporteur Feedback	CONCURRENT: EVIDENCE, INNOVATION & INCLUSION	
16h50–17h00	NETWORKING Networking Break & Close of Day 2	Networking and partner engagement	

DAY 3 Thursday, 15 October 2026

Accountability & The Path Forward

FOCUS Accountability • Kigali Commitments • Country Action Plans • Caregiver Voice • Collective Action • Closing

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
08h30–09h00	NETWORKING Arrival & Networking	Delegate arrival and networking
09h00–09h30	Day 2 Summary & Takeaways	Key reflections from Day 2
09h30–10h00	Spotlight Presentation	The missing Link between Early Childhood Education and Childcare STiR Education <i>Presentation: How intrinsic motivation, professional learning and system ownership can turn Uganda's ECCE ambition into everyday practice</i> - Brenda Akite Otika is the Head of Strategic Partnerships and Communication at STiR Education BRAC Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University (BRAC IED, BRACU) Bangladesh <i>Presentation: The Play-Lab Pre-School & Childcare Model</i> - Imran Hasan, Deputy Manager, Design Team — Play Lab Pre-School Team - Lamia Sarker Lopa, Curriculum Specialist — Play Lab Pre-School Team Bridge International <i>Presentation: Technology and community as catalysts for improved ECDE learning outcomes</i> - Reuben Mwangi, Group Managing Director, Africa and India, Bridge International Academies Foundation
10h00–10h30	Plenary:	Nourishing the Next Generation: Integrating Nutrition into Childcare and Early Childhood Development Systems <i>Food for Education- TBC</i>
10h30–11h00	NETWORKING Networking Break	Networking
11h00–11h50	PLENARY Plenary: Strengthening Families, Communities & the Caregiving Ecosystem	Male Engagement, Family Support and Community-Based Approaches to Strengthening Childcare Rwanda Men's Resource Centre (RWAMREC) Rwanda <i>Presentation: TBC</i> - Flora Ufitinema — Technical Advisor BRAC Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University (BRAC IED, BRACU) Bangladesh <i>Presentation: Home-Based Childcare — From Community Practice to Quality Care</i> - Jessica Helen Corraya — Sr. Curriculum Specialist, Childcare Team - Wamia Ahmed Arpita — Sr. MHPSS Officer, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Team Investing in Children and their Societies (ICS-SP) Kenya - Josephine Odhiambo — Program Coordinator Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) Africa Sub-Saharan Africa - Tracy Koske — Childcare Coordinator Uthabiti Caregiver Network - Joseph Simiyu — Board Member
11h50–13h15	Country & Organizational Action Planning	Country and Organisation Teams Uganda • DRC • Kenya • Seychelles • Tanzania • Other participating Countries • Organisations
13h15–14h15	NETWORKING Networking Lunch	Lunch and networking



TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION / FOCUS
14h15–15h00	Plenary: Caregiver Manifesto: Uniting for Care	Collective call to action Martin Kiyeng- Kidogo Early Years
15h25–16h10	CLOSING Country Commitments & Closing Dialogue	Country-level priorities and commitments
16h10–17h00	CLOSING Official Closing Ceremony	Reflections, acknowledgements, commitments and Announcement of ACF2027 Venue Speakers: Dr. Javier Rose, Chairman, IECD Seychelles • National Government Representatives • ACF Steering Committee • Mombasa County Government
18h00	CLOSING Dinner	Dinner at the Tamarind Boat (requires separate registration)

POST- CONFERENCE

Friday, 16 October 2026

Learning in Practice, Field Visits & Departures

FOCUS Field visits • Community learning • Government engagement • Cultural immersion • Departures

Field visits require separate registration and will be subject to availability.

FIELD VISIT 1

Local ECD & Childcare Centres

Visits to selected ECD and childcare centres to observe local approaches to early childhood development and childcare provision.

Host Partners

FIELD VISIT 2

Community-Led Childcare Models

Exposure to community-led childcare models and integrated services, highlighting community approaches to care and ECD.

NurtureFirst / Partners

FIELD VISIT 3

Cultural Immersion

Visit Old Town Mombasa and selected cultural heritage sites, providing delegates with an opportunity to experience the local context and heritage.

Local Partners

FIELD VISIT 4

Government & National Agency Engagement

Engagement with Mombasa County Government and relevant agencies on county-level approaches to childcare and ECD.

Government / Partners

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
07h30–08h00	Departure from Hotel	Delegates depart for their selected field visits.	ACF Secretariat
13h00 onwards	Departures / Free Time	Airport transfers, personal travel arrangements, and free time.	ACF Secretariat

Key Thematic Tracks

Eleven cross-cutting tracks frame dialogue and session design across the Forum.

POLICY & GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP Government leadership, governance, regulation, national and county systems	CARE ECONOMY Childcare as economic infrastructure, women's economic empowerment and shared care	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NITA Childcare III Curriculum, caregiver training, professionalization and decent work
FINANCING Public financing, domestic resource mobilisation, private investment and micro-enterprise financing	INCLUSION Disability inclusion, neurodiversity and equitable access	COMMUNITY & FAMILY Home-based care, community-led childcare, family strengthening and male engagement
INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY Digital solutions, innovation showcases and scalable models	RESEARCH & EVIDENCE Child development, neuroimaging, implementation research and evidence-informed policy	CLIMATE RESILIENCE Climate-resilient childcare systems and local adaptation
PARTNERSHIPS & COLLECTIVE ACTION CAC Platform, cross-sector partnerships and country collaboration	ACCOUNTABILITY Kigali Commitments, country action plans and follow-up mechanisms	

Featured Contributors & Session Areas

The reviewed session proposals provide strong representation across disability inclusion, ECD, family strengthening, humanitarian contexts, financing, workforce professionalization, research, community-led childcare, digital innovation, urban childcare and women's economic empowerment.

AREA	FEATURED / POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS	AREA	FEATURED / POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS
Disability & Inclusive Childcare	Dr Sylvia Mochabo Akinsiku; Eva Naputuni; James Keitany	Workforce Professionalisation	USTED Ghana; NITA; training institutions
Childcare as Economic Infrastructure	Linet Kaloki — Aga Khan University, Institute for Human Development	County Financing & Resource Mobilisation	County Government of Bomet / County Governments
Inclusive ECD in Emergencies	Maggie Kuchonde — University of Malawi	Digital Innovation	Gill Technologies
Childcare Models & Micro-Enterprise (BRAC)	BRAC IED / BRAC Education / BRAC Uganda — presenters as proposed in the Programme (TENTATIVE)	Family-Based Care & Child Protection	NGO TAIZA and family strengthening partners
Community-Led Childcare	Children on the Edge Africa-Uganda; community organizations	Community & Refugee Contexts	Children on the Edge Africa-Uganda; humanitarian partners
Urban Childcare / Informal Caregiving	Dr Cornelia Ochola — Nurture and Thrive Global	African Childcare Systems	Madrasa Early Childhood Programme / County Governments / Government Partners
Research & Child Development	Charles Muruka — KEMRI/APHRC and other research partners	Childcare Financing & Enterprise (Proposed)	Heri Ayubu — Children in Crossfire Tanzania (proposed placement, pending confirmation)
Climate-Resilient Childcare	Madrasa Early Childhood Programme — East Africa	Technology & Community-Led ECDE (Proposed)	Reuben Mwangi — Bridge International Academies Foundation (proposed placement, pending confirmation)

The Programme Committee recommended prioritising strong proposals for keynote, plenary, flagship panel and featured workshop opportunities while maintaining balance across regions, themes, stakeholder groups and session formats.

Programme Leadership

ROLE	NAME / INSTITUTION	ROLE	NAME / INSTITUTION
Day 1 Lead Moderator	Rebecca Muiruri	Day 2 Co-Facilitator	Peninah Ndegwa, WoWMom
Day 1 Co-Facilitator	Cindy	Day 3 Lead Facilitator	Rebecca Muiruri
Day 1 Co-Facilitators	NCCS / ECD Network for Kenya / K-MET	Day 3 Co-Facilitator	TBC
Day 2 Lead Moderator	Rebecca Muiruri	Conference Secretariat	Uthabiti Africa / Collaborative Action for Childcare (CAC)

Participating Partners & Stakeholders

The Forum will bring together representatives from:

GOVERNMENT & COUNTY INSTITUTIONS Government of Kenya • County Governments • NITA • NCCS • Council of Governors • Ministry of Gender • Mombasa County Government • Uganda Ministry of Education • DRC Delegation	REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IECD Seychelles • AfECN • APHRC • Aga Khan University • BRAC IED/IECD • IPA • ICRW • OXFAM
IMPLEMENTING & CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERS Kidogo • ICS-SP • NurtureFirst • LABE Uganda • MamaPlus • Uthabiti Africa • WoWMom • FAWE Uganda • Madrasa Early Childhood Programme • STiR Education • ASNEN • LRDP	BROADER PARTICIPATION Civil society organisations • Childcare providers • Researchers • Private-sector actors • Development partners • Community organisations • Country delegations

Featured Presenters — Proposed Placements

Presenters below have been proposed for the sessions shown. Profiles are excerpted from the presenter's submissions; all placements remain TENTATIVE pending confirmation.



Imran Hasan

Deputy Manager, Design Team; Play Lab Pre-School Team — BRAC IED, BRAC University
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 09h40 · We Are One plenary

Imran Hasan is an architect and artist currently working as Deputy Manager in the Architectural Design Team at BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED), Bangladesh.



Lamia Sarker Lopa

Curriculum Specialist, Play Lab Pre School Team — BRAC IED, BRAC University
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 09h40 · We Are One plenary

Lamia Sarker Lopa is a Curriculum Specialist at BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED), with over seven years of professional experience in early childhood development (ECD), curriculum development, play-based pedagogy, inclusive education, and capacity development.



Charles Michael Ariko

Early Childhood Development Technical Specialist — BRAC Uganda
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 11h45 · Micro-Enterprises plenary

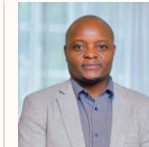
Charles Michael Ariko is an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Technical Specialist at BRAC Uganda with over 15 years of experience in education, ECD, youth empowerment, gender, child protection, livelihoods, and humanitarian programming.



Charity Adongo

Deputy Manager, Training — ECD (AIM Programme) — BRAC Uganda
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 11h45 · Micro-Enterprises plenary

Charity Adongo is an Early Childhood Development (ECD) and child-development professional with over a decade of experience in ECD programme implementation, training, curriculum development, child protection, and community-based programming.



Heri Ayubu

Director of Performance and Operations, Children in Crossfire Tanzania
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 11h45 · Micro-Enterprises plenary

Presentation: Beyond Access for the Most Vulnerable Children: A Financing Model for Quality Improvement, Family Resilience, and Sustainable Childcare Enterprises.



Jessica Helen Corraya

Sr. Curriculum Specialist, Childcare Team — BRAC IED, BRAC University
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 15h50 · Strengthening Families plenary

Jessica Helen Corraya is a Senior Curriculum Specialist at the BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED), BRAC University, Bangladesh, with nearly a decade of experience in early childhood development and childcare.



Wamia Ahmed Arpita

Sr. MHPSS Officer, MHPSS Team — BRAC IED, BRAC University
PROPOSED · Day 2 · 15h50 · Strengthening Families plenary

Wamia Ahmed Arpita is a Psychologist and Senior MHPSS Officer at the BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED), with nearly five years of professional experience in mental health, psychosocial support, and community-based programmes.



Reuben Mwangi

Group Managing Director, Africa and India — Bridge International Academies Foundation
PROPOSED · Day 3 · 09h30 · Spotlight Presentation

Reuben Mwangi is an impact-driven education leader with over 15 years of experience developing and executing strategic direction for rapid organizational growth across Africa and India. He currently serves as Group Managing Director, Africa and India for Bridge International Academies Foundation.



Showmmi Naheed

Deputy Manager — Curriculum, Quality and Capacity Development — BRAC Education Programme
PROPOSED · Day 3 · 09h30 · Spotlight Presentation

Ms. Showmmi Naheed is an education and development professional with 7 years of experience at BRAC, specializing in Early Childhood Development (ECD), curriculum development, and capacity building.



Papia Ferdousei

Sr. Manager — BRAC Education
PROPOSED · Day 3 · 09h30 · Spotlight Presentation

Ms. Papia Ferdousei has been working in the education sector for over 22 years, focusing on holistic development and quality education to children and young people from low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Contact details supplied with the presenter bios are intentionally omitted from this programme. Proposed placements, session titles, and speaker line-ups remain subject to final confirmation by the ACF Secretariat.

Programme Status & Confirmation

Items highlighted below remain tentative, TBC or subject to ongoing confirmation by the ACF Secretariat.

ITEM	STATUS	ITEM	STATUS
Forum Dates	Confirmed: 13–15 October 2026	BRAC Session Formats	TBC
Arrival / Pre-Conference	12 October 2026	Final Moderators / Facilitators	Some TBC
Post-Conference Field Visits / Departures	16 October 2026	Final Partner Confirmations	Ongoing
Venue	Pridelnn Flamingo Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa	Field Visit Registration	Separate / TBC
Forum Theme	"Uniting for Care: Africa's Call to the World"	Reuben Mwangi	Proposed Day 3 Spotlight placement (Day 2 plenary seat retained) — pending confirmation
Linet Kaloki	Included as a panelist — confirmed programme placement, final panel composition TBC	Heri Ayubu	Proposed move to Day 2 Micro-Enterprises plenary — pending confirmation
BRAC IED/IECD	Four TENTATIVE session slots reserved — presenters now proposed in the Programme, pending BRAC confirmation	Session Timings	Revised working timings — subject to Secretariat approval
BRAC Session Titles	Proposed from BRAC submissions — TBC by BRAC	Opening Ceremony	One speaker entry TBC
BRAC Speakers / Panellists	Proposed from BRAC submissions — TBC by BRAC		

Programme Note

This programme is the working final programme framework for ACFMombasa2026 and is subject to final confirmation of speakers, panelists, facilitators, partner-led sessions and logistical arrangements. Some sessions are intentionally marked **TENTATIVE** until the organisation shares its final session plan. Once received, the Secretariat can replace the placeholders with the confirmed titles, descriptions, formats, speakers and facilitators. Presenters placed in tentative slots should confirm their slots as soon as possible due to the high demand for speaking slots.

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