

SIDE EVENT PROPOSAL FOR ARFSD-11: Detailed description of the event

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The State of African Children: Harnessing Data for Policy Action and SDG Acceleration

Names of organizers:

- UNICEF, Joa Pedro Azevedo (Chief Statistician)
- UNECA, William Muhwava (Chief of Section, ACS- Demographic & Social Statistics Section)

Names of Partners:

- AU, [TBD]
- Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)

Speakers:

- UNECA Representative: [TBC]
- AU Commissioner for Health & Social Development: [TBC]
- UNICEF Chief Statistician: Joa Pedro Azevedo

Panelists:

- UNECA – Social policy/statistics expert: [TBC]
- AU - Agenda 2040 for children representative: [TBC]
- UBOS Representative: [TBC]
- National ministry representative: [TBC]
- Youth Data Advocate: [TBC]

Thematic focus of the event and its contribution to the ARFSD:

This side event to the ARFSD-11, organized jointly by UNICEF and UNECA, will launch the “State of African Children Statistical Compendium”, a compendium of child-relevant statistics for the African continent with special attention to SDG indicators, and convene key stakeholders to discuss how to strengthen child data systems for monitoring child rights and drive policy action. The event will explore strategies to enhance national capacities for generating and utilizing data and statistics to benefit children. It will also emphasize leveraging partnerships for action, showcasing the collaboration between UNECA, AU, and UNICEF to align national data strategies with regional and global frameworks. Lastly, the event will engage youth in the data revolution, ensuring that young people actively participate in data collection, analysis, and advocacy for child rights.

This event, with a focus on data on children and SDG indicators aims at contributing – in partnership with ECA, the AU, statistical institutions and the African Youths – to provide the evidence for achieving progress towards the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in Africa.