



CHILD AND YOUTH INSTITUTE

ROUND TABLE

«African perspectives of Early Childhood Care and Education: Theory, Discourse, Policy and Practice for Children from Birth to Three Years »

Date: Monday 21st September, 2015

15h00 ó 18h00

Venue: Visio-conférence Room / UCAD2

Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar

Moderator: Ebrima Sall

Executive Secretary of CODESRIA

Programme

15h00 ó 15h20: Guests coming

15h20 ó 15h35: CODESRIAø Welcoming from the Executive Secretary

15h35 ó 15h50: **Prof. Hasina Banu Ebrahim**, University of South Africa/Early Childhood Department & **Prof. Auma Okwany**, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)

➤ **Introductory note on the General theme of the Round table**

15h50 ó 16h05: **Mrs. Thérèse Faye Diouf**, General Director of the National Agency of Early Childhood and «Case des tout-petits» in Senegal

➤ **Experience in Early Childhood Care and Education by the National Agency in Senegal**

16h05 ó 16h20: **Mariavittoria Ballota**, UNICEF Early Childhood Development Specialist

➤ **Experience in Early Childhood Care and Education in Africa at UNICEF**

16h20 ó 16h35 : **Dr. Oumar Barry**, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar

➤ **Envolvement of Fathers in Early Childhood Care and Education in Senegal**

16h35 ó 16h45: Launch of State of the World Fathers 2015 Report

16h45 ó 17h45: Debates

17h45 ó 18h00: Closing



Co-directors of the 2015 Institute Child and Youth

The 2015 Child and Youth Institute is directed by **Prof. Hasina Banu Ebrahim** of the University of State of South Africa (UNISA) and **Prof. Auma Okwany** of Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands). The resource person is **Prof. Oumar Barry** of University Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal. The theme for the 2015 edition of the Child and Youth Institute is **African Perspectives of Early Childhood Care and Education: Theory, Discourse, Policy and Practice for Children from Birth to Three Years**.

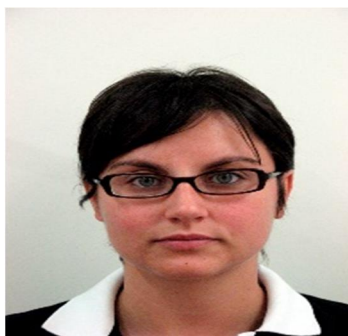
This year the institute brought together 15 Laureates (young researchers) with a proven capacity to conduct research on the theme of the Institute. The 15 Laureates (8 males and 7 females) are from 13 countries (in East, West, Central and Southern Africa). Each laureate has carried out research on aspects of the theme of the 2015 Institute. Through reflexive and interactive sessions, the Institute is providing space for these young researchers to interrogate, investigate and innovate on a range of issues and questions related to early childhood care and development policy and practice for children from birth to three years in Africa.

PANELISTSøBIOS



Mrs. **Therese Faye DIOUF** is a graduate of Sociology from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal. Since May 2012, she has been the General Director of the National Agency for Early Childhood Development in Senegal. She was a member of the Scientific Committee of the National Conference on Education and

Training: Early Childhood subsector. She is also the current Mayor of the municipality of Diarrère (150 km far from Dakar) and President of the Gender and Women's Affairs Commission of the Association of Mayors in Senegal. Thérèse DIOUF Faye is the Coordinator of the Convergence of the Republican Youth (Youth arm of the ruling party in Senegal). She has participated in major conferences, workshops and meeting in many African countries and the United States on the issue of Early Childhood.



Mariavittoria Ballotta is since 2012 an Early Childhood Development Specialist for UNICEF Western and Central Africa Regional Office based in Dakar, Senegal providing technical support for ECD to 24 countries through UNICEF Country Offices. Graduated in 2003 from University of Padova, Italy, she holds a MA in International Relations from ISPI (Milan, Italy) and is currently enrolled in MA on Childhood and Youth with Open University (UK) with a focus on integrated practices and services for young children and caregivers in low income settings. From 2005 to 2012 she served in Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Haiti and Senegal with INGO and UNICEF and gained experience in the field of Child Protection and Education with a special focus on orphans and vulnerable children programming.



Oumar Barry holds a Ph.D in psychology and is a Professor at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. He teaches academic psychology at various levels and has published over twenty articles in the field of Psychology and Early Childhood Development, mainly from an Afrocentric perspective. He is also a very active member of various associations and scientific networks working to promote Early Childhood Development in Africa. In addition, he is a consultant for NGOs (Plan International, ChildFund, Tostan, Micronutrient Initiative, etc.), international institutions (World Bank, IFPRI, UNICEF, UNESCO) and African governments (Senegal, Niger, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau) on matters relating to Early Childhood.

Launch of the Africa regional report of the State of The World's Fathers 2015

CODESRIA is supporting the launch of the regional report on the State of African Fathers during the 2015 Child and Youth Institute. The world's first global fatherhood report reveals that involved fatherhood is critical to gender equality and child development and requires a revolution in the lives of men and boys. The report reaffirms that fathers matter for children and that caregiving is good for fathers. The findings are intended to lay the groundwork to influence future policy and programs around the world that address the current lack of men's and boys' equitable participation in caregiving, and that address rigid ideas about gender ó and the harm that these issues bring to women, to children, and to men themselves.

The report is authored by MenCare which is coordinated globally by Promundo and Sonke Gender Justice and jointly steered by Save the Children, Rutgers WPF, and the MenEngage Alliance. You can get a copy of the Report on the CODESRIA website: www.codesria.org