

resource allocation by states in ECD? What are the best ways to synergize assets programming, and services of faith actors, state parties and development agencies for child development and human capital formation?

**Key Outputs and Outcomes:**

1. Advocacy for ECD at high levels of policy and decision-making (ministers of finance and planning)
2. Commitment by participating delegations for the revitalization, modernization and greater investment in ECD programs, services and institutional arrangements
3. Co-locating innovation, evidence-building and continuous service improvement as the basis for planning and evaluating policy, planning, interventions and investments in ECD
4. Commitment to a shared ECD Institutional architecture built on partnerships between state and social sectors (especially faith-inspired actors)
5. Heightened understanding and appreciation by governments and non-state actors on the need to target resources and programming for children's services, especially for children below the age of 3 (three) through elaborate national and regional strategies that identify and respond to the entitlement demands for children and the internal and external sources shocks and vulnerability including core risk factors
6. Establishing linkages and platforms for ECD enthusiasts, advocates and practitioners from across multiple institutional settings

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The Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty brings together religious and faith-based organizations and the World Bank Group into a broad forum to advance a faith-based action framework to end extreme poverty and realize Sustainable Development Goals.



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**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
**Time:** 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Venue:** Jakarta B

**Abstract:**

A child's early experiences are formative for life outcomes. This faith-led high-level advocacy forum poses the critical questions regarding how best to improve the reach and quality of services for children aged 0-3 by exploring the experiences of faith actors and how these can inspire policy and service innovations and investments.

**Session Objectives:**

1. Make the case for greater investment in effective early childhood services for the 0-3 age group with a special focus on protection of children at risk of violence, poverty, abuse, premature death, stunting, malnutrition/hunger.
2. Identify innovative partnerships with the UN, World Bank and other development actors to scale up faith-inspired pathways for protection of children at risk.
3. Revitalize protection of at risk children through evidence based on faith-inspired services and programming to achieve the SDGs.

**Session Description:**

- Investing early in children can deliver dramatic outcomes for the wellbeing of children, families, and society.
- Advances in our understating of Early Childhood Development have opened up numerous spaces of what is possible for the wellbeing outcomes for children and human capital formation. Faith institutions have a long tradition of investments and services to children family, and community. Faced with adversity, millions of children have come to rely on the resources of faith to promote resilience and thrive.
- How can investments in ECD aid and accelerate the achievement of SDGs? What are the experiences of faith actors in building assets and services for at risk children and what implications would this have on policy, service innovation and

## Programme

Duration	Session	Person Responsible
(2 Minutes)	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>Event Moderator:</b> Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Vice President and Director of the Office of UN Relations for UPF International
(3 Minutes)	<b>Introduction and Objectives of the Session</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Rev. Fred Nyabera, Director, End Child Poverty – Arigatou International, and Moderator, Moral Imperative AWG
(10 Minutes)	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Host:</b> Hon. Alwi Shihab, Special Envoy to the Middle East, Office of the President, Indonesia
(10 Minutes)	<b>Investing in Children</b> <i>How to drive innovation, new resources and partnerships into early childhood development programmes and services</i>	<b>Speaker:</b> Ms. Edith Jibunoh, Global Stakeholder Engagement Manager, World Bank Group
(10 Minutes)	<b>Investing in Children: Achieving Critical Outcomes for select key risk factors - Nutrition; Violence Against Children and Child Poverty (Perspectives from the faith Sector)</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Agnes Abuom, Moderator, World Council of Churches Central Committee
(10 Minutes)	<b>Investing in Children: Achieving Critical Outcomes for select key risk factors- Nutrition; Violence Against Children and Child Poverty (Experiences and challenges from Indonesia).</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Ms. Dear N. B. Sinandang, Humanitarian Forum of Indonesia / Joint Learning Initiative
(30 Minutes)	<b>Parallel Group Discussions:</b>	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Vice President and Director of the Office of UN Relations for UPF International
	<b>Group 1:</b> Generating political will for engaging in ECD	<b>Group Moderator:</b> Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali SG, Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), and Director, Arigatou International – Nairobi
	<b>Group 2:</b> “What are Faith Based Organisations and Religious leaders already doing to address ECD and how can we strengthen collaboration between faith communities, The World Bank and other actors?”	<b>Group Moderator:</b> Dr. Asavari Herwadkar MD Representative, INERELA+ and learn4life (L4L) project
(10 Minutes)	<b>Presentation of Key issues from the groups</b>	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Vice President and Director of the Office of UN Relations for UPF International
(5 Minutes)	<b>Concluding Remarks and Way Forward</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Fred Nyabera Director, End Child Poverty – Arigatou International Moderator, Moral Imperative AWG

## Session Speakers and Facilitators



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