Day 1

June 24th

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00 am	**Coffee**
9:00 - 9:30 am	**Plenary Session** **Opening Event** *Government of Uganda, Impact and Innovations Development Centre (IIDC)* • Key Objectives for the Huddle & RUPF • Children's Parliament report out
9:30 - 10:00 am	**Plenary Session** **Setting the stage for the Huddle** *Huddle Steering Committee with Haruv Institute, ISPCAN, AfriChild* • What is a public health approach • Overview of the Huddle • Learning Objectives for the Huddle/Pillars • Building safety/shared ownership
10:00 - 10:30 am	**Plenary Session** **Featured Presentation: AI Generated Case Enactment** *The Haruv Institute, Impact and Innovations Development Centre (IIDC), AfriChild*
10:30 - 11:00 am	**Ice Breaker** **Reflective Exercise**
11:00 - 11:30 am	**Plenary Session** **Pillar 1: Continuum of Care (Reporting, disclosure & Care Services)** *Impact and Innovations Development Centre (IIDC), Additional Speakers TBD* *Primary Pillar(s): A continuum of prevention and response services*

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11:30 - 12:00 pm	**4 x Interactive Break Out Sessions on Continuum of Care (Reporting, Disclosure & Care Services)** • What are the current challenges for disclosure in cases like this in your country? • Where do the reporting and care services work well, and where do they break down? • What could be done in your countries to ensure stronger continuum of care to change the outcome for similar cases? • What are some examples of good practices that could be strengthened through policy? ... and 1 more
12:00 - 1:00 pm	**Lunch**
1:00 - 1:30 pm	**Plenary Session** **Pillar 2: Effective Coordination** *The Haruv Institute, Bantwana, Additional Speakers TBD* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination*
1:30 - 2:00 pm	**4 x Interactive Break Out Sessions on Effective Coordination** • What are your current challenges with managinbg multiple Jurisdictions for a case? • Where does coordination response work well, and where does it break down? • How do you address referral gaps, delays and duplication in multisectorial response? • What could be done in your countries to ensure stronger coordination to change the outcome for similar cases? ... and 1 more
2:00 - 2:30 pm	**Plenary Session** **Pillar 3: Work Force Development and Capacity** *Safe Futures Hub, Additional Speakers TBD* *Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions*
2:30 - 3:00 pm	**4 x Interactive Break Out Sessions on Work Force Development & Capacity** • What changes do you think could have the greatest impact on the capacity of your current workforce involved in cases like this? • How can these impacts be achieved and sustained? • What are the current stressors of the workforce of your country? • What can be addressed on a large scale to mitigate burnout and fatigue be addressed in your current workforce?

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3:00 - 3:00 pm	**Break**
3:30 - 4:00 pm	**Plenary Session** **Pillar 4: Primary Prevention** *AfriChild, Additional Speakers TBD*
4:00 - 4:30 pm	**4 x Interactive Break Out Sessions on Primary Prevention** • What are the missed opportunities to prevent abuse before it escalates in your current system? • What are the warning signs that can trigger earlier action? • What are the gaps in family, school, community, or system-level prevention? • Can policymakers identify realistic prevention measures from this case? ... and 1 more
4:30 - 5:00 pm	**Plenary Session** **Closing the Huddle** *Huddle Steering Committee with Haruv Institute, Mr Deogratias Yiga -Impact and Innovations Development Centre (IIDC), Mr Timothy Opobo - AfriChild, Pragathi Tummala - ISPCAN* • Key Learnings • Setting the stage for the RUPF • Reflections shared by reps from other countries
5:00 - 6:00 pm	**Evening Event: Welcome Reception and Cultural Event hosted by the Government of Uganda**

Day 2

June 25th

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00 am	**Coffee**
9:00 - 10:30 am	**Official Opening Ceremony of the Rise Up Policy Forum**
10:30 - 11:00 am	**Coffee**
11:00 - 11:45 am	**Plenary Session** **MASTERCLASS: Effective governance and multisectoral coordination** *Uganda Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda Ministry of Health, Uganda Stakeholder Committee* • Country examples of effective governance and multisectoral coordination, highlighting different contexts and approaches. • Multisectoral coordination in prevention and response, from national to local • Building coordination across ministries, disciplines and sectors, civil society, community, faith and cultural groups.
11:45 - 12:45 pm	**Interactive breakout sessions on effective governance and multisectoral coordination** **The Health Sector's Role in Preventing and Responding to Violence against Children** *World Health Organisation* **From silos to a system: Kenya's cross-sector coordination and collaboration model on access to justice with children** *National Council on the Administration of Justice, Govt of Kenya, Terre des Hommes Netherlands* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination* **Cultivating Responsible, Engaged, and Loving Fathers in Uganda: Processes for Evidence Generation and Government-Led Sustainability to Reduce Household Violence Against Women and Children** *Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development* **Embedding Multisectoral Communities of Practice into Government Systems: Lessons from South Africa** *Centre for Social Development in Africa, University of Johannesburg, Gauteng Department of Social Development, Johannesburg Child Welfare*

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12:45 - 1:45 pm	**Lunch**
1:45 - 2:15 pm	**Plenary Session** **MASTERCLASS: Prevention - stopping child abuse and neglect before it happens** *World Health Organisation, Other speaker tbc* • Prevention – rationale, evidence, key principles. • Country examples of implementing prevention programmes at scale.
2:15 - 3:15 pm	**Interactive Break Out Sessions on Prevention and Breakthrough Strategies** **Reforming Care, Preventing Family Separation: An African Conversation on Alternative Care for Children** *SOS Children's Villages Nigeria, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination* **Discipline or Violence? Navigating Cultural Norms and Reform in Tanzanian Schools** *HakiElimu Tanzania* *Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation* **Strengthening Online Child Protection Through Participation, Prevention, and Systems Change: Lessons from Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Benin and Togo** *Presidio Safeguarding, Uganda Child Rights NGO Network* *Primary Pillar(s): A continuum of prevention and response services, Child, survivor and community participation* **Scaling Parenting Programmes that Prevent Violence Against Women and Children and Advance Gender Equality: Lessons from Government–CSO Partnerships in Kenya and Rwanda** *RWAMREC, ICS SP, Prevention Collaborative* *Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions*
3:15 - 3:45 pm	**Coffee**

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3:45 - 4:45 pm	**African Issues, Contexts and Solutions Through a Public Health System Strengthening Lens** **Creating a Child Friendly Justice System** *Kids Alive International Zambia, Ministry of Justice, Government of Zambia* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination , A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions, A continuum of prevention and response services* **From Invisible to Integral – Prioritising kinship care in Africa's child protection systems through policy and practice based solutions** *Family for Every Child, FOST* *Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation* **Bridging the Gap: How governments and faith actors can work together to end the violent discipline of children, sharing experience from South Africa and Nigeria** *Community Collaborative Training and Development Services, SVRI* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination* **From Burden to Action: Mental Health, Parenting, and Child Maltreatment Prevention in Resource-Limited African Settings** *Africa Institute of Mental and Brain Health, Ministry of Health, Government of Uganda* *Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence*
5:00 - 6:00 pm	**Evening Event: Reception and posters**

Day 3

June 26th

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00 am	**Coffee**
9:00 - 10:30 am	**MASTERCLASS: Building the investment case for ending VAC** *Simon Halvey, Cornerstone Economics, Atieno Odenyo, Maestral* • Investment case on child abuse and neglect: background & rationale, what goes into an investment case, how they are used • The cost of inaction: presentation on the new Cost of VAC tool • The solution: presentation on what works, how to scale it up, and how to cost it • The benefits of investment: presentation on the new Return on Investment tool ... and 1 more
10:30 - 11:00 am	**Coffee**
11:00 - 11:45 pm	**Interactive break out sessions on the investment case - mobilising funding, costing systems, building partnerships** **Mobilizing Funding: discussion on roadblocks for VAC-prevention financing and what is needed to mobilize funding** *Cornerstone, Violence Prevention Forum, Ministry of Finance, Government of South Africa* **Costing Systems: interactive lab on costing child protection systems** *Maestral International* **Beyond the Buzzword: Building effective government–civil society partnerships to prevent violence against children** *Institute for Security Studies, Save the Children, Cornerstone, Raising Voices, Violence Prevention Forum* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination*

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11:45 - 12:30 pm	**Interactive break out sessions on the investment case - mobilising funding, costing systems, building partnerships** **Mobilizing Funding: discussion on roadblocks for VAC-prevention financing and what is needed to mobilize funding (repeat)** *Cornerstone, Violence Prevention Forum, Ministry of Finance, Government of South Africa* **Costing Systems: interactive lab on costing child protection systems (repeat)** *Maestral International* **Beyond the Buzzword: Building effective government–civil society partnerships to prevent violence against children(repeat)** *Institute for Security Studies, Save the Children, Cornerstone, Raising Voices, Violence Prevention Forum* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination*
12:30 - 1:30 pm	**Lunch**
1:30 - 2:00 pm	**Plenary Session** **MASTERCLASS: Data and Evidence** • National quality data and information management systems • Translating data to policy and practice • Research, evidence and knowledge generation

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2:00 - 3:00 pm	**Interactive break out sessions on national data systems, evidence and monitoring, data-to-policy-&-practice** **A Social Determinants Framework for Implementing the INSPIRE Technical Package for Ending Violence Against Children, with 2026 Evidence Update** *World Health Organisation, IIDC* **Every Call Matters; Why Child Helplines in Africa are CRITICAL in protecting children** *Child Helpline International, Child Rights Department, Government of Somalia, Sauti 116 (Uganda national child helpline), C-Sema (Tanzania national child helpline)* *Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence* **From Evidence to Scale: Building Models to Embed Parenting Support in National Systems and Implementer Platforms to Prevent Violence and Family Separation** *Child Health and Development Centre, Makerere University, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Government of Uganda, SOS Children's Villages Uganda* **Towards an East Africa regional model to detect and respond to Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE)- Lessons from Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia.** *Terre des Hommes Netherlands, National Council on the Administration of Justice, Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, Government of Ethiopia, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. Government of Uganda, Dwelling Places* *Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination*
3:00 - 3:15 pm	**Coffee**

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3:15 - 4:15 pm	**Interactive break out sessions on national data systems, evidence and monitoring, data-to-policy-&-practice** **Strengthening the Research Ecosystem for Evidence-Based Policy Implementation to Improve Child Wellbeing in Africa** *AfriChild* **What do those with care experience want from the social services workforce?** *Child Frontiers, Association of Care Leavers Uganda, Global Social Services Workforce Alliance, Martin James Foundation, Child's i foundation* *Primary Pillar(s): Child, survivor and community participation* **Rising Up to Hidden Harm: African-Led Evidence Driving Public Health Action on Abuse in Young People's Intimate Relationships in Uganda** *Makerere University, The Fortress, Uganda*
4:15 - 5:00 pm	**Plenary Session** **Closing Plenary** • Review, reflection and celebration of achievement • Best poster award • Building an ongoing community of practice and learning in the region • Review, reflection and celebration of achievement ... and 3 more