

**NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE**

**ON ECCED**

**9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**



The convening of this Conference was made possible through the technical support of the National Policy Conference on ECCED Policy Regulatory and Reforms- Technical Working Group (PRR-TWG). The PRR-TWG comprises of: ChildFund Kenya; Aga Khan University- Institute for Human Development; PATH; Kidogo Innovations; The Action Foundation; African Population and Health Research Centre; Catholic Relief Services; Community Initiatives Agenda; Faraja Foundation; ECD Network for Kenya; Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health; Council of Governors and Uthabiti Africa. The PRR-TWG is an initiative of Uthabiti Africa's Collaborative Action for Childcare in Kenya initiative which aims at accelerating quality, affordable childcare for all.



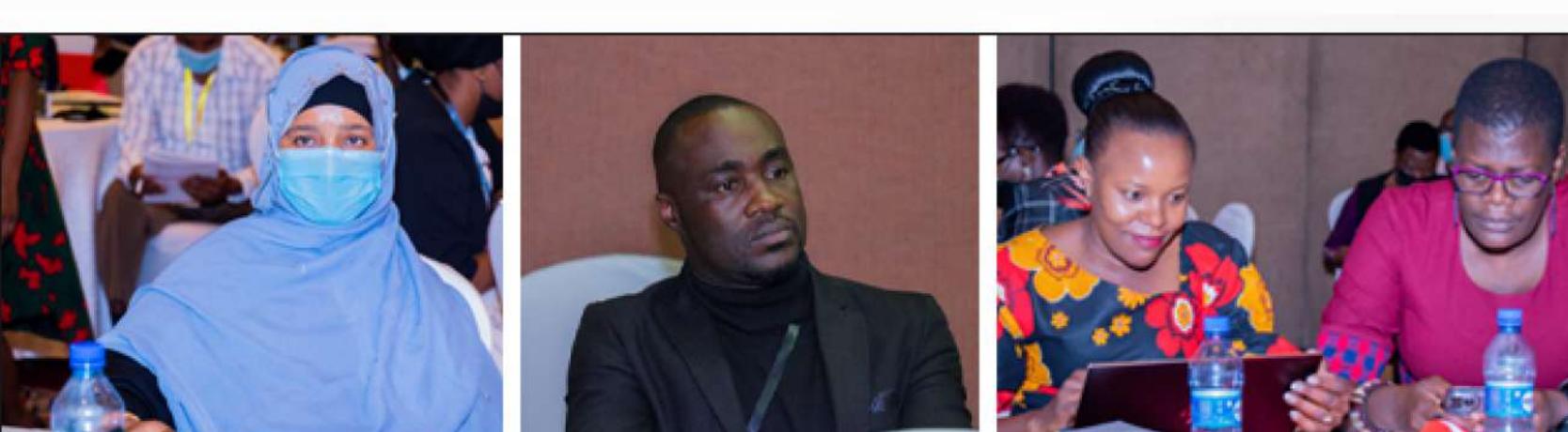
Uthabiti Africa team worked closely with the PRR-TWG to ensure that the conference was successful and program flowed without any hitches.

The Policy Conference was well attended by delegates from all over the country including;

**National Government:** State Department of Early Learning and Basic Education; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Health and Council of Governors.



**County Government's** of Mombasa, Nairobi, Kisumu, Nakuru, Tharaka Nithi, Uasin Gishu, Nyandarua, Kwale, Busia, Wajir, West Pokot, Isiolo, Marsabit, Mander, Tana River, Turkana, Garissa, Samburu, Machakos, Embu, Siaya, Lamu, Bungoma, Kakamega, Kajiado, Makueni, Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Meru, Vihiga and Kitui.



**County First Ladies** of Kajiado, Marsabit, Siaya, Kisumu, Garissa, Homa-bay, Nyandarua, Laikipia, Makueni and Tharaka Nithi County.



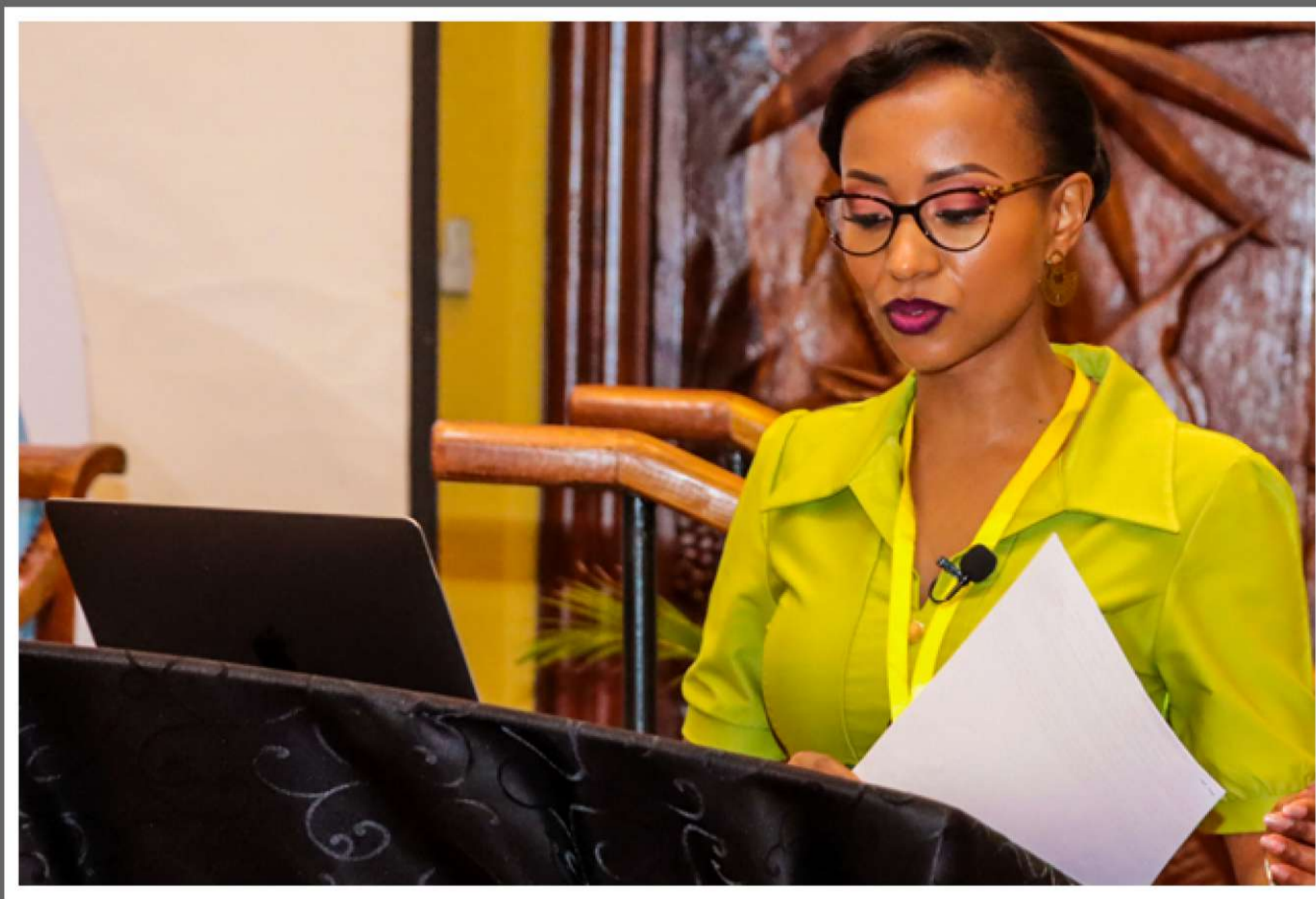
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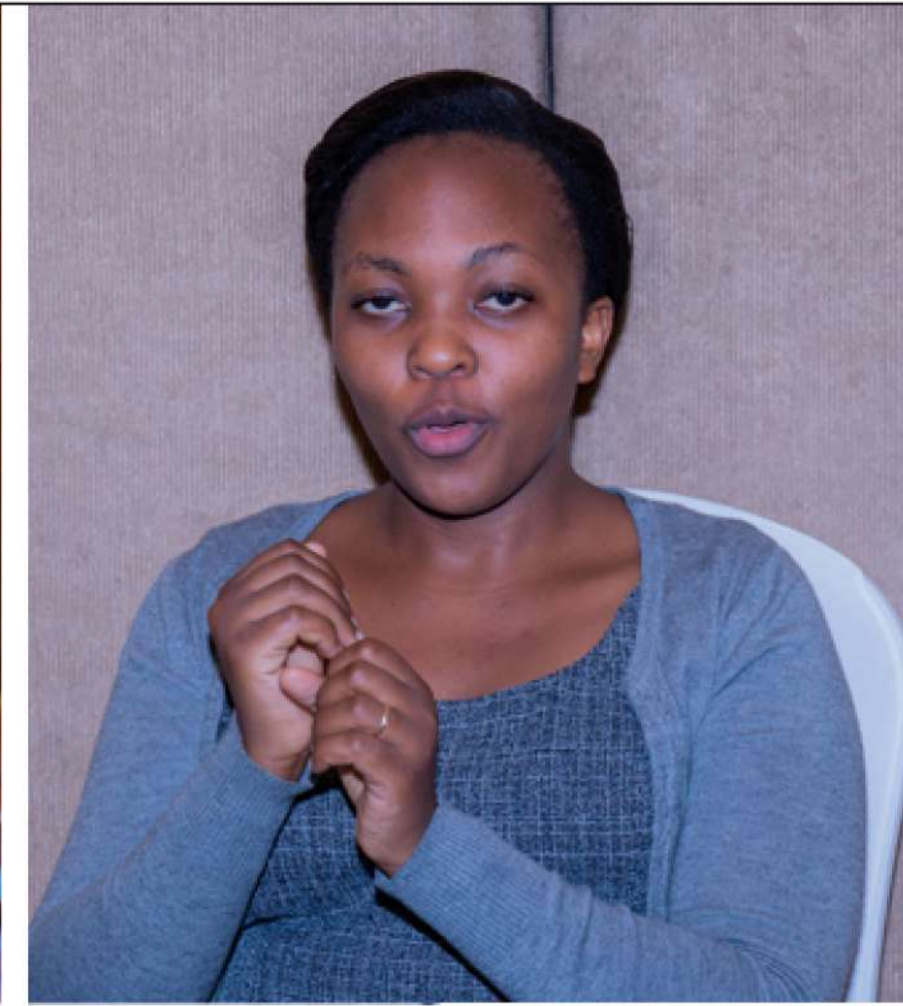
**Institutions in the ECD space:** Kenya Prisons, National Council for Children's Services, NCAJ (National Council on the Administration of Justice) Special Taskforce on Children matters, Teachers Service Commission, Inter-Religious Council and Tangaza University.

**Civil Society Organizations:** Aga Khan University-Institute for Human Development, PATH, Action Foundation, Faraja Foundation, ChildFund, Catholic Relief Services, Terre Des Hommes, Kidogo, TheirWorld, The Cradle, Uthabiti Africa, Plan International, Usikimye, Pastrolist Girls Initiative, Dhobi Women Network, Association of Women in Agriculture (AWAK), Madarassa Early Childhood Program, Organization of African Youth, Kisumu Medical Education Trust, Girl Concern, ECD Network for Kenya, Dignitas, Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development, Acorn Special Tutorials, Community Initiatives Agenda, African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), African Early Childhood Network (AfCEN), PAWA Initiative and Youth Alive.





The conference moderated by Gladys Gachanja brought together a total of **233 delegates**, comprising of 218 physically and 15 virtually via zoom.



The two-day conference covered the following themes through plenary and breakout sessions;

- **Integrating Nurturing Care Framework in Policy and Law**
- **Multi-sectoral Partnerships and Coordination**
- **Financing, Investing and budgeting**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Inclusion**



The conference was also well supported by a team that provided the following services; PA System, Videography, Photography, Live streaming, sign language interpretation, Rapporteur, ushering among others.

### Communique

Thus, we the delegates and the ECCED Policy and Regulatory Reforms Technical Working Group of the inaugural National ECCED Policy Conference are making a Call to Action as follows:

- Integrate the Nurturing Care Framework into policy, legislation and national and county programming: prioritise at the highest political authority, the implementation of the Nurturing Care Framework.
- Enact National Kenya's ECD policy to strengthen multi-sectoral partnerships, coordination and collaboration.
- Harmonise and strengthen systems for developmental monitoring, to ensure assessment, screening, early detection, management and referral of developmental delays in County and National level programmes.

Read more here:

<https://bit.ly/3waYp1b>



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*"Effective Governance is fundamental to successful policy development, coordination, resourcing, implementation and evaluation of Early childhood Education and Development service delivery."*