

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**"Every Child's Right to Early Childhood Development:
Evolving Inclusive Practices"**

"All Children Together!"

**23-24 November 2018
22 Nov 2018 Pre-Conference Activity
New Delhi**



CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Globally, significant efforts have been made towards early childhood and the most recent is the adoption of Global Goals for Sustainable Development. The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by United Nations, recognizes ECD as an indispensable foundation for sustainable development and children as agents of change when they channel their infinite potential to create a better world. It is specifically mentioned in Target 4.2 of Goal 4: "by 2030 ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education". Strengthening early childhood development is key to achieving at least seven of the SDGs, on poverty, hunger, health (including child mortality), education, gender, water and sanitation and inequality. (Woodhead, 2016).

Yet, early childhood continues to be neglected as seen in poor investments, weak implementation mechanisms and lack of multi-sectorial coordination. Around 250 million children or 43 percent of all children under the age of five in low and middle income countries are at higher risk of not reaching their developmental potential due to stunting, poverty and disadvantage.

Child's Right to Equitable Early Childhood Development

All children have the right to equitable learning opportunities that help them achieve their full potential as engaged learners. There are four different diversities in young children's lives namely cultural and racial, development, gender and socio-economic (Mac Naughton 2006). Inclusion and participation are essential to human dignity and to the enjoyment and exercise of human rights. The early childhood programs must provide equitable learning opportunities to help children thrive by building on each child's unique set of individual and family strengths, cultural background, languages, abilities, and experiences.

It's time to come together to address the child as a whole and therefore a need to bring all fields together to have new thinking, new skills and strengths so that the synergy will strengthen programs and practices and create opportunities for children to grow and develop to their fullest in whichever context they are. Considering this, Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED), Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), Delhi along with Association for Early Childhood Education and Development (AECED), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai are jointly organizing a national conference on the theme - "Every Child's Right to Early Childhood Development: Evolving Inclusive Practices".

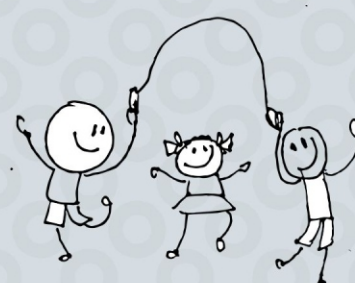
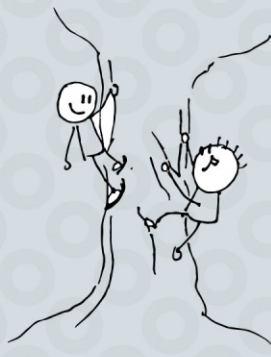
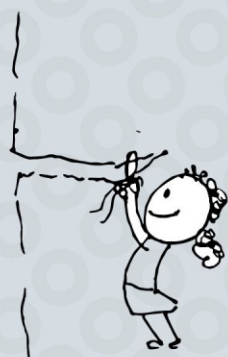
Objectives of the Conference:

- i) To develop an understanding of the role of early childhood programmes in addressing equity.
- ii) To document best practices for addressing diversity as well as inclusion and develop guidelines for the same.
- iii) Bring together researchers, practitioners/civil society organisations, academicians, Government bodies/functionaries/policy makers and funders to build strategies to address inclusive practices.

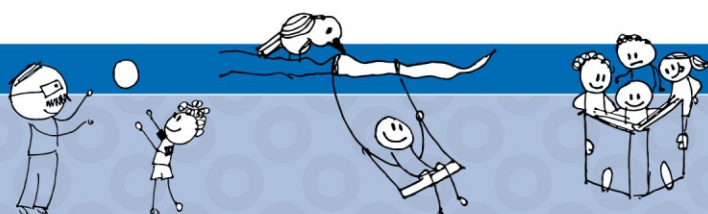
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| TIME | PROGRAMME |
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| PRE-CONFERENCE | |
| Day 1: November 22, 2018 (Thursday) | |
| 9 am- 5 pm | Workshop |
| | Action Research Methodology Dr. Rajani Mohan Konantambigi and Dr. Sujata Sriram (Professors at School of Human Ecology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) |
| 9 am- 5 pm | Field Visits |
| | To visit Innovative Early Years Programmes in Delhi Visit coordinators Archana Jamdar (AECED EC), Shobha Bharat (AECED EC), Dr. Sheetal Nagpal (CECED) |
| CONFERENCE | |
| Day 2: November 23, 2018 (Friday) | |
| 8.30 a.m-9.30 a.m. | REGISTRATION |
| 9.30 a.m-10.30 a.m. | OPENING CEREMONY |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inaugural ● Welcome Address- CECED and AECED ● Keynote Address |
| 10.30a.m -11.00. a.m. | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 11.00 a.m.- 1.30 p.m. | PLENARY 1 Early Childhood Development Through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals: ECD 2030 |
| | CHAIR Professor Venita Kaul, Professor Emeritus, CECED, Ambedkar University, Delhi SPEAKERS I. ECD is the foundation for sustainable development Lata Menon, Consultant and formerly with UNICEF, Bengaluru II. Diversity, Equality and Inclusion from a child Development perspective Dr. Nandita Choudhary, Consultant & formerly with Lady Irwin College, New Delhi III. The Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and what it holds for Early Childhood Education Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Professor, Faculty of Child Development, IGNOU, New Delhi IV. No child left behind-The science, system and what's right for inclusive ECD Dr. Vibha Krishnamurthy, Founder & Executive Director, Ummeed Child Development Center, Mumbai |
| 1.30 p.m-2.15 p.m. | LUNCH |



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| 2.15 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | VOICES FROM THE FIELD Presentations from organisations with innovative programs in the context of inclusion |
| | CHAIR Professor Vrinda Datta, Director, CECED, Ambedkar University Delhi I. DHFL Changing Lives Foundation Mumbai II. Aarohan , New Delhi III. Vikramshila Education Resource Society, Kolkata IV. Irockit, Delhi V. School with Inclusion, Delhi |
| 4.00 p.m-4.15 p.m. | Tea |
| 4.15 p.m.- 6.15 p.m. | CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS I. His, hers and theirs: Embedding a gender inclusive and responsive lens in the Early Years Settings Dr. Radhika Desai, Senior Advisor, CONNECT Social enterprise Development Services, Hyderabad II. Guiding children to be inclusive and friends Dr. Shruti Bhargava, Director Sehar- Ek Nayi Udaan, Vadodara III. Meaningful engagement of parents of children with disabilities Dr. Monimalika Day, Associate Professor, Ambedkar University Delhi IV. One glove does not fit all- Adapting Curriculum and activities for inclusion Dr. Varsha Gathoo, Head Department of Education, Ali Yawar Jung Institute for Speech and Hearing Disability, Mumbai V. Role of Early language and literacy Dr. Sunita Singh, Associate Professor, Ambedkar University Delhi |
| 6.15 p.m. | AECED GENERAL BODY MEETING |
| 7 pm onwards | CAMPFIRE DINNER FOR ALL IN THE USI LAWNS Please dress in traditional attire, representing a region you have an affinity with Day 3: November 24, 2018 (Saturday)- Conference |
| 9.00 a.m. -11. 30 a.m. | PLENARY 2 Inclusive Early Childhood Development -LINKING POLICY AND PRACTICE CHAIR Dr. Neerja Sharma, Consultant and formerly with Lady Irwin College, New Delhi SPEAKERS I. Teacher preparation for Inclusive Education Dr. Renu Singh, Country Director, Young Lives India, Delhi II. Curriculum and pedagogy for Inclusion in early childhood Sumitra Mishra, Executive Director, Mobile Crèche Delhi III. Education through music- an effective inclusion methodology Dr. Anil Srinivasan, Founder, Rhapsody Music Education, Chennai IV. Nurturing safe, inclusive, engaging and equitable environments through Socio Emotional Learning Monisha Singh Diwan, ECD Consultant, UNICEF East Asia Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok |
| 11.30 a.m-12.00 noon | TEA |



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| 12 noon-1.30 p.m. | <p>Parallel Sessions for Paper Presentations (Submit an abstract of 350 words by 7th November. Confirmation will be sent by 12th November 2018.)</p> <p>Four parallel sessions with four paper presentations each</p> <p>Chairs for Parallel Sessions</p> <p>I. Dr. Geeta Chopra, Associate Professor, Institute of Home Economics, Delhi</p> <p>II. Dr. Reeta Sonawat, Consultant formerly with SNDT University, Mumbai</p> <p>III. Dr. Suniti Sanwal, Professor DEE, NCERT, New Delhi</p> <p>IV. Dr. Anubha Rajesh, Professor CECEDR, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi</p> |
| 1.30 p.m.-2.15 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 2.15 p.m.-3.30 p.m. | <p>POSTER PRESENTATIONS (Submit an abstract of 200 words or soft copy of poster by 7th November. Confirmation will be sent by 12th November 2018.)</p> <p>Selected abstracts presented as posters</p> |
| | <p>Poster Presentation Chair Dr. Rajani M Konantambigi</p> |
| 3.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m. | <p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</p> <p>I. EveryBODY participates-Performance for inclusion <i>Shabari Rao, Dance maker, educator and researcher, Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru</i></p> <p>II. I am ready for you but are you ready for me?-Promoting Inclusion in EC settings through strategies that work <i>Aruna Jyoti, Azim Premji Foundation, Bengaluru</i></p> <p>III. First teachers count-The art and science of parenting to nurture the special in each child, every child <i>Maya Gaitonde, Parenting expert and Honorary Secretary at Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust, Chennai</i></p> <p>IV. Rhapsody for many, for all -Music for inclusion <i>Dr. Anil Srinivasan, Founder, Rhapsody Music Education, Chennai</i></p> <p>V. Use what you have, do what you can- Inclusion with limited resources <i>Carole Paul, Consultant inclusion, Delhi</i></p> |
| 5.30 p.m. -6.15p.m. | <p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Felicitation of Senior ECD Contributors by AECD ● Way Forward CECED and AECD ● Sharing by Participants |



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- If you are coming in group (i.e 3 people) then the option of taking Deluxe double with Extra bed can be considered as a good option.
- Participants are required to book the requisite room as soon as their registration has been confirmed.
- While booking you will be required to provide your Conference Registration ID to the hotel.
- Rooms will be allotted on First Come First Serve basis.
- If any participant is attending the conference as single and opting for accommodation at USI, please be informed that you might have to share the room as the rooms are double occupancy due to limited accommodation at venue.
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- No Refund of Advance will be done by hotel on 'NO SHOW'
- Room Tariff includes Breakfast Buffet.
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- As the conference Venue is in Defense area, participation is strictly by invitation only.
- Participants are required to bring the copy of the invite and photo ID to show at the check post.

National Conference Registration

REGISTRATION FEES

| Category | Members | NGOs | Students | Non-Members |
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| Pre-Conference Workshop / Field Visits | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 |
| Conference | 3000 | 3000 | 1500 | 3500 |

* Pre conference and conference have separate registration fee as indicated in the above table

* Pre- conference and Conference registration forms are available on our website AECED www.aeced.org.in

* 10% discount for institutional groups of minimum 4 or more participants.

* There will be no refund in case a participant does not attend the Conference.

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