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MEDIA ALERT

Global childhood conference comes to Cape Town

Some of the world's authorities on child poverty, development and wellbeing will gather in Cape Town next week, 2-4 September, for a conference that will reveal new directions and approaches to research that can improve social policy and services for children.

This is the first time the biennial conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held in Africa, and it provides an important opportunity to shift the focus of discussions to the global south.

The conference will include papers, panel sessions and discussions on a range of issues affecting children, including the following:

- Youth transitions to adulthood
- Early childhood development
- Child-focused indicators of social change
- Measurement of child poverty and inequality
- Child protection and violence against children

Over 200 researchers, policy-makers and practitioners will attend from more than 40 countries. These experts are concerned with the measurement of children's deprivation and development – and the translation of evidence into policy and practice. They are brought together by a common vision of a world in which children have equal opportunities and the potential to thrive and develop. The conference is about providing evidence that points the way forward to address inequality and improve children's life chances, whether children grow up in Germany, Chile, South Africa or Indonesia.

Previously held in Chicago, Sydney, York and Seoul, this year's conference will be hosted by the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, in partnership with UNICEF, the African Child Policy Forum, and the Poverty & Inequality Initiative of UCT.

Venue: Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town.

Dates: UCT, from 2-4 September.

For more information, profiles of the keynote speakers and a detailed programme go to www.isci2015.org or Facebook at ISCI 2015.

We will have brief outlines of a few key sessions available for distribution on Monday 31 August. Please contact aislinn.delany@uct.ac.za if you would like to receive these.