

1. Call for expressions of interest: Country researchers

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- Are reporting processes in Africa consultative and participatory?
- Do the reports represent and reflect the actual situation of children in Africa?
- How accurate, relevant and functional are concluding observations by treaty bodies?
- What implementation and follow up mechanisms have been put in place by states and treaty bodies to ensure the implementation of the recommendations?
- Have the reports resulted in progress on the ground for children in the reporting country?
- What practical steps should be taken to maximise the impact of reporting on the realisation of children's rights in Africa?

This study will examine three categories of countries:

- Countries that have reported twice to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CoRC) and at least once to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC). These countries are: Burkina Faso, Egypt, Eritrea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda.
- Countries that have submitted at least 2 State Party reports to the CoRC but have not submitted a report to the ACERWC (and bringing to the study balanced geographical base for the study). These countries are: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Chad, Congo, DRC, Madagascar, Mauritius, and Malawi.
- African countries that are not state parties to either the CRC or the ACRWC and thus have not reported to any of the two treaty bodies. These countries are: Somalia and South Sudan.

The Centre for Human Rights is currently looking for **country researchers** in each of the countries mentioned above to undertake this research. The country researchers should either be based in the research countries or from those countries.

Methodology

The country researcher will undertake a combination of primary and secondary research to assess the impact of the reporting process on the realisation of children's rights in his/her country. The various country reports will be peer reviewed and published online as country briefs. The various reports from the countries in a region will be consolidated into a regional report and published as chapters in a peer reviewed book.

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The Centre for Human Rights is currently looking for **regional coordinating researchers** to undertake this research. There will be one regional coordinating researcher for:

- *The Central African region* covering the following countries: Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.
- *The Eastern Africa Region* covering the following countries: Eritrea, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda.
- *The Northern African Region* covering the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.
- *West African Region* covering the following countries: Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.
- *Southern Africa Region* covering the following countries: Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius and Tanzania.
- Somalia and South Sudan are special case studies to be handled differently.

The **regional coordinating researchers** should either be based in the research region or from one of the countries in the region. The regional coordinating researchers will undertake the following activities:

- Act as a country researcher for their own country.
- Coordinate the research activities of researchers in the countries within the region.
- Write a consolidated report, using evidence generated by country researchers, for the purpose of publication in a peer reviewed book.

Methodology

The **regional coordinating researchers** will undertake a combination of primary and secondary research to assess the impact of the reporting process on the realisation of children's rights in their region. The various consolidated reports from the five regions of Africa will be published as chapters in a peer reviewed book.

Requirements for both country and regional researchers

- Postgraduate degree in a relevant field.
- Proven records of research and publication.
- Sound knowledge of international human rights system in general and children's rights system in particular.
- Managerial expertise and experience.

If you are interested, please send your CV, a page inception report detailing how you intend to carry out this research and a complete citation for a peer

reviewed publication you authored to: remember.miamingi@up.ac.za on or before 30 April 2014. Kindly indicate in your inception report whether you are applying to be considered as **country researcher** and for which country. If you are applying as a **regional coordinating researcher** please kindly indicate which region you are interested in and which country you will cover as a country researcher.