



CAUCUS for CHILDREN'S RIGHTS Campaign to Protect Children



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On June 16, the Caucus for Children's Rights was launched in celebration of the Day of the African Child

The Day of the African Child (16th June) was an ideal time to celebrate the launch of the Caucus for Children's Rights (CCR) with an evening of information, entertainment and reflection. In launching the CCR we remembered the bravery of those children who took to the streets in Soweto in 1976 and mourned that too many children in Africa continue to face discrimination, violence and obstacles to realizing their potential.

The CCR is committed to advancing the rights of children in Tanzania, and in doing so building a country that protects the best interests of all its citizens. The CCR has recently applied for registration as a Tanzanian NGO to formalize the informal collaboration that we have been engaged in since 2004. We are a consortium of institutions and individuals who are passionate about the rights and welfare of children and youth. We provide a vibrant and innovative forum to replicate good practice, share learning and to speak with one voice so as to engage communities and leaders to uphold the best interests of children and young people in Tanzania. Our mission is to effectively advance the protection and empowerment of children and young people in Tanzania.

Members include Action for Children, Arusha NGO Network, Artzania Group, East Africa Law Society, Legal & Human Rights Centre, Mkombozi and Tanzania Mine Workers Development Organization. We are keen to hear from Tanzanian individuals and organisations interested in membership.

Learn more about the CCR:

- CCR Project Overview Infosheet
- CCR organizational brochure (trifold)

The CCR's 50% campaign reflects the startling population demographic that 50% of Tanzanians are children. 50% is campaigning for legal reform to protect children in Tanzania and calls on policy makers and adults to do more for children. Tanzania has signed and ratified The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Every child is entitled to the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms. The recognition of children as individual right holders means that the Government committed itself to protecting and promoting those rights. Failure to domesticate child rights into Tanzanian law leaves children vulnerable because when no one can clearly be held account for their protection. Duty-bearers such as social workers, teachers and community development workers are unable to perform their protective role because of a lack of resources. The allocation of resources is hindered because there is not a current law in place that advances children's rights and so the resourcing of child protection services is sidelined.

Learn more about the importance of legal reform:

CCR Factsheet: Why are child rights so fundamental to development?

What can you do?

There are many things that you can do to promote the campaign both as an individual and an organisation concerned to promote the rights of children:

50% website

www.50campaign.org is an online forum for those of us who are concerned about children in Tanzania. We can use it to share information, learn from each others' practice and to build a united voice to advance the protection of children.

50% Blog

<http://tanzaniasfuture.wordpress.com>

Please do participate in the campaign "blog" where a moderated discussion on the issues is held.

50% online petition

Show your support for the 50% Campaign by signing the online petition at www.50campaign.org/petition.html. Each time 1000 signatures are collected, the petition is forwarded to local Tanzanian government.

Share yourself

Please do send any of your methodologies, experiences and ideas to me at info@50campaign.org and we can share them via the website and eNews.

Share 50% campaign materials



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Download the Campaign Briefing Pack and share it with your local media, government officials and Member of Parliament. This Briefing Pack will be continually updated with case studies, information on the development of the Children's Act in Tanzania and resources for you to lobby your community and leaders.

Spread the word

Download the tag line and logo at the bottom of this message and use it as your signature on your emails to show your commitment to the 50% Campaign.

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The future depends on how we treat these youth today.

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