**Child and Youth Migration in West Africa:**
*Research Progress and Implications for Policy*
Organised by the Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty,
University of Sussex and Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana
9th-10th June 2009, Hotel Alisa, Accra

**PROGRAMME**

**Day 1:**

9.00-9.30 Registration and Coffee

9.30-9.35 Welcome

9.35-9.50 Introduction

9.50-10.45 Child and Youth Mobility: An analysis of strategies and tactics and their implications for the management of children and youth’s social trajectories
*Abou Bakari Imorou - Institut Federatif De Recherche, Benin*
- Q&A and Discussion

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.45 Child Rural-Rural Migration
*Nana Akua Anyidoho – ISSER, University of Ghana*

So (in)visible young female migrant workers: “young female domestics” in West Africa - Comparative perspectives; the example of girls and young women at work in Abidjan
*Melanie Jacquemin - Centre d’Etudes africaines, Paris*
- Q&A and Discussion

12.45 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Mobile youth with little formal education: Work opportunities and practices
*Dorte Thorsen – Migration DRC, University of Sussex*

Key challenges and issues raised by young West African mobile children and youth: Findings from the West Africa Mobilities Project
*For the West Africa Child Mobility Platform: Guy Massart – Mindelo International Art School, Cape Verde*
- Q&A and Discussion

3.30- 4.00 Break

4.00-5.30 Plenary Discussion.

5.30 Close
Day 2:

Chair: John Anarfi, ISSER, University of Ghana

9.00 – 9.15
Ann Whitehead, Migration DRC, University of Sussex

Introduction to day 2

9.15-10.00
Plenary Session: African Movement of Children and Young Workers (Mouvement Africain des Enfants Jeunes Travailleurs) – Moussa Harouna: Hounlete Yawa Ekplom; Adaora Ina Nnaji, MAEJT for the West Africa Child Mobility Platform

10.00-12.30
PANEL: Child Migrants as Rural Workers: Policy and Practice
- Child Migrants and Agriculture (Albertine de Lange – Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations)
- Children in cocoa-growing areas and Education (Martina Odonkor - Independent Consultant)
- General Agricultural Workers Union (Andrew Tagoe)
- ILO-OPEC (Patrick Asare Nelson)

11.15 Coffee

Breakout groups

12.30-1.30
Lunch

Chair: Modupe Adelabu, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

1.30-3.30
PANEL: Coordinating Support for Migrant Children
- For the West Africa Child Mobility Platform: Building on local institutions to support child migrants (Olivier Feneyrol – Terre des Hommes)
- Sending Communities: Making Migration and Return Safer (Stephen Kwankye - RIPS, John Anarfi - ISSER)
- Echoes Project WINROCK (Matilda Nyantakyi-Broni)

Discussion

3.30-4.00
Break

4.00-5.00
Ways Forward: Comments from Panel and Plenary Discussion

5.00
Close

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