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FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

"Five years before 2015: The MDGs and child rights in the Caribbean"

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), University of the West Indies (UWI), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Environmental Foundation (EFJ), the Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC), UWI, the Early Childhood Commission (ECC), the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), Jamaica's Office of the Children's Advocate (OCA), Jamaica's Office of the Children's Registry (OCR), the Jamaica Coalition on the Rights of the Child (JCRC), the Jamaica Child Development Agency (CDA), the Ministry of Education (MoE) and CARICOM, will be hosting its fifth research conference on children's issues under the theme *"Five years before 2015: The MDGs and child rights in the Caribbean."*

The Caribbean Child Research Conference is a regional interdisciplinary conference covering a range of child-related themes. It aims to share research on children, strengthen the network of researchers on children's issues, and encourage research both in priority areas and in other important but neglected areas.

<u>ONLY</u> abstracts pertinent to the theme will be considered. Abstracts should be no more than 150 words, must be accompanied by a brief biography and can be sent via email to the following address: <u>childconference10@gmail.com</u>. Emailed submissions should be headed <u>CALL FOR PAPERS</u>. Abstracts should be based on research that has been completed within the last five years. Abstracts should provide information on the main aim of the research, research questions, methodologies, main findings and recommendations.

 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS – August 16, 2010
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Authors should indicate the area of focus of each abstract/paper. The paper must make reference to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Millennium Development Goals. See links: <u>http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm</u> and <u>http://www.undp.org/mdg/basics.shtml</u>

The focus of the paper shall fall under the following sub-themes.

Proposed Thematic Areas:

- 1. Poverty, nutrition and our children
- 2. Achieving the MDG-related education goal
- 3. Attaining gender-equality among children
- 4. Child mortality among Caribbean children
- 5. Maternal mortality and the status of our children
- 6. HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- 7. Children in violent circumstances
- 8. Environmental sustainability, natural disasters and our children
- 9. Global partnership for child development

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