


# THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CHILD RIGHTS COALITION

INTRODUCTION TO THE  
COALITION AND PURPOSE  
OF THE FIRST GENERAL  
MEETING OF THE COALITION  
MEMBERS



# WHY WAS THE COALITION FORMED?

TO ENSURE SUSTAINED ADVOCACY  
FOR TRANSFORMATION THROUGH  
CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

- **South Africa has committed to realising children's rights**
    - Realising children's rights, especially for the most vulnerable is essential for ending poverty and inequality
    - On the other hand, only once we end poverty and inequality can we realise children's rights
  - **Fulfilling these duties requires focused child rights governance. It requires that the whole of government and all development partners**
    - Recognises children's rights as key to breaking the intergenerational poverty trap
    - Ensures government-wide and partner planning for realising their rights
    - Ensures state-wide knowledge and implementation of support and services to realise children's rights
  - **Child rights governance requires that children's rights are at the centre of all decisions and are advanced**
    - Across planning cycles of 5 years
    - Across different branches of government – legislature, the executive and the judiciary
    - Across different levels of government – national, provincial and local
    - Across all ministries and departments
    - By development partners, including NGOs, development partners, chapter nine institutions and business
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# THE RATIONALE FOR THE SANCR C

- **Securing child rights governance requires sustained civil society advocacy**
  - Across the governance continuum
  - At multiple entry points, levels of government, ministries and sectors
  - To ensure children's rights are at the forefront of all decisions, and
  - To ensure systems are developed to realise rights
  - To take action when rights are infringed
- **This can only be achieved if civil society organisations across the sector work together - it requires**
  - Inclusivity of a broad and diverse range of CSOs operating in different sectors, geographical areas, with different vulnerable groups, in different areas of expertise
  - Children's voices and participation
  - Collective action in pursuit of common gaps and challenges
  - Shared information and knowledge
  - Time and sustained commitment
  - Resources
  - Continuity; and
  - Technical capacity

**Therefore, in 2020, several organisations came together to establish a standing South African National Child Rights Coalition**

# WHAT IS THE SANCRIC?

A LIKE MINDED  
CHILD RIGHTS  
ADVOCACY  
COLLECTIVE



- It is a voluntary association of like-minded organisations and individuals from across the country, including children / child led organisations
- We currently have 125 members who work through five thematic working groups to address critical issues:
  - Coalition growth and development
  - Child rights governance
  - Family support
  - Inclusive basic education
  - Child protection
- Health and nutrition are key: but that is already addressed through SACSoWACH – one of our partners
- It is currently led by an interim steering committee made of 10 organisations. Any member can be part of the ISC
- The ISC has worked to build the coalition foundations, support initial advocacy and mobilise civil society organisations to join
- The committee will be formalised through an inclusive, democratic and transparent nomination and election processes in 2021 for a standing committee
- More information will be provided on the governance structure later on

## THE STRUCTURE AND STANDING OF THE SANCRC



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# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

VISION, MISSION, GOALS  
AND OBJECTIVES

# • Vision

- The rights of every child in South Africa, especially the most vulnerable, to survive, be protected, develop to their full potential and participate in decisions that affect them are realised.

# • Mission

- To facilitate coordinated civil society communication and advocacy for a stronger national child rights governance system that ensures that children's rights to survive, be protected, develop to their full potential and participate are recognised and advanced as a national rights-based, development priority by all role players

# • Goals

- South Africa has a child-centred rights-based national governance system that:
  - Ensures compliance with child and human rights treaty obligations
  - Ensures that children's rights are recognised as a national, rights-based development imperative
  - Ensures government-wide action and accountability for realising the rights of every child, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised, to survive, develop to their full potential, be protected and participate in all decisions that affect them.



# OBJECTIVES OF THE COALITION

TO STRENGTHEN THE  
BUILDING BLOCKS OF  
CHILD RIGHTS  
GOVERNANCE TO SUSTAIN  
A DEVELOPMENTALLY  
ORIENTED CHILD CARE  
AND PROTECTION SYSTEM



An integrated programme that provides every family caring for children and the children in their care with the complete suite of services they need to provide and receive nurturing care across five core domains / rights:

- Health care for survival, prevention of illness and disability and promotion of healthy development
- Nutrition to prevent malnutrition and ensure healthy growth and development
- Responsive caregiving that ensures children receive age-appropriate love, care and protection through positive parenting that responds to children's needs
- Education from birth until a child completes their schooling/ enters post-schooling education
- Security and safety through access to basic services to ensure a healthy environment, birth certificates and identity documents, social protection, and protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation

Effective mechanisms for identifying all families and children at risk and their needs, and mechanisms to ensure their access to appropriate quality services to enable nurturing care

Effective mechanisms to ensure government-wide and coordinated planning and provisioning of the required combinations of services to children and their families

Adequate human, financial and infrastructural resources to plan, provide, deliver, monitor and report on delivery and impact of the required quality programmes



# FUNCTIONS OF THE COALITION

COORDINATE,  
COMMUNICATE, ADVOCATE,  
MOBILISE

Facilitate coordination of civil society for effective realisation of children's rights

Facilitate collaboration to amplify civil society's voice, resources and impact on children's rights

Provide a unifying, communications, advocacy and planning platform for advancing a shared vision.

Draw on our collective networks, knowledge, expertise and materials to build a stronger civil society movement

Establish a web-based resource hub for the children's sector

Facilitate the sharing of information between role players

Provide regular updates on changes, developments and processes that impact on children

Facilitate the monitoring of responses, identification of critical challenges, and holding responsible role players accountable

Facilitate the identification of critical gaps through interactive engagement

Establish platforms for collective and inclusive deliberation and advocacy to resolve challenges

Facilitate civil society participation in decision-making and accountability processes

Provide a platform for children's agency through their participation in the coalition

Generate evidence and use it to strengthen the national child rights governance system.

# PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING



To launch the SANCRC



Share information with the membership on core organisational developments, documents and plans



Facilitate discussions and agreement of the coalition's organisational arrangements and strategic framework



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