

Africa Child Online Protection (ACOP) Summit

Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 28 June 2013

Overview and objectives:

ITU's Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA) is a framework conceived to address cybersecurity in general as one of the most important issues in the cyberspace. However, children's vulnerability in an online environment makes them an easy target for cyber criminals. It is in this regard that ITU has created Child Online Protection (COP) as a special initiative within its GCA to specifically tackle children's online security.

The ACOP (Africa Child Online Protection) aims at addressing cybersecurity holistically for childhood protection in Africa. The Summit will deal with issues such as legal, technical, organizational and capacity building issues as well as international cooperation in order to efficiently and thoroughly combat cybercrime targeting children. The key objectives targeted by ACOP will be among others the followings:

- Identify risks and vulnerabilities to children in cyberspace;
- Create awareness;
- Develop practical tools to help minimize risk; and
- Share knowledge and experience.

Target group:

This high level Summit will bring together policy makers & technical people to discuss and agree on key strategies & actions to combat Cybersecurity & COP in Africa. The target group is composed of: high level stakeholders of childhood affairs, policy-makers, regulators, service providers, civil society.

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Links to other activities and programmes (previous events, other linked events, etc.):

The ACOP Summit is in line with ITU's GCA implementation. Other activities were implemented in the framework of GCA, such as the Regional Cybersecurity Forum held in Tunis, Tunisia, in June 2009, the cybersecurity readiness assessment workshops conducted in Africa for countries preparedness to address cybersecurity issues nationally and the ongoing CIRT (Computer Incidence Response Team) implementation for African countries. The ACOP Summit is in line with all those activities, but specifically dedicated to childhood protection.

Practical information:

Venue:

Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort Ltd

Off Munyonyo Road

P.O.Box 3673 Kampala, Uganda

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Website: <http://www.munyonyocommonwealth.com>

Visa Information:

The Ugandan Government will implement a special simplified procedure to facilitate and speed up the delivery of visas to confirmed participants who required an entry visa to Uganda and to guarantee their entry into Uganda to enable their effective participation in the Summit. The only documents required to apply and obtain a visa will be:

- The official confirmation from ITU of their registration bearing a unique ID number;
- A scanned copy of the bio data page of the passport (participant photo, passport number, passport issuance and expiry dates, etc.) which should be of good quality to be able to easily read the data and visualize the photograph of the passport holder; and
- The email address of the participant requesting the visa.

Banking and currency:

Payment can be made using Credit Cards (Visa, MasterCard) at the Munyonyo

Commonwealth Resort Ltd. The local currency in Uganda is the **Ugandan shilling** (UGX).

Hotel Accommodation information

Accommodation can be arranged at the Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort Ltd for all participants at a negotiated rate of USD 85 per night.