

201st CICE Open Seminar

The state of Early Childhood Development and Education in Uganda

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Abstract:

The new SDG Goals recognize that children are agents of change when they channel their infinite potential to create a better world. In the words of the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon "The Sustainable Development Goals recognize that early childhood development can help drive the transformation we hope to achieve over the next 15 years." Ensuring that young children have positive experiences, that their rights are guaranteed and that their needs for health, stimulation, and support are met is crucial to their well-being and development. This is true because the quality of care and education children receive determines the quality of development children receive afterward. Despite the importance attached to pre-primary education in Uganda, the pre-primary sector remains private-sector led which has limited access and quality is still poor. The majority of children aged 3-5years in Uganda do not access pre-school educational opportunities with a regional imbalance in the spread of ECD Centers in favour of urban areas.