



INTERNATIONAL & CANADIAN CHILD RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (ICCRP)



ICCRP Welcomes New Postdoctoral Fellow: Dr. Rongedzayi Fambasayi



The ICCRP is elated to welcome **Dr. Rongedzayi (Ronge) Fambasayi** as our newest Postdoctoral Fellow. Ronge is a researcher whose work spans human rights, climate change, governance, environmental sustainability, and child and youth rights.

He holds a PhD in (Child) Law and Development from North-West University, South Africa. **Ronge brings significant experience from roles with UNICEF, the African Child Policy Forum, and Play Africa Group NPC.** He has also served as an Independent External Expert for the African Children's Committee's Working Group on Children's Rights and Climate Change and as a Board Member for the Association of Children's Museums.

We are thrilled to have Ronge join the ICCRP team!

New ICCRP Partner Announcement



We are delighted to share that **Defence for Children (DCI-Canada)** and **Jobletic Bangladesh** have officially joined the International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP) as partner organizations!

DCI-Canada contributes long-standing expertise in children's rights, justice, and child participation, offering valuable alignment with our ongoing research and intergenerational collaboration efforts. **Learn more about its work here: DCI-Canada**

Jobletic brings to the ICCRP experience in youth empowerment and skills development, working closely with educational institutions, NGOs, and community partners to support young people in reaching their potential. **More information is available here: Jobletic**

We look forward to working with both organizations as they join our shared commitment to advancing children's rights.

IAC Member Publishes Important Report

We are glad to spotlight Intergenerational Advisory Committee member **Victor Karunan** and colleagues for their important contribution to **ASEAN's Regional Study on the Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) on Marginalised and Vulnerable Groups**. The study explores how rapid technological change is reshaping opportunities and risks for children, youth, older adults, persons with disabilities, women, and other underserved communities across Southeast Asia. Their work offers evidence-based recommendations to ensure the 4IR advances equity, rights, and meaningful inclusion. We encourage our community to explore this impactful regional report. **Click here to read the report**

Celebrating Robert Nanima's Re-Election to Important Committee

We are happy to share that our valued Intergenerational Advisory Committee member and Conceptual Interconnections Working Group member, **Dr. Robert Nanima**, has been **re-elected to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child**. His continued leadership reflects his deep commitment to advancing children's rights across the continent. We are excited to see Robert step into his second and final term, bringing his expertise and passion to this important work once again.



Congratulations, Robert!

ICCRP Research Assistant Naomi Wokocha Receives Prestigious Award



The ICCRP is very pleased to celebrate **Naomi Wokocha's** achievement in receiving the prestigious **Viola Desmond Student Bursary Award from Toronto Metropolitan University**. We are proud to see her leadership, academic excellence, and commitment to equity recognized through a program that honours Black women and gender-diverse changemakers at Toronto Metropolitan University.

Naomi's contributions as a research assistant and lead project facilitator continue to strengthen our work. She plays a central role in the ICCRP as the Ontario CYAP Undergraduate Research Assistant, where she supports youth co-researchers by helping to plan, prepare, and facilitate their research modules and meetings. Her thoughtful behind the scenes work, including refining lesson plans, coordinating sessions, managing research ethics materials, and completing detailed transcriptions, strengthens every stage of the project and helps ensure that young people are meaningfully and confidently engaged in the research process. **Congratulations, Naomi!**





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ICCRP Case Study in Brazil Presented at COP 30



CIESPI's ongoing work on the project **Youth and Climate Change** is being carried out through several initiatives. One of these initiatives is the ICCRP case study, in which three young activists and three research assistants are involved in engaging children and young people in a range of activities centered on climate justice.

As part of this work, **participation was undertaken at the world climate meeting COP 30 in Belem in November 2025**. COP30 stands for the 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The focus of CIESPI's contribution was on strengthening discussions related to climate change and the rights of children and young people. CIESPI staff members were involved in a roundtable titled **Amazonian Youth for the Climate**, where young activists, researchers, youth movement representatives, and Indigenous youth were present.

Engagement also occurred in an event for children and young people organized by the Federal University of Para. COP 30 marked an important development among climate conferences due to the significant participation of the non profit sector and members of the public.

The ICCRP is pleased to share this update from our partners, recognizing the important leadership and momentum being generated by young people in Brazil's climate justice movement. [Click here to watch a short video](#).

Young People and Climate Justice: Young Activists in Action

The ICCRP is pleased to share an update from our valued partner organizations, CIESPI and PUC Rio, **highlighting the leadership of young people engaged in climate justice work in Brazil**.

As part of the ICCRP case study, the CIESPI team of young activists and research assistants organized a seminar at PUC Rio University to inform and engage students and professionals on issues related to climate change and climate justice. The young activists, who have named their project **Youth for Climate Justice in Brazil**, lead initiatives designed to mobilize and connect young people around the urgent challenges posed by the climate crisis. These activities build on CIESPI's recent research report titled **Young People and Climate Change in Brazil**, which examines the perspectives and concerns of young people in relation to the climate crisis. The report provides an important foundation for the youth led work now taking place and continues to guide their advocacy, communication efforts, and community engagement. The ICCRP is proud to share this update on behalf of CIESPI and PUC Rio and celebrates the commitment of the young activists who are advancing climate justice with determination and hope. [Click here to read more about CIESPI and their amazing climate change efforts](#).

The group in the picture shared their thoughts and experiences in the seminar.



Invitation to Those in Greater Toronto Area: Ontario Activism Project Research Study



We are excited to spread the word about the **Ontario Child and Youth Activism Project (CYAP)** which is led by young people! We are **looking for young and older people (13 years & older) in the Greater Toronto Area (Canada)** who have experienced discrimination in healthcare or education and want to help inform positive change. This opportunity involves completing an online survey and an optional virtual interview thereafter.

[Click the poster to view full details](#).

Conversations that Matter: Explore Our IAC Roundtables

The ICCRP's **Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC)** roundtable **discussions** offer a rare opportunity to hear children, young people, and adults from different countries speak together about important issues in children's rights. **Each session brings forward diverse experiences, thoughtful insights, and practical guidance** from IAC members as they explore what children's rights look like across different contexts. Viewers gain a deeper understanding of global challenges and learn directly from those working every day to strengthen intergenerational child rights practice.



We invite you to **click on the four archived roundtables** above to watch and learn from these meaningful conversations.



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