



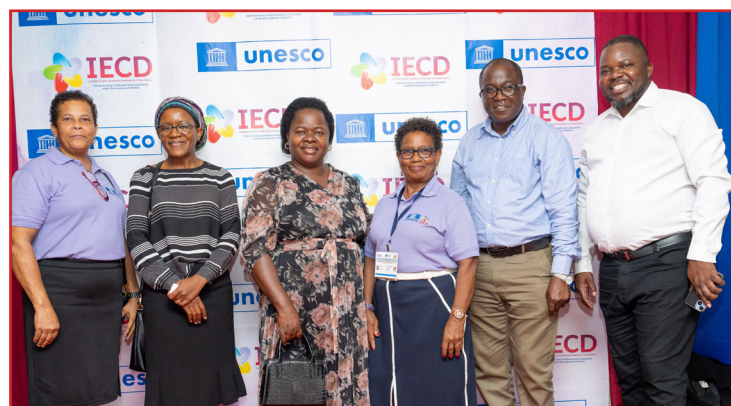
Sir Benet and the Twinkle Choir (Photo: Contributed)



A first of its kind - Joe Samy was bestowed the title of 'Special Advocate' of the IECD - Unesco Category 2 Institute (Photo: Contributed)



The brains behind 'CBISS' a collaborative effort between the IECD - Unesco C2I and DICT (Photo: Contributed)



Delegates from Malawi posing for a souvenir shot with their hostesses from Seychelles (Photo: Contributed)



Official launching of CBISS - IECD's online platform for financial assistance (Photo: Contributed)

Thank you all!



IECD CEO Shirley Choppy and special advocate for the institute Joseph Samy (Photo: Contributed)



Captain David Savy and Dr Mmantsetsa Marope, the chairpersons of the IECD local board and governing board respectively (Photo: Contributed)



Delegates' souvenir photo (Photo: Contributed)



Vice-chairperson of IECD local board Sonia Mancienne accepting a copy of inaugural edition of Children's 1st News Magazine (Photo: Contributed)



Members of the Ministry of Health's ECCE Technical working group (Photo: Contributed)



The Anse Boileau primary entertaining with a cultural dance performance (Photo: Contributed)



Sir Benet Accouche's Twinkle choir performing the institute's theme song 'The Promise' alongside its auteur-compositeur, Joe Samy (Photo: Contributed)



Dr Peter Wells, head of education unit at the Unesco Regional Office for Southern Africa, giving an overview of the Tashkent declaration (Photo: Contributed)



On behalf of the IECD Category 2 Institute, under the auspices of Unesco, we extend our sincerest gratitude to all participants, partners, and stakeholders in Early Childhood Care, Education and Development, who collectively contributed to the success of the recent Regional Workshop on the Tashkent Declaration and Commitment to Action for Transforming Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

A special note of thanks goes to the Unesco secretariat, the Unesco Regional Offices in Nairobi and Harare, Nouvobanq and Cable & Wireless, our esteemed sponsors, and the department of Foreign Affairs for their steadfast support and involvement in the inaugural regional event of the Institute.

A total of 30 experts and professionals from 18 countries in the Southern and Eastern African region converged in a dynamic and engaging setting where they shared knowledge, experiences, and best practices, as well as, the shortcomings they faced in the implementation of ECCE were also discussed.

The event was a resounding success. The IECD / Unesco Category 2 Institute would like to extend its warmest thanks and appreciations to all the local and international delegates for their invaluable support and engagement. The contributions of everyone were instrumental in making the workshop a truly memorable event and an enriching experience. As we implement the priorities, stipulated in the Framework for Action, for the next three years, we are confident that, with the technical support of IECD, we will bring about positive impacts on ECCE in our region and contribute towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals 4.2.

The Governing Board, Local Board, Management and Staff



Delegate from Kenya making a presentation during the workshop (Photo: Contributed)



Education Consultant with the IECD Dr Andre Leste giving an overview of draft Framework for Action (Photo: Contributed)



Group work - discussions on the way forward for Africa (Photo: Contributed)



Dr Marope giving the closing address to end the three-day workshop on ECCE for Southern and Eastern Africa (Photo: Contributed)

