

AAU-NTNU Partnership to Promote Knowledge on Children and Sustainable Development (2019-2023)

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This project promotes partnership between academic and public policy institutions in order to generate and transmit knowledge on the interface between childhoods, culture and sustainable development. It creates bilateral long-term mobility opportunity for masters and PhD students, and short-term mobility for academic staff in Addis Ababa University (AAU) and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). The partnership addresses key challenges linked to student diversity, gender imbalance, interdisciplinarity and internationalization of research and education on issues related to childhood and youth. It has also a shared vision of promoting perspectives on the United Nation's 2030 agenda on sustainable development to improve the life worlds of girls and boys. Through collaborative training, lecturing, supervision, curriculum development, research and publishing, the partnership supports sharing of expertise and cross-cultural learning about childhood among researchers found in different stages of their academic careers. The partnership involves research and policy institutions that support us to identify research gaps, facilitate MA students' entry into fieldwork and internships, and increase policy uptake of research results. Summer schools will provide training for PhD students, researchers and practitioners on topics of children's rights, child-focused methodology and ethics. Knowledge-exchange forums connect research findings with policy and planning. The partnership will culminate with the establishment of a network/consortium that will strengthen the production of cross-disciplinary knowledge as well as context-sensitive advocacy for and with children.