

Becoming a member: We need you!

ACTP SA welcomes individuals, NGOs, government departments to join and participate in the promotion of children's play in Southern Africa.

Play-related activities and projects are implemented through local non-governmental organisations focusing on children and development in the SADC countries as well as through community –based initiatives or individuals. Sharing and coordinating services, resources and experiences has a multiplying effect which strengthens our efforts to provide play to all children irrespective of age, gender or social background.

We offer:

- Training
- Training resources,
- Visibility
- Networking

Join us to learn more!



Supporters

A Chance to Play Southern Africa is currently funded by international child rights organisation terre des hommes Germany with kind support of Volkswagen Group Workers Council.

For more information...

... kindly contact us. NGOs, educators, corporates, government departments, children and communities are welcome to be ambassadors for the promotion of the right to play.

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Promoting children's right to play

The Coalition A Chance to Play Southern Africa
(ACTP SA)

Who are we?

A Chance To Play Southern Africa (ACTP-SA) is a legally registered non-profit organisation launched to promote and realise children's right to play in Southern Africa.

Started as a South Africa based programme in 2008 A Chance to Play has grown into a coalition of organisations and initiatives from countries in Southern Africa working co-operatively to put play on everyone's agenda.

Our Vision

A society where children enjoy play as an integral part of their holistic development.

Our Mission

To promote the right to play as an essential part of the child's holistic development through advocacy, capacity building and mobilization of resources in collaboration with stakeholders at all levels of society.

Regional Activities of ACTP Southern Africa

- Play Facilitators Training Workshops
- Trainings for safeguarding children from harm
- Play campaigns with schools
- Toy making from waste
- Play Conferencing
- World Play Day Commemorations
- Safe Play Park Models
- Right to Play Working Groups in several countries

International Networks

The coalition ACTP Southern Africa is an affiliate of the International Play Association (IPA), thereby linking international and regional members and play advocates. This involvement at a global level broadens our African scope and experiences in the field of play.



My PLAY, my RIGHT

The United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC, Art. 31) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Article 12) state that:

1. State Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in PLAY and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.
2. States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activities.

Most states have ratified this convention acknowledging their responsibility to fulfill this obligation. Civil society together with communities must hold governments accountable to their commitment.



UNCRC General Comment

A Chance to Play Southern Africa participated in the launch of the General Comment on Article 31 (children's right to play) in Geneva/Switzerland. A General Comment aims to provide governments with strong reasons for and practical guidance on the implementation of an article of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Since article 31 is neglected by most signatory governments ACTP members in South Africa were part of an international movement to advocate for a general comment at UN level. The adoption of this comment confirms the importance and benefits of play for children and will strengthen the Coalition's lobbying and advocacy efforts.

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Strategies

- Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Resource Mobilisation
- Lobbying and Advocacy
- Networking
- Training and Research
- Programme Coordination

Key areas of work

- Provision of play opportunities
- Dissemination of information regarding play and play opportunities
- Advocating for play opportunities and appropriate budgeting on government level
- Support for other organisations providing play opportunities
- Provision of training and training material

