

# Charter on the rights and responsibilities of the child

## **The right to freedom from discrimination**

Each child has the right to live a free from discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, colour, sex, language, religion, political affiliation, class or other status and the responsibility to respect the same right of everyone.

## **The right to survival and development**

Every child has an inherent right to life, to maximum protection and opportunities for development, and the responsibility to ensure this right for every other child.

## **The right to a name and nationality**

Every child shall have the right to a name and nationality, and the responsibility not to deny any other child this rights.

## **The right to freedom of expression**

Every child who is capable of communicating their views shall have the right to express their opinion freely and grant all others the same opportunity.

## **The right to freedom of association**

Every child has the right to free association and freedom of peaceful assembly and the responsibility to grant this to all other children.

## **The right to freedom of thoughts, conscience and religion**

Every child has the right to freedom of thoughts, conscience and religion and the responsibility to respect everyone's right to different thoughts and conscience.

## **The right to privacy**

No child shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, or attacks on his / her honour or reputation. Each child has the responsibility to respect others right to privacy.

## **The right to education**

Every child shall have the right to education and the responsibility to use this education to the best of his / her ability

## **The right to leisure, recreation and cultural activities**

Every child shall have the right to rest, leisure and recreation and the responsibility to use these opportunities wisely.

## **The rights of disabled children**

Handicapped children have the right to special measures of protection and all children have the responsibility to promote the dignity and self –reliance of disabled children.



**The right to health and health services**

Every child has the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical, mental and spiritual health and the responsibility to maintain their health.

**The right to be protected form economic exploitation**

Every child shall be protected from all forms of economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous to their physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development, and the responsibility not the exploit any other child in this regard.

**The right to be protected against child abuse and torture**

All children have the right to be protected from any form of child abuse and torture and the responsibility not to abuse other children.

**Administration of juvenile justice**

Every child accused of or found guilty of having broken the law shall have the right to special treatment.

The African charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child popularized by the National Children's Rights Committee