



## REGIONAL BODY

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pledges to

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### **Name:**

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### **Description:**

The ECOWAS Commission is in the process of developing a new Regional Action Plan for the elimination of Child Labour aligned to Alliance 8.7

### **Implementation plan:**

1. February: Conduct a Desk Review of the Evaluation Report of the 1st phase of the ECOWAS Regional Action Plan which lapsed in 2013 as well other relevant texts on Child Labour in West Africa such as current reports in key sectors in Agriculture, Mining, ECOWAS Policy Frameworks including the Child Policy, and Strategic Framework for Child Protection, AU RAP on Child labour, Forced Labour and TIP
2. February: Develop 1st Draft of the Regional Action Plan
3. May: Conduct an Internal Review of the draft RAP with relevant ECOWAS Directorates and other key stakeholders
4. July/August: Conduct meeting of Child Labour Experts to validate the draft RAP
5. July/August: Organize a meeting of Ministers of Labour and Employment to adopt the RAP
6. August – September: Organize integrated missions in MS for advocacy and Capacity Building of Multi-Stakeholders on the implementation of ECOWAS IHL, TIP, GBV and Child Rights Texts in the context of COVID-19

### **Impact:**

- The RAP will be adopted by the sectoral ministers in charge of Labour and Employment as a demonstration of political commitment to end child labour in the region
- Concrete actions with measurable indicators for the elimination of child labour in all ECOWAS MS and at the regional level defined and agreed upon
- Mechanisms for monitoring the performance of ECOWAS MS towards the elimination of child labour are available and implemented
- The Integrated mission will contribute to improved human security in the region by building capacities of relevant stakeholders in Member States through increased awareness, coordination and commitment to holistic protection of all vulnerable persons especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Website**