

PRESENTATION

AFRICAN CONSORTIUM FOR CHILD RIGHTS (CADE)



Africa is the youngest continent in the world. By 2055, it will have nearly one billion children, and almost half of the world's children will live on this continent. Currently, 40% of the African population is under 14 years old (UNICEF, June 2022).

These figures highlight both immense potential and a significant responsibility. However, many children face persistent challenges : poverty, armed conflict, violence, early marriages, child labor, malnutrition and lack of education.

In 2015, world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty in all its forms by 2030. The COVID-19 pandemic, followed by armed and economic crises, has significantly hampered this ambition.

Together for the rights of Africa's children

GENESIS OF CADE

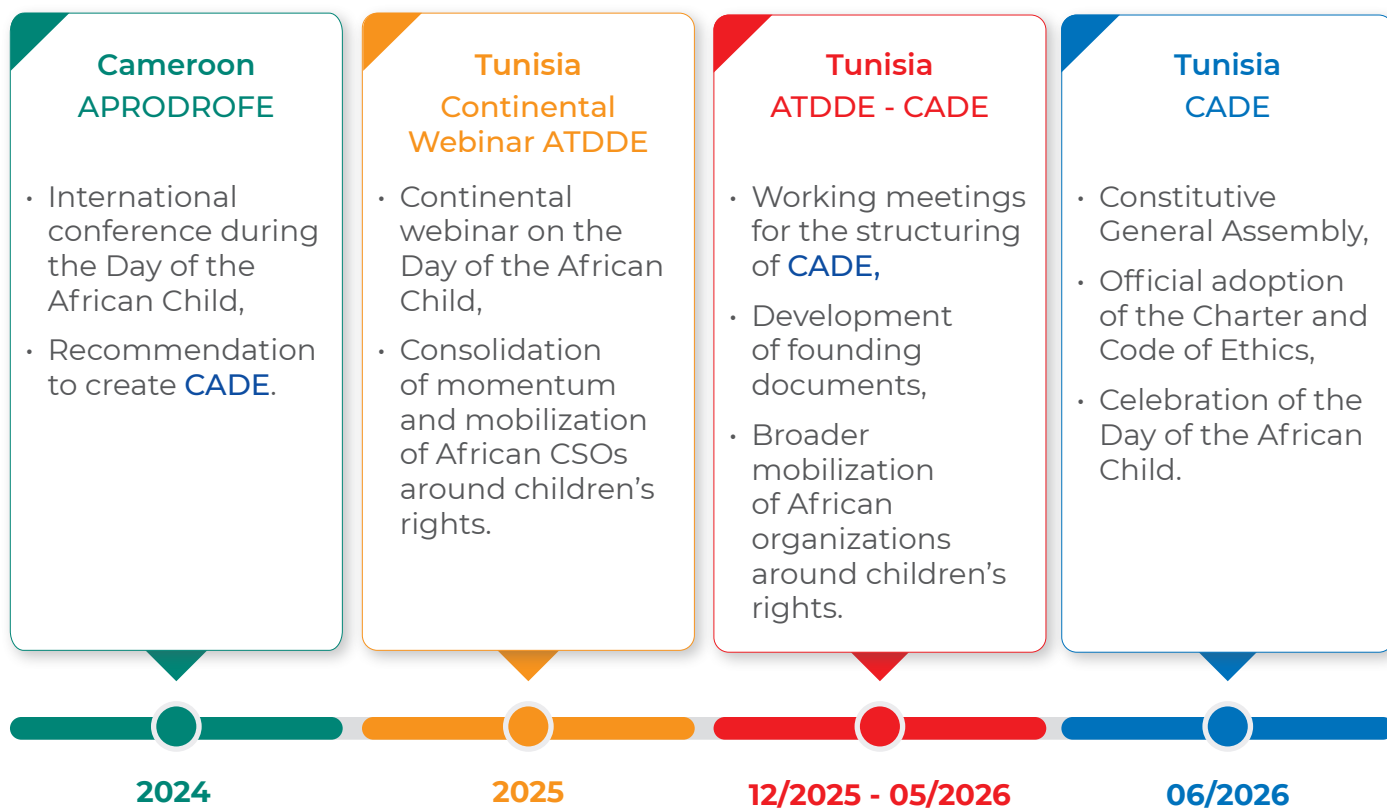
The African Consortium for Children's Rights (**CADE**) was launched during the 1st International Conference for the Promotion of Children's Rights, held on June 18, 2024, in Cameroon. Organized in a hybrid format, this conference brought together participants from Cameroon and online from five other countries:

- **Cameroon:** APRODROFE, COHEB, ALFA SANED, MINAS, ARDHU, APVUD
- **Tunisia:** ATDDE, IBSAR
- **Togo:** 2AEC
- **DRC:** LVM
- **Burkina Faso:** Action-Educ-Plus
- **Côte d'Ivoire:** Eco Verte

The conference recommended the establishment of a permanent continental framework for consultation and advocacy on children's rights.

Drawing on its expertise, ATDDE took the lead in structuring and promoting the project to institutional and technical partners. Today, **CADE** has around thirty members across 10 countries and a provisional office, coordinated by the current president of ATDDE, who is also a member of the **CADE** office.

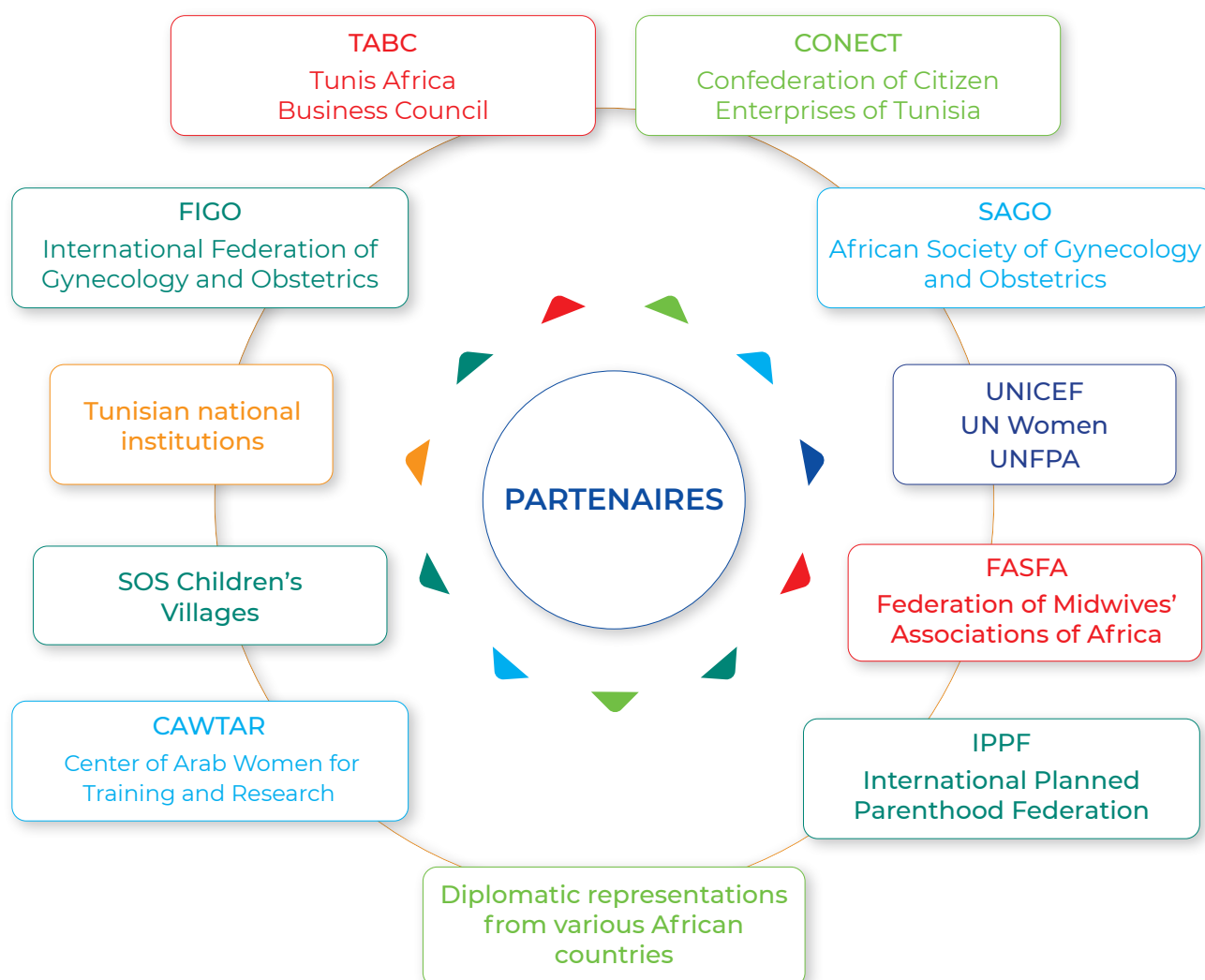
KEY MILESTONES OF THE CONSORTIUM



Since the end of 2025, a core group of African organization has been actively working on the development of these founding documents, under the impetus and strategic coordination of CADE's provisional office, which is currently being structured.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

To ensure sustainability and effectiveness, ATDDE has mobilized several partners:



This approach promotes the joint mobilization of public, private and civil society actors for the promotion of Children's Rights in Africa.

STRATEGIC ANCHORING

The consortium operates within the framework of the convention on the Rights of the child ratified by African states, and works to promote and protect the fundamental rights of children.

The consortium also aligns its actions with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly contributing to goals related to child protection, education and equality.

The **CADE** is fully aligned with the vision of Agenda 2063, which aims for a prosperous and inclusive Africa focused on developing its human capital. Aspiration 6 emphasizes the importance of protecting, educating and empowering children and youth.

Furthermore, the 2040 agenda for African children entitled «Fostering an Africa Fit for Children» aims to ensure that by 2040 all African children survive, grow and are educated with full respect for their rights, free from violence, conflict and disasters.

The Consortium contributes to strengthening continental advocacy and to the effective implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, thereby supporting the continent's structural transformation.

OBJECTIVE

To create an Africa fit for children, where every child can fully enjoy their dignity, safety, protection, physical and mental health, quality education, active participation, and well-being.

STRATEGIC MISSIONS

To achieve this objective, **CADE** aims to:

- Unite civil society organizations across the continent,
- Promote a South-South partnerships for advocacy and capacity building,
- Make children's rights a cross-cutting priority in all African public policies,
- Mobilize CSR resources to support child-focused civil society organizations,
- Advocate for the establishment of a regional mechanism with the African Union (AU) for the implementation of development plans, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of the situation of children.

We are convinced that no sustainable development is possible without strategic investment in Africa's human capital. Promoting the rights of every child is the foundation of a strong, just and prosperous African.

Together, we can transform the future prospects of children and ensure that Africa, the cradle of humanity, offers the promise of a better future to each of its children.

For the Interim Office of **CADE**:

Dr Moez CHERIF
Interim President

Kaleb Kossi SODJI
Acting Secretary-General



@ info@enfantsafrique.tn
f facebook.com/CADE16Juin

Supported by:

