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Two developing nations—one common goal: to make family-centred early intervention a reality in spite of incredible odds. Two parent leaders share the stories of heart ache and hope in this compelling keynote presentation.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, the heart-shaped country in the heart of Europe. This is a country with a complicated political system and lack of resources affecting all spheres of life, especially the vulnerable populations: children, elderly, and sick. Is this condition a direct consequence of the recent war, transition from a socialism to a capitalism, or just a too slow adaptation to the standards of other European countries?

Is “glocalisation” (to adapt the best global practice for a local need and available funds) the way to redefine and overcome local political, financial and administrative boundaries and barriers? **Anisa Ibrahimovic**, mother of a deaf son and attorney, describes her country’s complicated path towards effective services and support for babies who are deaf or hard of hearing in the context of glocalisation.

Uganda is a small landlocked east African country with a history of wars and dictators, The Deaf population has been treated a cursed group barely worth food to sustain life. Traditional early intervention in this environment usually fails. Parents are ignorant and untrained when it comes deafness. They fear social rejection or retaliation from their own family because their child is imperfect. Director of Boanerges Deaf Initiative **Joel Mwesigwa Tonny** will discuss how the status quo is changing with more EI services becoming available, professionals stepping in, and parents of deaf children joining together to seek help and understanding. With a special focus on involving fathers in the EI experience with their child, Joel, a parent himself, will share strategies from the trenches.