

Reporting on the Optional Protocol on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Pornography:

Experiences and lessons learnt

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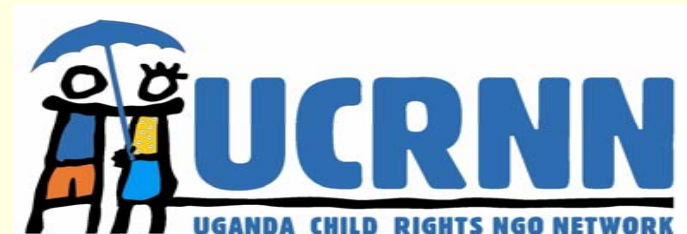


Status of Ratification by African Governments

- 27 out of the 52 African countries have ratified the protocol on Sale, Prostitution, Pornography.
- Only 4 African countries have submitted reports to the committee; Sudan (June 2008), Uganda (September 16th 2008), Tanzania (September 29th 2008).

Reporting Process

- 2005 consideration of the state party report UNCRRC.
- September 2005 Concluding observations sent to GoU.
- 2006 - Action plan on the Concluding observations - reporting on OPCAC and OPCSE singled out as an urgent priorities.
- 2007 Government reports to CRC on the two protocol.



Process Cont.....

- 2007 NGOs submit alternative reports on the two protocols
- 2008 June the pre-session meeting with the committee - enabled us set the agenda for the main session.
- 2008 July/ August – dialogue with government in preparation for – September
- 2008 September main session NGO's as observers.

Lessons

- Keeping on top of national, regional and global trends e.g. key intervention areas under the Agenda for Action
 - Coordination and Cooperation
 - Prevention
 - Protection
 - Recovery, Rehabilitation and Re-integration, and
 - Child Participation. Development of the NPA
- Keeping our eyes on the ball – government report devt.

Lessons

- The complementarity of members on issues thus readily available information for the report- reporting should as a process not an event .
- Ceasing opportunities at our disposal- collaboration with NGO group, ECPAT.
- A strong delegation with both technical and political weight works magic.
- Sustained CSO action for good results



Key outcomes

- Commitment to adoption and implementation of the NPA (CSA). And NPA (1612).
- Improving inter-ministerial coordination on CSA as well as CAC. Revisiting NCC's role
- Scaling up of Birth Registration to attain national coverage.

Future Action

- Building on the momentum from the CRC; debriefing meeting with UNICEF Monday 22nd
- Briefing paper for the Head of delegation outlining the key commitments made.
- National level pre- Rio meeting in collaboration with ECPAT Uganda chapter
- Consultation with children in preparation for Rio.





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