

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN– A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CHALLENGE

Tuesday 11 December 2007, 11:30 am –1:00 pm, Conference Room A,

*Organized by **World Vision***

Around the world, no society, rich or poor, has shown itself to be immune to violence against children. Violence against children can only be prevented through a concerted effort by a number of stakeholders. This session will bring together representatives of governments, NGOs and children themselves to outline what needs to be done to overcome violence against children and encourage dialogue between stakeholders in order to create a world fit for children where they are protected from abuse, exploitation and violence.

Speakers:

Sara Austin (moderator)– Senior Policy Advisor, Child Rights, World Vision

Fabien Fieschi – First Secretary, Permanent Mission of France to the UN

Laoura Lazoura – Permanent Mission of South Africa to the UN

Christelle Binti Lutala – leader and spokesperson of the Beni children's parliament, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Jaylord Langbayan – member of the Children's Association and the National Coalition of Children's Association, Philippines

**POVERTY AS IT IMPACTS CHILDREN'S ABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM A
WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN**

Wednesday, 12 December, 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm, Conference Room A

Organized by **Christian Children's Fund** and **International Movement ATD Fourth World**

This will be a discussion on poverty that impacts children's access to health and education as described in the *World fit for Children*, and the barriers which children have to overcome to use or receive such services.

Speakers:

Josette Vincent, ATD 4th World

Mamadou Diagne, CCF

Richard Morgan, Deputy Director, Policy and Planning, UNICEF

Panel Discussion on
EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES: A FUTURE FOR CHILDREN,
Tuesday 11 December 2007, 1.15 to 2.45 p.m
Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium

Sponsored by **The Netherlands, Save the Children** and **UNICEF**

Today, some 36 million children in conflict-affected countries are denied their basic right to go to school – half of the total 72 million children out of school worldwide. The right to a quality education could offer protection to these children and open the door to other rights, yet children in these countries receive very little attention and less than one-fifth of global education aid.

Bringing together Ministers from Afghanistan, the Netherlands and Sierra Leone, along with representatives from International Save the Children Alliance, UNICEF and the Children's Forum, this event will highlight the pressing importance of education in conflict situations and emergencies, as well as the need for resources and attention to this issue.

Speakers:

H.E. André Rouvoet, Minister of Youth and Families, Kingdom of the Netherlands

H.E. Dr. Minkailu Bah, Minister of Education, Sierra Leone

H.E. Mohamad Hanif Atmar, Minister of Education, Afghanistan

Ms. Tove Romsaas Wang, Chair of the Rewrite the Future campaign and Chief Operating Officer, Save the Children Norway

Mr. Alan Court, Director of Programme Division, UNICEF
Children's Forum delegate

COMMON STRATEGIES AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS AGAINST CHILD LABOUR AND FOR PROMOTING UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

Wednesday 12 December, 3:00pm – 4:30pm, Conference Room A

Sponsored by **Mani Tese, ILO**, the **Italian provinces Trento and Milan**

The aim of this discussion is to raise awareness of the importance of the issue and to evaluate progress since the release of the document "A World fit for Children.

Since 1964, together with Southern NGOs, Mani Tese has implemented more than 2100 development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The organization is also coordinating an Italian campaign against child labor.

Speakers:

Rosy Bindi – Italian Minister for family

Anna Maria Serafini – President of the Italian Parliamentary Commission for Childhood

Cecilia Donaggio – Italian Undersecretary, Ministry for Welfare

Mariarosa Cutillo – External and international relations Head of Mani Tese

Representative of ILO (International Labour Organization)

Representative of Trade Unions

Representative of UNICEF

**VOICES FROM THE REGIONS –
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND YOUTH SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES**

11 December 1:15pm – 2:45pm Conference Room A

Sponsored by the **NGO Committee on UNICEF**

What is the state of children's rights in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Middle East? What are the challenges? Did the lives of children change since the Special Session? What roles do children and youth have in decision making?

In this interactive session, NGO Committee Representatives and young people will share their experiences, and highlight the 'green and red lights' encountered in their regions on the way to a World fit for all Children.

Panelists:

Tim Ekesa, Eastern and South Africa, Kenya Advancement for Development of Children

Jorge Freyre, Latin America & Caribbean Network for the Defence of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (Redlamyc)

Mofid Halim, Middle East and North Africa, NGO Coalition on Child Rights

Nabil Seyidov, CEE/CIS and Baltic States, Regional Network for Children

Moussa Sissoko, West and Central Africa, Environnement Jeunesse Developpment

Youth Participants from different regions



The NGO Committee on UNICEF
Working Group on Girls

Presents
*Toward a World Fit for Girls: Confronting A
Modern Day Slavery*

This event is part of “A World Fit for Children + 5” and will focus in the implementation of one specific goal: ***protecting girls against abuse, exploitation and violence***

Tuesday, December 11th, 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
UN Headquarters, Conference Room 9

Speakers: **Pamela Shifman**
Project Officer, Child Protection Section
UNICEF

Megan Larkin
Young Aboriginal single mom and leader
Coordinator of Women/Girls Program at
Rossbrook House for street children,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Kimberly Adams
Program Development Director, ECPAT_Y-USA
(End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and
Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes)

Simone Monasebian (invited)
Chief of the New York Office of the United
Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Facilitators: Corann Okorodudu and Yvonne Rafferty, members
of the *Working Group on Girls*

Co sponsor: *NGO Committee on the United Nations
International Decade of the World’s Indigenous*

INNOVATIVE INTERVENTIONS RELATED TO NUTRITION FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tuesday, 11 December 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm Conference Room B,

Sponsored by **FAO**, the **Committee on HIV and AIDS**, the **Committee on the Family**, and the **Committee on Children's Rights**

This will be a discussion of public innovative interventions for vulnerable children including the "Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools", developed by FAO collaborating with WFP and UNICEF as a low cost initiative to empower AIDS orphans in 11 African countries. NGO speakers also feature grassroots projects from Asia, Africa and North America to respond to nutritional needs of HIV/AIDS affected children and families

Speakers:

Deanna Chitayat, APA, Co-Moderator

Eva Sandis, International Council of Psychologists, Co-Moderator

Marcela Villarreal, FAO

Joshua Volle, New York City Department of Health

Susan Weissert, Maryknoll Sisters

**TESTIMONIALS FROM CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS IN
MOZAMBIQUE:**

A DOCUMENTARY SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Wednesday 12 December, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Conference Room A,

Sponsored by **American Mothers**

Will feature a powerful documentary by an award-winning filmmaker highlighting the best practices in the areas of health, education and protection for orphans and vulnerable children. The panel following the screening will include one of the three Mozambiquan HIV/AIDS orphan siblings featuring in the film, as well as experts on orphan issues. UNICEF and CRC orphan care goals, in conjunction with the Millennium Development Goals will be explored and promoted.

Panel:

A TRIUMPH IN THE MAKING: THE UNTOLD STORY OF PREVENTING IODINE DEFICIENCY; THE NEED TO COMPLETE THE PROMISE

Tuesday, 12 December 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm Conference Room 7,

Sponsored by **ICCIDD** and the **Global Network for Sustained Iodine Nutrition**

Co-Sponsored by Members of the Global Network: **MI, GAIN, Salt Institute, EUSALT, Kiwanis International, WHO, UNICEF**

Iodine Deficiency is the most preventable cause of mental retardation in children. As the Executive Director of UNICEF said, "it ought to be a crime to allow one more child to be born mentally handicapped when we know how to prevent that." The past decade has seen notable, significant and historic progress, but more needs to be done for global success. Building on the successful public effort to date, renewed national programmes can achieve Universal Salt Iodization and achieve the goal of adequate daily requirements of iodine in every child on the globe

Speakers:

Dr. Gerard N. Burrow, Chair, ICCID (International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders)

Mr. Alan Court, Director of the Programme Division, UNICEF, and Chair of the Global Network for sustained Iodine elimination

Walter Becky, CEO of Morton Salt Corporation, Chicago, IL, and Vice Chair of the Global Network Board

EARLY NUTRITION: A DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE EDUCATIONAL FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

Wednesday 12 December, 3:00pm to 4:30 pm, Conference Room A

Sponsored by **ISDI – International Association of Special Dietary Foods Industries**

Co-sponsored by **AMWA - American Women's Medical Association, MWAN - Medical Women's Association of Nigeria, NVR – Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad - Netherlands Council of Women**

This session will elucidate the relationship between micronutrient intake and a child's ability to learn and function optimally. Educational success requires maximized cognitive, physical and behavioural development – something that can be achieved with a healthy nutritional start for all infants – premature, near- or full-term. The session will explore the nutrients required and their impact on a child's academic and social abilities.

Panel:

Moderator: **Joyce E. Braak**, M.D., President, Institute for Research on Women's Health, Director, Human Rights and Women's Health Project

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Presenters:

Dr. Chan-Yip is Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics at McGill University Health Center.

Jodie Shield, M.Ed., RD, LD, associate, complementary faculty member, Rush University in Chicago, spokesperson, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago

Ms. **Tatanisha Peets**, student, Hunter School of Health Sciences, New York

**MOBILISING INTER-FAITH COMMUNITIES:
PROMOTING ETHICS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

Wednesday 12 December 12:00pm to 1:00 pm, Conference Room B

Sponsored by: **Global Network of Religions for Children**

The Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) is a worldwide network of religious organizations and people of faith who are united by an urgent concern for the well-being of children everywhere.

The GNRC was inaugurated in May 2000 by the Arigatou Foundation, an NGO in special consultative status with ECOSOC.

GNRC members come from all of the world's major religions and many other spiritual traditions. They share a common commitment to making the world a place where every child can enjoy not only the right to survive, but also to thrive, making positive contributions of his or her own to a world of peace and dignity.

At the UN Special Session on Children in May 2002, the GNRC announced its worldwide initiative to promote ethics education: The Tool Kit on Ethics Education through Inter-Faith Learning. The side session will focus on this major GNRC initiative since 2002 in six key regions worldwide and includes:

The Tool Kit on Ethics Education through Inter-Faith Learning
The Partnership with UNESCO to Promote Inter-Faith Learning
The UNICEF - GNRC Joint Study on Religions for Children
The Highlights of the Third GNRC Forum: Learning to Share:
Values, Action and Hope in Hiroshima, Japan

Presenters

Meg Gardinier, Managing Director of Education and Community Partnerships,
US Fund for UNICEF

Helene Gosselin, Director UNESCO Office in New York

Rima Salah, Special Advisor to GNRC – UNICEF Joint Study on Religion

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT - A HOLISTIC APPROACH TOWARDS FULFILLING THE MDGs

Tuesday 11 December, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, Conference Room B

Organized by **CG - ECD** and **OMEP**.

Panelists will focus attention on recent research as well as share their experiences in a variety of settings that are currently informing the field of Early Childhood Development. In particular, consideration will be given to the necessity for a comprehensive approach that nurtures the full-potential of all children, particularly the very young child (Birth to age 3). The compelling evidence clearly suggests that adults must their attention on all aspects of a young child's social, emotional, physical and cognition development, doing so contributes to the well-being of every child in the present as well as for the future.

Speakers:

Selma Simonstein, OMEP President,

Peter Laugharn - CEO, Bernard van Leer Foundation,

Louise Zimanyi - Director of Consultative Group – ECD

Joan Lombardi - The Children's Project,

Pia Rebello Britto - Yale University,

**The NGO Committee on UNICEF
Working Group on Disability
Cordially invites you to join us for**

**"PICTURE THIS – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES INCLUDED
ALL AROUND THE WORLD"**

**3:00 – 4:30, December 11, 2007
Conference Room 9**

Highlights of the meeting include:

- The Education for All Children with Visual Impairments Campaign: International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment and World Blind Union
- Advocacy Handbook on the Rights of Children with Disabilities: Save the Children UK and Sweden
- Child-friendly text of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Measuring Disability – the MICS experience: UNICEF

**And: Positive Exposure – a photographic exhibit of children
with disabilities**