



## Regional Conference on Children's Access to Justice: 25 - 27 February 2020

### Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### AGENDA

Day One (1) Tuesday, 25/02/2020	
08.30 – 09.30	Welcome and Press Statements
09.30 – 10.10	<p><b>Opening session - Location: Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks on the importance of access to justice for children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. H.E. Josip Grubeša, Minister, BiH Ministry of Justice</li> <li>ii. H.E. Andrea Rauber Saxer, Swiss Ambassador to BiH</li> <li>iii. H.E. Johanna Strömquist, Swedish Ambassador to BiH</li> <li>iv. H.E. Johann Sattler, Head of EU Delegation to BiH and EU Special Representative in BiH</li> <li>v. Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia</li> </ul>
10.10 – 10.25	<p><b>Opening remarks on the importance of access to justice for children – young persons' voices</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Mr. Ibrahim Kondeh</u>, young migrant from Sierra Leone living in Italy</li> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Kristina Ivankovic</u>, young law student who has taken part in a legal clinic organized by UNICEF BiH</li> </ul>
10.25 – 11.05	<p><b>Keynote panel presentation and discussion: Children's Equitable Access to Justice in Europe and Central Asia - Why does it matter?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction and moderation by <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u> (UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor)</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Mr. Claude Cahn</u>, Human Rights Adviser, OHCHR</li> <li>▪ <u>Prof. Ton Liefwaard</u>, Leiden University, Netherlands</li> </ul> <p>➤ Followed by a moderated discussion with the keynote speakers and the conference participants</p>

11.05 – 11.35	Coffee break
<p data-bbox="172 337 384 418">11.35 – 13.15</p> <p data-bbox="172 435 384 581"><b>Moderator</b> for Panel 1: Mario Tokic, UNICEF BiH</p> <p data-bbox="172 646 384 792"><b>Moderator</b> for Panel 2: Elvir Music, UNICEF BiH</p>	<p data-bbox="384 337 1915 418"><b>Panel session/discussion: Progress and lessons learned regarding responses to children in contact with the justice system.</b> In this session country experiences will be shared covering a number of issues as follows:</p> <ol data-bbox="384 435 1915 824" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 435 1915 630">1. <b>Realizing the rights of children in contact with the justice system through policy and legislative reforms</b> <ul data-bbox="384 475 1915 630" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 475 1915 508">▪ Albania: <u>Ms. Iris Aliaj</u>, Advisor to the Minister of Justice</li> <li data-bbox="384 508 1915 540">▪ Montenegro: <u>Mr. Goran Djukovic</u>, Juvenile Justice Judge of the Basic Court in Podgorica</li> <li data-bbox="384 540 1915 573">▪ Uzbekistan: <u>Ms. Svetlana Artikova</u>, Deputy Prosecutor General of the General Prosecutor’s Office</li> <li data-bbox="384 573 1915 630">▪ North Macedonia: <u>Ms. Marija Dimovska</u>, Advisor for Human Rights and Comparative Legal Analysis, Ministry of Justice</li> </ul> </li> <li data-bbox="384 638 1915 824">2. <b>Diversion, restorative justice and alternatives to detention practices</b> <ul data-bbox="384 678 1915 824" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 678 1915 711">▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina: <u>Ms. Jasna Pecanac</u>, Federal Prosecutor, FBiH Federal Prosecutors’ Office</li> <li data-bbox="384 711 1915 784">▪ Ukraine: <u>Mr. Oleksandr Baranov</u>, Director a.i. of the Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision, and <u>Mr. Oleksandr Banchuk</u>, Deputy Minister of Justice</li> <li data-bbox="384 784 1915 824">▪ Georgia: <u>Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze</u>, Deputy Minister of Justice</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
13.15 – 15.00	Lunch <sup>1</sup> - <i>Change of venue from the BiH Parliamentary Assembly to the Hotel Novotel Sarajevo Bristol</i>
15.00 – 15.15	<p data-bbox="384 946 1915 979"><b>Presentation: What it means to be a child in contact with the justice system</b></p> <p data-bbox="384 987 1915 1019">Speakers:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 1027 1915 1092" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 1027 1915 1060">▪ <u>Ms. Zeka Ibraimova</u>, young person from North Macedonia who was institutionalized</li> <li data-bbox="384 1060 1915 1092">▪ <u>Mr. Emiljano Llangozi</u>, young person from Albania who got in conflict with the law and who was sentenced to alternative measures twice</li> </ul>
15.15 – 16.00	<p data-bbox="384 1149 1915 1255"><b>Panel presentation: Access to justice for children involved in civil proceedings: Unpacking the justice system’s response to children involved/ caught up in family law issues</b><sup>2</sup> (Custody / maintenance proceedings / care decisions / mediated settlements outside the justice system, non-judicial oversight of alternative care)</p> <p data-bbox="172 1263 384 1291"><b>Moderator:</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Includes time needed to move from Parliament to the Hotel

<sup>2</sup> (i) disputes involving parents and affecting children-divorce /separations and (ii) Authorities’ interventions to protect children from harm which could inter alia lead children being taken into care

Prof. Ton Liefwaard	<p>Panel discussion introduced by two presentations to be held by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Ms. Mikiko Otani</u>, International human rights lawyer and CRC member, on <b>Upholding the rights of children involved in judicial civil proceedings</b> and</li> <li>2. <u>Dr. Louise Crowley</u>, Senior lecturer in family law, School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland on <b>Determining the child's best interests in family separation, custody and maintenance proceedings</b></li> </ol> <p>➤ followed by an open, facilitated panel discussion</p>
16.00 – 16.20	Coffee Break
<p>16.20 – 17.15</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mikiko Otani</p>	<p><b>Panel presentation: Children in civil proceedings - Country practice examples focusing on any of these responses</b></p> <p>Panel discussion introduced by four presentations to be held by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Croatia on <b>Mediated settlements in- and outside the formal justice system</b> (alternative dispute resolution) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Vanja Branica</u>, Professor at the Study Centre for Social Work of the Law Faculty, University of Zagreb on</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Croatia on <b>Non-judicial oversight of children placed in alternative care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Tatjana Katkic Stanic</u>, Head of Sector for the Coordination of Policies and Improvements in the Work of Centres for Social Welfare, Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Belarus on <b>Protection of children's rights in civil proceedings in the Republic of Belarus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Vera Kruhava</u>, Judge of the Supreme Court</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Montenegro on <b>Protection of children and determination of their best interest in the civil law proceedings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Ivana Becić</u>, Civil Law Judge of the Basic Court in Podgorica</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>➤ followed by an open, facilitated panel discussion</p>
17.15 – 17.20	<p><b>Conclusion – Day 1</b> <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor</p>
<p><b>18.30 Welcome Reception</b> At Hotel Novotel Bristol</p>	

**Day Two (2)**  
 Wednesday, 26/02/2020  
 JUSTICE SYSTEMS RESPONSE TO VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	<p><b>Presentation: Being a child victim/ witness in the justice system - from an adolescent’s perspective</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Sevinj Islamova</u>, young person from Azerbaijan who was referred to an alternative care institution after experiencing difficulties within her family circle</li> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Lana Jovanović and Mr. Luka Pavičević</u>, “Golden Advisors” from the Ombudsman’s Office Montenegro</li> </ul>
09.15 – 09.45 <b>Moderator:</b> Vijaya Ratnam Raman, UNICEF HQ	<p><b>Presentation: Justice systems adapted to the needs and rights of victims and witnesses - why this is fundamental and what it takes</b></p> <p>Speaker: <u>Ms. Renate Winter</u>, Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>
09.45 – 10.55 <b>Moderator:</b> Vijaya Ratnam Raman, UNICEF HQ	<p><b>Panel presentation / discussion: Review on victims and witnesses in ECAR: Some country experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina: <u>Ms. Melisa Vardo</u>, Expert Advisor, Zenica-Doboj Cantonal Prosecutor’s Office</li> <li>▪ Armenia: <u>Ms. Arpine Sargsyan</u>, Head of the Anti-Corruption and Penitentiary Policy Development Department of the Ministry of Justice</li> <li>▪ Turkey: <u>Ms. Gökçe Bahar Öztürk</u>, Judge, Director General for Penal Affairs, Department of Victim Rights</li> <li>▪ Moldova: <u>Ms. Silvia Stici</u>, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>
10.55 – 11.25	Coffee Break
11.25 – 11.40	<p><b>Presentation: Why it is important to guarantee children their access to justice?</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Dinara Saduakassova</u>, young UNICEF Good Will Ambassador from Kazakhstan</li> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Kristina Ivankovic</u>, young law student who has taken part in a legal clinic organized by UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>

<p>11.40 – 12.25</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Phenny Kakama, UNICEF ECARO</p>	<p><b>Panel session/ discussion: Progress and lessons learned regarding responses to children in contact with the justice system</b> <b>Access to Legal Aid - Synthesis and presentation of country experiences involved in the operationalization of legal aid guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Albania: <u>Ms. Iris Aliaj</u>, Advisor to the Minister of Justice</li> <li>▪ Armenia: <u>Ms. Victoria Ohanyan</u>, Programme Officer, Access to Justice, UNICEF Armenia</li> <li>▪ Croatia: <u>Ms. Vedrana Simundza Nikolic</u>, Assistant Minister, Directorate of Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice</li> <li>▪ Kyrgyzstan: <u>Ms. Sanabar Aidarova</u>, Head of the Legal Department of the Center for Coordination of State-Guaranteed Legal Aid under the Ministry of Justice</li> <li>▪ Bulgaria: <u>Ms. Kremena Chobanova</u>, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Bulgaria</li> <li>▪ Turkey: <u>Ms. Hatice Kaynak</u>, Chair of UTBA Child Rights Commission</li> <li>▪ Georgia: <u>Ms. Teona Kuchava</u>, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Georgia</li> </ul>
<p>12.25 – 12.35</p>	<p><b>Regional overview - victims and witnesses response: key conclusions and recommendations</b> by <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor</p>
<p>12.35 – 13.10</p>	<p><b>Presentation and Q&amp;A-round: The Barnahus Quality Standards<sup>3</sup>: Guidance for Multidisciplinary and Interagency Response to Child Victims and Witnesses of Violence: Applying the standards in the different political, legal, judicial, socio-economic and cultural contexts of ECA region:</b> <u>Ms. Olivia Lind Haldorsson</u>, Senior Adviser and Head of the Children at Risk Unit at the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (<a href="#">CBSS</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Valentina Boz</u>, Project Coordinator “HELP in the Western Balkans”, Council of Europe on <b>Ensuring access to justice for child victims of sexual abuse: The response of the Council of Europe</b></li> </ul> <p>➤ Followed by a moderated Q&amp;A round</p>
<p>13.10 – 14.30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14.30 – 14.55</p>	<p><b>Plenary session: Services for victims and witnesses (strengthening Justice and Social welfare links)</b> Speaker: <u>Prof. Gordana Flander</u>, Director of the Child and Youth Center in Zagreb, Croatia</p>
<p>14.55 – 16.00</p>	<p><b>Introduction of the parallel sessions:</b> <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor</p>

<sup>3</sup> The Barnahus model embraces a multidisciplinary and interagency approach, ensuring collaboration between different agencies (judicial, social, medical) in one child-friendly premise, which offers comprehensive services for the child and family under one roof.

<p><b>Moderation / Facilitation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1<sup>st</sup> session: Sheeba Harma</li> <li>▪ 2<sup>nd</sup> session: Prof. Gordana Flander</li> <li>▪ 3<sup>rd</sup> session: Dr. Louise Crowley</li> </ul>	<p><b>Break out/ parallel work sessions</b> These sessions will focus on <b>programming experiences and provision of services for child victims and witnesses</b>. Participants will discuss and identify recommendations on consolidating the gains and addressing the challenges.</p> <p><b>a. Investing in comprehensive and inter-connected VAW-VAC services and advocacy</b>  Moderator/facilitator: <u>Ms. Sheeba Harma</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Gender Advisor – <i>Introduction of the topic and facilitation of the workshop</i>, supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Olivia Lind Haldorsson</u>, Senior Adviser and Head of the Children at Risk Unit at the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS)</li> <li>▪ North-Macedonia: <u>Mr. Goce Kocevski</u>, Project Coordinator of the NGO Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, and <u>Ms. Ljupka Simovska</u>, Associate for Human Rights and Comparative Legal Analysis, Ministry of Justice</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Country experiences in development and provision of integrated services for child victims and witnesses and their families</b>  Moderator/facilitator: <u>Prof. Gordana Flander</u>, Director of the Child and Youth Center in Zagreb, Croatia, supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bulgaria: <b>Child Advocacy Centres - How far and where to?</b> – <u>Ms. Dani Koleva</u>, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bulgaria</li> <li>▪ Serbia: <b>Recent developments in the field of access to justice and improvement of the rights of children as victims and witnesses of crime in Serbia</b> – <u>Mr. Vladimir Vukicevic</u> and <u>Ms. Darja Koturovic</u>, Ministry of Justice, and <u>Ms. Ines Cerovic</u>, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Serbia</li> </ul> <p><b>c. The decision-making process and structures that operate in different jurisdictions in relation to the determination of custody and access applications and the extent to which the views and the needs of the child are considered</b>  Moderator/facilitator: <u>Dr. Louise Crowley</u>, Senior lecturer in family law, School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland – <i>Introduction of the topic and facilitation of the workshop</i>, supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Prof. Ton Liefwaard</u>, Leiden University, Netherlands</li> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Valentina Boz</u>, Project Coordinator “HELP in the Western Balkans”, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 16.50	<p><b>Feedback from the parallel sessions (recommendations)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ms. Sheeba Harma</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Gender Advisor</li> <li>▪ <u>Prof. Gordana Flander</u>, Director of the Child and Youth Center in Zagreb, Croatia</li> <li>▪ <u>Dr. Louise Crowley</u>, Senior lecturer in family law, School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland</li> </ul>
16.50 – 16.55	<p><b>Conclusion – Day 2</b> <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u>, UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor</p>

### Day Three (3)

Thursday, 27/02/2020

#### ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY MIGRATION

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>Mr. Ibrahim Kondeh</u>, young migrant from Sierra Leone residing in Italy who has received legal aid through U-Report, thanks to the pro-bono support of DLA Piper</li><li>▪ <u>Ms. Arina Turgunbekova</u>, UNICEF Volunteer from Kyrgyzstan and advocate for children's rights in the justice system</li></ul>
09.15 – 09.25	<b>Presentation on <a href="#">Access to justice for children in situation of international migration</a></b> Introductory Speaker: <u>Mr. Laurent Chapuis</u> , UNICEF ECARO Regional Advisor for Migration
09.25 – 09.35	<b>Presentation on <a href="#">Global/regional experiences providing legal aid to children in the context of international migration</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Speaker/presenter: <u>Ms. Stephanie Woldenberg</u>, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Bosnia and Herzegovina</li></ul>
09.35– 10.50	<b>Panel session/discussion: <a href="#">Access to justice for children in situation of international migration – opportunities and challenges</a></b> Moderator: <u>Ms. Antonia Luedeke</u> , Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Moderator:</b> Antonia Luedeke, UNICEF BiH <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>Ms. Stephanie Woldenberg</u>, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Bosnia and Herzegovina</li><li>▪ <u>Mr. Emir Prcanović</u>, Executive Director, Association Vasa Prava Bosnia and Herzegovina</li><li>▪ <u>Ms. Maria Eleni Sypsa</u>, Lawyer, Solidarity Now, NGO from Greece</li><li>▪ <u>Ms. Ayşegül Yalçın Eriş</u>, Deputy General Coordinator, ASAM - Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants, NGO from Turkey</li><li>▪ <u>Mr. Ibrahim Kondeh</u>, young migrant from Sierra Leone residing in Italy who received legal aid through U-Report, thanks to the pro-bono support of DLA Piper</li></ul>
10.50 – 11.20	Coffee Break
11.20 – 11.40	<b>Presentation of pledge</b> <u>Mr. Aaron Greenberg</u> , UNICEF ECARO Regional Child Protection Advisor

11.40 – 12.50	<b>Reaffirmation of Justice for Children / Access to Justice engagements</b> by participating country delegations
12.50 – 13.00	Closing remarks by the young persons
13.00 – 13.20	<b>Closing remarks</b> i. Ms. Rownak Khan, UNICEF Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina ii. Mr. Nezir Pivic, Deputy Minister, BiH Ministry of Justice
13.20 – 14.30	Lunch
The end	