

## Expert consultation: Agenda

### Child sensitive counseling, complaint and reporting mechanisms

Geneva, 30 September – 1st October 2010

OHCHR, Palais Wilson, 1st Floor Conference Room Thursday , 30th September

9:00 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 -9:45 Opening remarks

- **Jane Connors**, Chief, Special Procedures Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Marta Santos Pais**, Special Representative of the Secretary General on violence against children
- **Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

**9:45 – 13:00 SESSION I:** Child-sensitive counselling, complaint and reporting mechanisms in different settings for children victims of violence, including sexual violence and exploitation: the need for **confidential, age-appropriate, gender-sensitive, disability-sensitive, safe and well-publicized mechanisms which are easily accessible to all children**. Lessons, challenges and recommendations from national independent institutions for children's rights.

*Chair: Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary General on violence against children*

9:45 – 11:00 Panel discussion

- **Shanta Shinha**, Chair, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India
- **Shirin Aumeeruddy-Cziffra**, Ombudsperson for Children, Mauritius
- **George Moschos**, Deputy Ombudsman, Head of Department of Children's Rights, Greece
- **Mary Clarke**, Children's Advocate, Jamaica
- **Manus de Barra**, Policy and Human Rights Department, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 -13:00 Expert discussion

**14:30 – 18:00 SESSION II:** Child-sensitive counselling, complaint and reporting, mechanisms for children victims of violence, including sexual violence and exploitation: the role of international organizations, civil society organizations, community protection mechanisms, help-lines and new communications technologies.

- Chair: **Jane Connors**, Chief, Special Procedures Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

14:30 – 15: 30 Speakers: (15 min. each)

- **Elda Moreno**, Council of Europe, Special Adviser to the Deputy Secretary General
- **Peter Newell**, Global Initiative to End Corporal Punishment
- **Jeroo Billimoria**, Executive Director, Aflatoun and Founder of Childline India Foundation
- **Gabrielle Shaw**, Head of International Relations, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

**SESSION II (cont):** Child-sensitive counselling, complaint and reporting, mechanisms for children victims of violence, including sexual violence and exploitation: free counselling and care, recovery and social reintegration services, including psychological support.

- Chair: **Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

15:30 – 16:15 Speakers: (15 min. each)

- **Analia Monferrer**, Office of Domestic Violence, Supreme Court of Justice in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Thoko Majokweni**, South Africa Prosecution Authority
- **Inu Adhikari**, Representative Paralegal Committees Nepal and **Riddhi Sharma**, UNICEF Nepal

16:15-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Expert discussion

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**9:00 – 11:15 SESSION III:** Child-sensitive counselling, complaint and reporting, mechanisms for children victims of violence, including sexual violence and exploitation: **special situation of marginalized and vulnerable children, including street children, children belonging to minorities children with disabilities, and children on the move, including unaccompanied children and children in situations of emergencies.**

- Chair: **Yanghee Lee**, Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

9:00 – 10:15 Speakers: (15 min. each)

- **David Mugawe**, Director, The African Child Policy Forum
- **Edelweiss F. Silan**, Regional Cross-border Programme Director, Save the Children UK Asia Regional Office
- **Gerison Lansdown**, International consultant on children's rights
- **Bjørn Bredeesen**, Deputy Director General Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Norway
- **Diana Skelton**, Deputy Director General, ATD Quart Monde

10:15 – 11:00 Expert discussion

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

**11:15 -12:00 Final reflections and way forward** (*speakers tbc*)

- **Shanta Shinha**, Chair, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India
- **Jeroo Billimoria**, Executive Director, Aflatoun and Founder of Childline India Foundation
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**12:00–12:30 Closing**

- **Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
- **Marta Santos Pais**, Special Representative of the Secretary General on violence against children