

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE
LA PROTECTION DES ENFANTS CONTRE LA VIOLENCE SEXUELLE



High Level Cross-Regional Meeting on the Protection of Children from Sexual Violence

Regional action to support the global agenda to stop sexual violence against
children

Organised by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on
Violence against Children and the Council of Europe

18-19 June 2015, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France

Thursday 18 June

09:15 Official Opening

- Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Moderator: Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

10:00 **THEMATIC SESSION I: Sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust Insight of European countries' responses to sexual abuse in the circle of trust**

Moderator: Ms Regína Jensdóttir, Head of Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe

Presentation of the Lanzarote Committee’s approach to “sexual abuse in the circle of trust” and of the initial findings of its monitoring work on this theme

- Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson, Chair of the Lanzarote Committee
- Ms Gioia Scappucci, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

Debate

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Strategies and good practices for the protection of children from sexual violence in the circle of trust**

Moderator: Mr Matthew McVarish, actor, playwright and activist against sexual abuse of children

From denial to informed action: the importance of investing in research, capacity building and awareness raising

- Mr Théophile Nikiyèma, Executive Director, The African Child Policy Forum
- Mr Jorge Freyre, Member of the Latin-American and Caribbean Movement for Children, Regional Advocacy Director, Save the children LAC

Safe and child sensitive counselling, complaint and reporting mechanisms

- Mr Manus de Barra, Child Protection Specialist, Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on violence against children, United Nations

Challenges in providing child friendly justice and treatment for child victims of sexual abuse in the circle of trust

- Ms Gordana Buljan-Flander, Director of the Child Protection Center of Zagreb, Croatia

An integrated approach to the elimination of sexual violence: lessons learnt in the Netherlands

- Ms Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen, Dutch Rapporteur on trafficking in human beings and sexual violence against children

Debate

13:00 Lunch

14:30 **THEMATIC SESSION II : Protection of children from sexual abuse through information and communication technologies (ICTs)**

Moderator: Ms Alicia Bala, Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation, Socio-Cultural Community

Connecting with children's and young people's wishes and expectations

- Mr Niels Baas, Communication Researcher at the University of Twente, The Netherlands, and founder of Cyberpesten de Baas

Maximizing opportunities and minimizing risks through empowerment and participation

- Ms Milena Grillo, Executive Director, Paniamor Foundation, Costa Rica

Research and findings from the ROBERT project on online behaviour related to child sexual abuse

- Ms Turid Heiberg, Head of the Children at Risk Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Solicitation of children for sexual purposes through ICTs: Presentation of the Opinion of the Lanzarote Committee on Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention

- Mr Erik Planken, Dutch Member of the Lanzarote Committee

Debate

16:00 Coffee break

Continuation of thematic session II

Moderator: Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Fighting sexual exploitation of children at national level

- Mr Geronimo Sy, Assistant Minister of Justice, Philippines
- Mr Steve Grocki, Deputy Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Criminal Division of Department of Justice, USA

International Collaboration in Victim Identification and Online Child Sexual Exploitation

- Mr Robert Shilling, Coordinator of INTERPOL's Operations Crimes against Children, Acting Assistant Director Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation

Promoting public and private partnerships and cybersecurity for children

- Mr Howard Schmidt, former Cybersecurity advisor to Presidents Bush and Obama, Co-Founder Ridge Schmidt Cyber, Executive Director SAFECODE, USA

Debate

18:00 Closing of day one

18:15 Reception in the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers, Palais de l'Europe

Presentation of the ENOC exhibition "Austerity Bites: Children's Voices"

Friday 19 June

09:00 **THEMATIC SESSION III: Opportunities for strengthening international cooperation for the protection of children from sexual violence including on-line**

Moderator: Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children

Exploring the role and potential of existing platforms to promote a safe, empowering and inclusive digital agenda for children

- Ms Clara Sommarin, Child Protection Specialist Exploitation and Violence, UNICEF
- Ms Verónica Donoso, Executive Director, International Association of Internet Hotlines – INHOPE
- Ms Janice Richardson, Senior advisor, ENABLE coordinator, European Schoolnet
- Ms Claire Cody, Research Fellow, International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking, University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

The Stockholm World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children +20: lessons learnt in the fight against sexual exploitation of children and vision for the future

- Ms Dorothy Rozga, Executive Director, ECPAT International

Debate

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 **Closing remarks**

- Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe
- Ms Marta Santos Pais, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children