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JUNE 13TH, 2025
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

10:00 AM (CHILE)

ON-LINE

ROUNDTABLE | SANTIAGO DE CHILE

FREE EVENT

Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/soluciones-globales>

**SPANISH / ENGLISH /
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Maria José Castello-Branco

Chairperson to the Lanzarote Committee Council of Europe

Since 2022, she has been Chairperson of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee). She has represented Portugal on this Committee for over ten years. Currently, she is a Legal Advisor in the International Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Justice of Portugal and is deeply passionate and committed to the promotion and protection of children's rights.

Eugenia Pozo Morillas

Lanzarote Committee Member representing the Netherlands

She works as a policy advisor and acting coordinator of the team responsible for policies addressing sexual crimes at the Department for Law Enforcement and Crime Fighting within the Ministry of Justice and Security of the Netherlands. Among other projects, she has coordinated the implementation of the Sexual Offences Act, which came into force on July 1, 2024. This Act strengthens legal protection for victims of sexual violence.



Anuar Quesille Vera

Children Ombudsman of Chile

Children' ombudsman (2023–2028) and head of the Chilean Office for the Rights of the Child, the national human rights institution for children and adolescents. A lawyer specialized in children's rights and international human rights law. He has developed his career as an international consultant on child rights in Chile and across Latin America, and has served as an advisor on these matters for the United Nations and the Inter-American Human Rights System. He is also a researcher and academic in the field of childhood and adolescence in Chile and the region.

Mireya García de Murcia

Legal advisor & Project officer for Barnahus Spain, Council of Europe

Lawyer specialized in human rights and children's rights, with professional experience in the universal and European human rights protection systems. Since 2021, she has worked as a legal officer in the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe. She currently coordinates the "Barnahus Spain" project for the protection of children who are victims of sexual violence and is the author of several publications on children's rights and women's rights.



Maurizio Sovino Meléndez

Director, Specialized Unit on Sexual Crimes and Sexual Exploitation, Public Prosecutor's Office of Chile

Lawyer specialized in criminal law and international children's rights. He has developed his academic and professional career around matters related to victims, particularly children and adolescents, as well as victims of gender-based violence. He currently leads the Specialized Unit on Sexual Offenses and Sexual Exploitation at the National Prosecutor's Office, part of the Public Ministry of Chile.

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This roundtable addresses the urgent global issue of **sexual violence against children and adolescents**. Recognizing that children's rights—and the threats they face—transcend national borders, the event promotes a coordinated, regional, and international response, particularly in view of the increasing risks posed by the digital environment. Convening key actors and stakeholders from Chile, the discussion takes place in the context of the country's growing interest in joining the Lanzarote Convention—a robust and comprehensive international instrument for preventing and combating sexual exploitation and abuse of children. The roundtable will explore the Convention's added value, examine successful practices from State Parties, and highlight its potential to strengthen national systems.

Beyond Chile's perspective, the event **seeks to encourage broader regional engagement with the Lanzarote Convention**, fostering dialogue and cooperation to advance collective commitments across Latin America and the Caribbean in the fight against this form of violence.

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:10

Log-in and accreditation

10:10 - 10:20

Maria José Castello-Branco - Opening remarks

10:20 - 10:40

Eugenia Pozo Morillas - The Convention in Practice: Experiences and Contributions of the Lanzarote Committee.

10:40 - 11:00

Mireya García de Murcia - Implementation of the Lanzarote Convention: the Barnahus Model as a Promising Practice

11:00 - 11:15

Maurizio Sovino Meléndez - Current Challenges in the Investigation of Sexual Violence against Children and Adolescents.

11:15 - 11:30

Anuar Quesille Vera - Cooperation as a Key Tool in the Comprehensive Response to Violence against Children and Adolescents.

11:30 - 12:00

Roundtable discussion

12:00 - 12:40

On-line participants' contributions

12:40 - 12:45

Closing Remarks