

Programme

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

2018 Day of General Discussion

“Protecting and Empowering Children as Human Rights Defenders”

28 September 2018 – Palais des Nations, Geneva

Time	Activities
9:00 – 10:00	Icebreaker
10:00-10:20	Opening plenary: Introductory remarks <i>Moderator: Renate Winter, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights• Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders• Abraham M. Keita, Winner of the International Children's Peace Prize 2015 (TBC)
10:20-11:00	Plenary: Protection and empowerment of children as human rights defenders <i>Moderator: Child Rights Connect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UN Committee on the Rights of the Child• DGD Children's Advisory Team <i>Questions & answers</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Break, followed by work in three working groups
11:15 – 13:00	Working groups
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break (<i>side events</i>)
15:00 – 16:30	Working groups continued
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00-18.00	Concluding plenary: Sharing key learnings and recommendations <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working groups' and DGD Hubs' feedbacks• Closing remarks by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ UN Committee on the Rights of the Child✓ Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders✓ DGD Children's Advisory Team

Working groups' methodology

Participants will indicate in the registration form in which of the working groups they will participate:

Group 1: Online space, everything related to the web and digital media.

Group 2: State actors, government, parliament, judiciary, National Human Rights Institutions, UN bodies, regional organizations, etc.

Group 3: Non-State actors, children's parliament, civil society, business, media, etc.

Each group will discuss protection and empowerment of children human rights defenders at local, national and international levels.

Every group will open with a short dialogue between adults, children and youth on a certain topic and will continue with an open discussion and short interventions from the participants.

Participants can choose to stay in the same group between 11.30 and 16.30 (with a lunch break from 13.00-15.00), or move between groups.