

Programme of the 2018 Day of General Discussion (DGD)

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

“Protecting and Empowering Children as Human Rights Defenders (CHRDs)”

28 September 2018 – Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Time	Activities
9:00 – 10:00	Icebreaker/ music/ activities
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, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders• Keita, young defender, Winner of the International Children's Peace Prize 2015
10:20-11:00	Plenary: Protection and empowerment of children as human rights defenders <i>Moderator: Beatrice Schulter, Child Rights Connect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mikiko Otani, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child• DGD Children’s Advisory Team: Akanksha (15, Canada), Kurt (16, Argentina), Mazidath (18, Benin) <i>Questions & answers</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Break, followed by work in three working groups
11:15 – 13:00	Working groups (<i>see details below</i>)
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break (<i>side events</i>)
15:00 – 16:30	Working groups continued (<i>see details below</i>)
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00-18.00	Concluding plenary: Sharing key learnings and recommendations <i>Moderator: Hans Brattskar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working groups’ and DGD Hubs’ feedback by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child• Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders• Luis Pedernera, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child• DGD Children’s Advisory Team: Ariadna (15, Moldova), Diana (15, El Salvador), Sameer (13, Pakistan)

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, Children's Ombudspersons and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), 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.

Plenaries and Working groups' venues

Opening plenary	Room XVII
WG 1 – online space	Room XXII
WG 2 – State actors	Room XXV
WG 3 – non-State actors	Room XVII
Closing plenary	Room XVII

Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided for all discussions. Sign-language and captioning will be provided for plenary discussions and for WG1.

All plenary and WG discussions will be webcasted on <http://webtv.un.org>

11:15 – 13:00: Working groups

Group 1: online	Group 2: State actors	Group 3: non-State actors
<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Clarence Nelson</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Christina, 16, USA</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Kirsten Samdberg</i></p>	<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Amal Al-Dossari</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Hannah, 12, Scotland</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Benyam Mezmur</i></p>	<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Hynd Ayoubi Idrissi</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Maxwell, 15, Zambia</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Ann Skelton</i></p>
<p>Civil society space for CHRDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Gaffey, Ambassador of Ireland to the UN Geneva • Amy, 17, Canada <p>Empowerment through digital media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regina Jensdottir, Council of Europe • Foysal, 15, Bangladesh <p>Child-led initiatives & protection online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomomasa, youth former representative of Study Group on Social Media, Japan • Konstantinos, 16, Greece 	<p>National protection measures for CHRDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Ploton, International Service for Human Rights • Keita, young defender, Liberia <p>Participation of children in public affairs/freedom of assembly and association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivier de Frouville, UN Human Rights Committee • Luis, 17, Peru • Eoyel, 15, Ethiopia <p>CHRDs in armed conflict & humanitarian situations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons • Sandra Camila, 16, Colombia • Haya, 15, Syria 	<p>Freedom of speech and violence in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alejandro Cussianovich, teacher and academic • Camila, 17, Chile • Gabriel, 16, Brazil <p>Role of business and donors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Schofield, Aviva • Murhabazi Namegabe, Bureau pour le Volontariat au Service de l’Enfance et de la Santé in DRC • Rose Ann, 17, Philippines <p>Empowerment through CRC monitoring and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Freyre, Save the Children • Luigi, 17, Guatemala • Angelica, 15, Guatemala

15:00 – 16:30: Working groups continued

Group 1: online	Group 2: State actors	Group 3: non-State actors
<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Gehad Madi</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Aishwayra, 17, India</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Kirsten Samdberg</i></p>	<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Jorge Cardona</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Nayeli, 16, Ecuador</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Benyam Mezmur</i></p>	<p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>CRC: Suzanne Aho</i> <i>Children’s Advisory Team:</i> <i>Mazidath, 18, Benin</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Ann Skelton</i></p>
<p>Empowerment & protection of CHRDs victims of sexual exploitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Najat Maala M’jid, academic • Himanshu, 15, India <p>Indigenous CHRDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuel Lopez, OHCHR Indigenous Fellow • Theland, 15, Canada <p>CHRDs with disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalina Devandas Aguillar, UN Special Rapporteur on persons with disabilities • Magdalena, 12, Moldova • James, 15, Scotland 	<p>Role of legislature, children’s parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricio Cueva-Parra, World Vision • Haneen, 14, Palestine <p>CHRDs in alternative care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salimane Issifou, SOS Children’s Village Benin • Ryan, 17, Scotland • Agnes, 14, Benin <p>Role of Ombudspersons for children and NHRIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genevieve Avenard, French Children’s Ombudsperson & Chair of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) • Foyosal, 15, Bangladesh 	<p>Empowerment through transitional justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rémy Ngoy Lumbu, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders of African Commission on Human and People’s Rights • Nima, 15, Ivory Coast <p>Empowerment of girls CHRDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saneri, Plan International Indonesia • Mellicentia, 17, Sierra Leone <p>Environmental CHRDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Windführ, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights • Zarah, young defender, Philippines

The bios of the speakers are available on Child Rights Connect’s website <https://www.childrightsconnect.org/day-of-general-discussion-2/>