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First regional dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean
“On the road to equality”: 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Santiago, 27–29 November 2018

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Raul Prebisch conference room, ECLAC

Tuesday, 27 November

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Adolescents’ round table

The round table will bring together young people from different countries of the region to discuss their role in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the challenges of that implementation and the promotion of participation by children and adolescents.

This will be a participatory segment in which the adolescents will choose their own forms of discussion with a view to agreeing upon and presenting topics of interest and concern that will be shared at the plenary meeting on Thursday, as the declaration of the adolescents of Latin America and the Caribbean.

1–2 p.m.

Adolescents’ luncheon

2–6 p.m.

Concausa project presentation and award-giving ceremony

Concausa is an initiative organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the América Solidaria Foundation and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). It links up school-age youth in the Americas in order to draw attention to their vision and make specific proposals to contribute to the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This competition, which is now in its third year, identifies innovative projects by adolescents aged 15–17 who are committed to their communities. This segment will end with the presentation of the 17 projects selected and the awards for the 2018 edition.



Wednesday, 28 November

9–9.30 a.m.

Welcome event

9.30–11 a.m.

Opening session

Commemorative video of the 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Statements by representatives of:

- ECLAC
- UNICEF
- The Government of Chile

11–11.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Inaugural address: "Equality and children"

Inaugural address on the situation of children and adolescents in the region.

12.30–2 p.m.

Lunch recess

2–4 p.m.

Session 1: Round table on social protection systems for children and adolescents

The purpose of this session is to analyse the overall situation in the region in terms of social protection policies, legislation and strategies, and to discuss how the construction and strengthening of social protection systems contribute to the fulfilment of the rights of children and adolescents, as provided for in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The participants will analyse how social protection policies in the region have incorporated the life cycle perspective as part of a systemic and comprehensive approach to social protection, as a central pillar of social policy. The focus will be on institutional, financial and technical challenges associated with the construction of social protection systems which are sensitive and relevant to children and adolescents in the region.

4–4.30 p.m.

Coffee break

4.30–6.30 p.m.

Session 2: Round table on early childhood development

The purpose of this session is to analyse the overall situation in the region in terms of policies, legislation, programmes, strategies and efforts made by the Latin American and Caribbean States to guarantee the rights of girls and boys in early childhood, as provided for in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The discussions will examine the situation regarding early childhood in the region, as well as the main challenges and examples of good practices for strengthening public policies and programmes for this age group. They will reflect on the importance of strengthening coordination between different sectors and stakeholders and of public and private investment, in order to scale

up comprehensive programmes for early childhood. Programmatic innovations to promote caring and sensitive caregiving will also be discussed (taking into account health and nutrition, education, protection and stimulation) with an approach grounded in rights, inclusion and cultural relevance.

Thursday, 29 November

9–11 a.m.

Session 3: Prevention and response to violence of all kinds

The purpose of this session is to analyse the regional situation with regard to policies, legislation, programmes, strategies and efforts made by the Latin American and Caribbean States to reduce the high levels of violence against children and adolescents and to ensure fulfilment of their rights, as provided for in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

It will also address two issues related to the expressions and consequences of violence in the region: the migration of children and adolescents and the challenges facing systems of adolescent criminal responsibility.

11–11.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m.

Session 4: Round table on development and participation of adolescents

The purpose of this session is to analyse the regional picture in relation to policies, legislation, programmes, strategies and efforts made by the Latin American and Caribbean States to guarantee the rights of girls and boys in adolescence, as provided for in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The progress of State practices towards recognition and respect for the dignity and agency of adolescents will be discussed, along with the importance of investing in the second decade of life and of fostering intersectoral actions that promote positive adolescent development and empowerment and promote their participation.

1.30–3 p.m.

Lunch recess

3–5.30 p.m.

Closing session

Declaration by the adolescents

- Comments and responses from the floor

Final round table

- Round of conclusions, comments and proposals from the floor

Final remarks