

“Measuring the Effectiveness of Children’s Rights – Make all Children Count!”

Conference Programme – 09 February 2018

(provisional as of 21 December 2017)

Venue: Egmont Palace, Place du Petit Sablon 8 – 1000 Brussels

09h00 – 09h30

Official opening of the conference and introduction

Didier REYNERS, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, Kingdom of Belgium *(to be confirmed)*

Benoît VAN KEIRSBILCK, Director Defence for Children – Belgium

Benoît PARMENTIER, President ChildONEurope and Karen VAN LAETHEM, President National Commission on the Rights of the Child - Belgium

09h30 – 09h55

Keynote speech: “A Children’s rights approach to evidence based policy”

Roberta RUGGIERO, Centre for Children's Rights Studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland

09h55 – 10h00

Intermezzo

10h00 – 11h10

Setting the debate: What constitutes an effective tool for measuring the effectiveness of children’s rights?

Practice: “The OHCHR Human Rights Indicators” - Nicolas FASEL, Adviser on Human Rights Measurement, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Practice: “Kids count” - Laura SPEER, Associate Director Policy Reform & Advocacy, The Annie E Casey Foundation

Conclusions WG1: Asher BEN-ARIEH, Director, Haruv Institute; Haruv Chair for the Study of Child Maltreatment at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Plenary discussion

11h10 – 11h25

Coffee break

11h25 – 11h30

Intermezzo

11h30 – 12h30

How can synergies between child-rights / child wellbeing indicators and other measuring instruments be developed ?

Practice: “Innocenti Report Card 14: SDG’s and children’s rights monitoring” - Gwyther REES, UNICEF Innocenti

Conclusions WG2: Milorad KOVACEVIC, Chief Statistician, UNDP

Plenary discussion

12h30 – 12h45

Critical considerations

Maria HERCZOG, Chair Family, Child, Youth Association Budapest; former member to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

12h45 – 13h45

Lunch

13h45 – 14h10

Key note speech afternoon session: The Global Child Project

Ziba VAGHRI, Director of the GlobalChild Project, Assistant Professor School of Public Health and Social Policy – University of Victoria, Canada

14h10 – 14h15

Intermezzo: video “what do you think?”

UNICEF Belgium

14h15 – 15h25

How can meaningful participation of children be ensured?

Practice: “Outcome Indicators on Child Participation”, Gerison LANSDOWN, Founder director of the Children’s Rights Alliance for England, international children’s rights consultant and advocate

Practice: “Involving children in deciding what gets measured and how: a child rights-based approach” - Laura LUNDY, Director of the cross-university Centre for Children's Rights, Queens University Belfast

Conclusions WG3: MIEKE SCHUURMAN, Senior Policy and Advocacy Coordinator Children’s Rights & Child Participation at Eurochild

Plenary discussion

15h25 – 15h40

Coffee break

15h40 – 16h40

How can the most vulnerable children be reached?

Practice: “National Children’s Rights Indicators – Belgium: the specific surveys” - Catherine PÉTERS & Karen VAN LAETHEM, National Commission on the Rights of the Child, Belgium

Conclusions WG4: Ferran CASAS, Emeritus Professor, University of Girona; Research Institute on Quality of Life

Plenary discussion

16h40 – 16h55

Critical considerations

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16h45 – 17h15

Concluding remarks

Bernard DE Vos, Delegate-General for Children’s Rights, French Community of Belgium

And

Bruno VANOBERGEN, Children’s Rights Commissioner, Flemish Community of Belgium

