



Expert Panel
“A Model Law on Child Protection”
Best Practices: Protection of the Child’s Best Interests &
Model Curriculum on International Child Protection

2-3 April 2012 • Alexandria, Virginia

Program Agenda

Sunday, April 1, 2012

All day **Participants arrive**

Monday, April 2, 2012

9:00 – 9:30 AM **Registration and Coffee**
International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children
1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 625, Alexandria, VA

9:30 – 10:00 AM **Opening Remarks**
ICMEC Conference Room
Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Professor of Law and Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
Ms. Sandra Marchenko, Director, The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy, The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

10:00 – 11:15 AM **Session 1:**
Introducing the Model Law on Protection of Children from Exploitation

- Goals of the Model Law
- Forms of Neglect, Abuse, Maltreatment, and Exploitation
- The Methodology of Drafting a Model Law
- International Standards of Child Protection
- Comparative Child Protection Legislation

11:15 – 11:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 12:45 PM

Session 2:

Protection of Children in the Family and in the Community

- Treatment of Children
- Prohibition of Corporal Punishment
- Family Relations and Parental Responsibilities
- Children Deprived of a Stable Family Environment
- School and Vocational Training
- Protection of the Right to Privacy
- Leisure and Play
- Harmful Customary Practices
- Health
- Narcotic Drugs and Harmful Substances
- Public Locations and Entertainment Events
- Media
- Children Belonging to Minority Groups
- Children with Disabilities
- Prohibition of the Abduction, Sale of, and Traffic in Children

12:45 – 1:45 PM

LUNCH

1:45 – 3:00 PM

Session 3:

Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation

- Attempt and Aggravated Circumstances
- Prohibition of Solicitation of Children for Sexual Exploitation
- Prohibition of Child Prostitution, Child Sex Tourism, and Child Pornography
- Dealing with Child Pornographic Contents and Materials
- Non-criminalization of the Child Victim
- Jurisdiction, Extradition, and Cooperation

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Session 4:

Protection of Children from Economic Exploitation

- Principles of Children's Work
- Minimum Age for Employment of Children
- Prohibition of Harmful and Hazardous Work
- Obligations of the Employer
- Regulation of Working Hours and Rest Periods
- Rights of Child Domestic Workers

5:30 PM

Group Dinner

Chart House

1 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

9:30 – 10:45 AM

Session 5:

Protection of Children in Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Emergency

- Participation of Children in Armed Conflict
- Protection of Children Affected by Armed Conflict

- Protection of Children in an Occupied Territory
- Demobilization, Medical Assistance, and Reintegration
- Internally Displaced Children
- Refugee and Migrant Children

10:45 – 11:00 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM **Session 6:**
Protection of Children in the Justice System

- Child Courts and Child Prosecution
- Social Workers Assistance
- Principles for Judicial Proceedings involving Children
- Children Participating in Court Proceedings
- Protection of Child Victims and Child Witnesses
- Criminal Responsibility of Children
- Sentencing Guidelines for Child Offenders
- Protection of Child Detainees

12:15 – 1:15 PM **LUNCH**

1:15 – 3:15 PM **Session 7:**
Incorporating Child Protection into Institutions of Higher Education
 Model Curriculum on International Child Protection

3:15 – 3:30 PM **Concluding Remarks and Outlook on Future Challenges in Child Protection**

Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Professor of Law and Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012

All day **Participants depart**

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List of Participants

Name	Organization/Title	Country
Michele Akpo	PLAN International USA	USA
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Kayla Bakshi	KKB Global Advisors, L.L.C.	USA
Howard Davidson	ABA Center on Children and the Law	USA
Bibiana Ferraiuoli	The Ricky Martin Foundation	Puerto Rico
Rose Gordy	Safe Shores (D.C. Children’s Advocacy Center)	USA
Heather Heiman	Tahirih Justice Center	USA
Lou Ann Holland	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency U.S. Department of Justice	USA
Ramesh Kasarabada	University of the District of Columbia Law School	USA
Melissa Kucinski	Bulman, Dunie, Burke & Feld; George Washington University School of Law	USA
Mary Leary	Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law	USA
Dr. Wallace Mlyniec	Georgetown University Law School	USA

Andrew Oosterbaan	Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, U.S. Department of Justice	USA
Nadja Pollaert	International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR)	Canada
Dr. Roberta Sinclair	National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre - Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Canada
Linda Spears	Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)	USA
Kimberly Svevo-Cianci	Child Rights and Protection Consultancy	USA
Suzanne Williams	The International Institute for Child Rights and Development	Canada

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