

AGENDA

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BEHIND BARS **Human Rights of Children deprived of liberty:** **Improving Monitoring Mechanisms**

15th February 2016 - Brussels (Belgium)

8:00 - 9:00 h: Registration & Welcome coffee

9:15 - 10:10 h: Introductory Speeches

- **Mr Mykola GNATOVSKYY**, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT); **Chair of the Conference**
- **Mr Rudy DEMOTTE**, Minister-President of the Brussels-Walloon Federation, in charge of children's rights

Children's rights in the policy of the European Commission

- **Mrs Margaret TUIE**, Commission's coordinator for the rights of the child

Children's rights in the policy of the Council of Europe

- **Mrs Livia STOICA**, Programme Officer, Children's Rights Division, CoE

10:10-10:40 h: Introduction to the Conference – Presentation of the CRBB project

CRBB Project, Objectives & Programme of the Conference

- **Mr Benoit VAN KEIRSBILCK**, Director of DCI-Belgium

Presentation of the Photo exhibition on children in detention in Belgium

- **Mrs Andrea SALCEDO**, Projects Officer at DCI-Belgium

10:40-11:10 h: Coffee-break

11:10-12:20 h: Deprivation of liberty of children: Context, Conditions and Treatment

Psychological context of deprivation of liberty of children

- **Mr Philip D. JAFFE**, psychologist, expert on child-development related issues and interviews with children. Director of the Children's Rights Center at the University of Geneva.

Prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

- **Mr Juan E. MENDEZ**, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (SRT) *(video)*

Violence against and between children deprived of their liberty

- **Mrs Ann-Kristin VERVIK of the Office of Mrs Marta SANTOS PAIS**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG)

Children Behind Bars - The Global Overuse of Detention of Children

- **Mr Michael BOCHENEK**, Human Rights Watch

Global Study on children deprived of liberty

- **Mrs Ileana BELLO**, Executive Director at Defence for Children International (DCI)-International Secretariat

12:20-12:40 h: Questions & Answers

12:40-13:40 h: Lunch

13:40-14:20 h: Practical Guide: Monitoring Places where children are deprived of liberty

Conception, Content & Use

- **Mrs Sarah GRANDFILS**, coordinator of the Project CRBB, DCI-Belgium

14:20-14.40 h: Questions & Answers

14:40-15:20 h: International Monitoring and Complaint Mechanisms

Global overview of the Monitoring and Complaint Mechanisms at the UN level

- **Mr Pierre-Yves ROSSET**, Children's Rights Officer at DCI-Belgium

The CoE bodies: the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), the Human Rights Commissioner, the European Court of Human Rights

- **Committee for the Prevention of Torture**

The EU Parliamentarians

- **Mrs Caterina CHINNICI**, Member of the European Parliament; Intergroup on children's rights.

15:20-15:40 h: Questions & Answers

15:40-16:10 h: Coffee-break

16:10-16:55 h: National Monitoring Mechanisms

National prevention mechanisms (NPMs)

- **Mrs Adeline HAZAN**, Contrôleure générale des lieux de privation de liberté - CGLPL (France)

Ombudsperson for Children

- **Mr Bernard DE VOS**, Délégué Général aux droits de l'enfant- DGDE (Belgium)

Civil Society monitoring

- **Mrs Katarzyna WISNIEWSKA**, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland)

16:55-17:10 h: Questions & Answers

17:10-17:20 h: Words of Conclusion : Mr Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Human Rights Advisor at the Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Justice

17:20-17:30 h: Conclusion and way forward: Mr Benoit VAN KEIRSBILCK, Director of DCI-Belgium