

Regional Workshop “Children's Participation and Right to Access Justice”

Beirut, Lebanon, 16-17 August 2023
[Hilton Beirut Metropolitan Palace](#)

AGENDA

Objectives of the workshop:

1. A reminder of our rights and duties as national sections – the role of the Advisory Committee
2. Review the DCI Strategic Framework
3. Highlight the importance of children's right to participate and be heard in the justice system
4. Review the results of developing protection policies for the regional sections
5. Review the results of the regional questionnaire on child-friendly justice and advocacy plans
6. Discuss funding opportunities at the regional level

Agenda

DAY 1 Wednesday 16 August 2023

Time	Session	Facilitators
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome	
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DCI-Palestine (DCI-P) – DCI-Lebanon (DCI-L) – Review the results of the regional questionnaire on child-friendly justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Khaled Quzmar - Director General DCI-P and DCI President – Ms Manal Eid – Director DCI-L and DCI Vice-President MENA region – Dr. Fawaz Al-Ratrout - Independent expert
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 13:00	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Discuss opportunities, programmes and plans among Arab sections and international organisations to implement the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Legislative and policy assessment of Arab countries applying child-friendly justice – Recommendations of the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty – DCI strategic plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Hani Helal – Director DCI-Egypt – Ms Sawsan Salahat – Child Justice Regional Expert, Regional Office
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Discuss funding opportunities at the regional level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Manal Eid – Director DCI-Lebanon and DCI Vice-President MENA region – Mr Alex Kamarotos – DCI-IS Executive Director

DAY 2 (Jointly with children) Thursday 17 August 2023

Time	Session	Facilitators
09:00 – 09:30	Opening of the art exhibition: Gender challenges and transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Manal Eid – Director DCI-Lebanon and DCI Vice-President MENA region – Children
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Open workshop on enhancing children’s participation and their voice in the justice system – She Leads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction – She Leads project concept – Recommendations of the Child Rights Committee <p>Roundtable: The inclusion of girls in international advocacy campaigns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DCI Regional Office – Ms Manal Eid – Director DCI-Lebanon and DCI Vice-President MENA region – Ms Lizet Vlamings – Programme and Project Manager DCI-ECPAT, Netherlands – Input from various organisations
11:00 – 11:10	Coffee break	
11:10 – 13:00	<p>Session 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The role of psychological well-being in enhancing participation (video) – Presentations and discussions on children’s participation in the justice system – Survey results on the participation of child victims, and those at risk to be in conflict with the law, in protection and care measures <p>Roundtable: The role of the Arab League in protecting children’s access to justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Eman Al Banan – Psycho-social Support Coordinator of the Socio-legal Defence Center DCI-L – Dr. Lazhar Al Jouili – Chairman DCI-Tunisia – Dr. Fawaz Al-Ratrout – Independent expert – Facilitated by children
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Roundtable with national sections: The participation of children and their views on setting priorities and decision-making – To which extent children’s priorities are included in the programmes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DCI sections (5 minutes each) – Children’s questions and discussion
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion with children on international mechanisms to protect children’s rights – Protocol for submitting complaints – Children’s role in shadow reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Alex Kamarotos - DCI-IS Executive Director
17:00 – 21:00	Outdoor activity and dinner	

DAY 3: Facilitators meeting (DCI internal) Friday 18 August 2023

Time	Session	Facilitators
09:00 – 11:00	Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation: The importance of the regional programme, the role of the Regional Office, rights and responsibilities of national sections, and the relations with the International Secretariat – Discuss and approve the by-laws of the Regional Programme Steering Committee – Discuss and approve the Children's Advisory Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Khaled Quzmar – DCI President – Ms Hanan Banat – Jordanian Women's Union (DCI-associate member) – Ms Siham Hammadi – DCI-Mauritania
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 13:00	Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Training on concepts related to child safety policy and terminology – Safeguarding policy elements for sections based on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Sawsan Salahat – Child Justice Regional Expert, Regional Office – Ms Joelle Abi Saab – Child Protection Expert DCI-L
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 16:00	Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key elements of the 2024 Regional Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Hani Helal – Director DCI-Egypt – Ms Manal Eid – Director DCI-Lebanon and DCI Vice-President MENA region – Mr Sami – DCI-Yemen – Mr Abdul Rahman – DCI-Morocco
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner	

Stay tuned for inspiring discussions and transformative insights at this important workshop.

Your participation will ignite change for a brighter future for children.