GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

DAY 1 - 17 December 2024

Time	Session	Speakers	Rooms
08:00 – 09:00	Registration		
09:00 – 11:00	**Opening & welcome address** **High-Level Opening Panel**	**Ms. Christina Kitsos,** Mayor of Geneva **Mr. Khaled Quzmar**, President of DCI Moderator: **Alex Kamarotos,** Executive Director DCI – **Child/youth representative** – **Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children – **Prof. Virginia Gamba**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (video) – **Prof. Manfred Nowak**, Independent Expert and Author of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty – **Prof. Ann Skelton**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child – **Ms. Kirsten Di Martino,** Senior Advisor, Child Protection, UNICEF	Room EF Plenary
11:00 – 11 :30	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		
11:30 – 13 :00	**Plenary session 1: Children deprived of liberty in administration of justice and living in prison with their caregivers**	Moderator: **Ms. Atieno Odhiambo**, Director, Legal Empowerment Fund at the Fund for Global Rights – **Child/youth representative** – **Ms. Grace Agcaoili**, Global Lead on Justice for Children, UNICEF	Room EF Plenary

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		– **Mr. Benoit Van Keirsbilck**, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child – **Mr. Yann Colliou**, Programme manager Access to Justice, Terre des hommes foundation – **Prof. Nancy Loucks**, Convener of the Child Rights Connect Working Group on Children Living in Prison with their Primary Caregivers **Prof. Manfred Nowak**, Independent Expert and Author of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty	
13:00 – 14 :00	**Lunch**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		
14:00 – 15 :30	**Plenary session 2: Children deprived of liberty in the context of institutions**	Moderator: **Prof. Jennifer Davidson,** Institute for Inspiring Children's Futures, University of Strathclyde Opening remarks: **Dr. H.C. Guido Fluri**, Guido Fluri Foundation – **Child/youth representative** – **Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children and chair of the United Nations Task Force on Children Deprived of Liberty – **Ms. Iris Amaldi,** ATD Fourth World – **Mr. Nigel Cantwell,** DCI Founder and prime actor, UN Guidelines for Alternative Care of Children – **Prof. Karabo Ozah,** Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria	Room EF Plenary
15:30 – 16:00	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		
16:00 – 17:30	**Plenary session 3: Children on the move deprived of liberty**	Moderator**: Ms. Nantina Tsekeri**, Director DCI-Greece – **Child/youth representative** – **Ms. Carolina Gottardo**, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition	Room EF Plenary

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		– **Ms. Andria Kenney**, Senior HRM Specialist from the IOM Immigration and Border Governance – **Mr. Michael Bochenek,** Senior Counsel, Children's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch – **Ms. Madeline Garlick,** Chief of Protection Policy and Legal Advice, Division of International Protection, UNHCR – **Ms. Tasha Gill**, Global Lead Migration and Displacement, UNICEF	
17:30 – 18:30	**Documentary screening** - Rétention Administrative en France (Global Campus) 50 minutes		Room 14
18:30 – 19:30	**DCI Children's Rights Award Ceremony 2024: "I want justice NOW!"**	**Ms. Nathalie Fontanet**, President of the State Council, Geneva Republic and Canton of Geneva **Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children **Mr. Nigel Cantwell**, Founder of DCI & member of the DCI Children's Rights Award Jury	Room EF Plenary
19:30 – 21:00	**Inauguration of the exhibitions and reception**		Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)

DAY 2 - 18 December 2024

Time	Session	Speakers	Rooms/Other information
9:00 – 10:30	**Plenary session 4: Children deprived of liberty in contexts of armed conflict or national security**	Moderator: **Ms. Taghreed Jaber**, Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, Penal Reform International	Room D

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			– **Child/youth representative** – **Mr. Omar Khadr,** Former child detainee at Guantanamo Bay – **Prof. Fionnuala D. Nì Aoláin**, Former Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism on counter-terrorism and human rights (2017-2023) – **Dr. Mikiko Otani,** Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child – **Mr. Alec Wargo,** Office of the SRSG CAAC – **Ms. Alexandra Souza Martins**, Coordinator, UNODC Global Programme to End Violence against Children at United Nations – **Ms. Jo Becker,** Advocacy Director, Children's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch	
10:30 – 10:35	**Ms. Nada Al Nashif,** Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (video statement)				Room D
10:35 – 11:00	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)				
11:00 – 12:30	Room: F (60 places) Languages: English, French, & Arabic Hybrid Moderator: Ton Liefaard Breakout session 1: **Children deprived of liberty in the administration of justice**	Room: 15 (28 places) Language: English In-person Moderator: Jennifer Davidson Breakout session 2: **Children deprived of liberty in the context of institutions**	Room: 11/12 (36 places) Language: English Hybrid Moderator: Nantina Tsekeri Breakout session 3: **Children on the move deprived of liberty**	Room: E (60 places) Languages: English & Arabic Hybrid Moderator: Taghreed Jaber Breakout session 4: **Children deprived of liberty in contexts of armed conflict or national security**	**Breakout discussions**

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	& living in prison with their caregivers				
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		**Film screening** Room 14 - DCI- Italy (35 minutes) & DCI-Greece		
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15:00 – 15:30	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)				
15:30 – 16:45	Room: F (60 places) Languages: English & French Hybrid **Protecting Children Detained from Torture and Ill-Treatment Through Access to Justice at All Levels (OMCT & CFJ-EN)**	Room: 15 (28 places) Language: English In-person **'Help Way Earlier!' Transforming child justice to improve safety and wellbeing (Australia Children's Commissioner)**	Room: 11/12 (36 places) Language: English Hybrid **Migration and Workstream on Alternatives to Detention (Migration Youth & Children Platform (MYCP) & UNICEF)**	Room: E (60 places) Languages: English & Arabic Hybrid **Arbitrary by Default: Palestinian Children in the Israeli Military Court System (DCI)**	**Side events**
17:00-18:30	Room: F (60 places)	Room: 15 (28 places) Language: English	Room: 11/12 (36 places) Language: English	Room: E (60 places) Languages: English & Arabic	**Side events**

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	Languages: English & French Hybrid **Delegated Mediation in Criminal Matters in Africa: Challenges and Outlook (Tdh)**	In-person **From Participation to Intergenerational Partnership: Redefining Child Justice with Youth Leadership (DCI)**	Hybrid **Data on Children in Detention (UNICEF)**	Hybrid **Roundtable Discussion on: Children Deprived of Liberty and Impacted by Armed Conflict Case Studies from Sudan, Yemen, and Lebanon (PRI & DCI)**	

DAY 3 - 19 December 2024

Time	Session	Speakers	Other information
09:00 – 10:00	Report back from DAY 1 + 2: conclusions	**Rapporteurs**: – **Ms. Margaret Tuite**, Administration of justice – **Ms. Mirjam Blaak**, Children in institutions – **Mr. Pippo Costella**, Children on the move – **Mr. Romain Consiglio**, Children and armed conflict & national security **Synthesis of the days 1 & 2**: Mr. Ton Liefaard & child/youth representative	Room EF Plenary
10:00 – 11:00	Introductions and methodology for the day **Overview: General Comment 27**	Opening remarks: **H.E. Mr. Christophe Payot,** Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN in Geneva – **Prof. Ann Skelton**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child – **Prof. Hynd Ayoubi Idrissi,** member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child – **Mr. Benoit Van Keirsbilck**, member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child	Room EF Plenary

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		– **Ms. Vanessa Sedletzki,** consultant for the General Comment n°27	
11:00 – 11:30	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		
11:30 – 12:30	**Breakout group discussions:** Participants divide into smaller groups to discuss specific aspects of access to justice for children		
	Group 1: Room EF Plenary EN, FR, AR	**Group 2:** Room 14 EN	**Group 3:** Room 15 EN	**Children's consultations:** – Room 9 (Arabic) – Room 11/12 (English)
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)	**Documentary screening** in Room 14 - Rétention Administrative en France (Global Campus) 50 minutes	
13:30 –14:30	**Break out group discussions (continued)**		
	Group 1: Room EF Plenary EN, FR, AR	**Group 2:** Room 14 EN	**Group 3:** Room 15 EN	**Children's consultations:** – Room 9 (Arabic) Room 11/12 (English)
14:30 –15:30	Room: EF Plenary Languages: EN, FR & AR In-person **Bridging the Gap: Advancing Access to Justice in the MENA Region, Africa and Europe: The DCI Socio-Legal Defence Centres (DCI)**	Room: 14 Languages: EN In-person **She Leads: Enhancing Access to Justice for Girls**	Room: 11+12 Languages: EN & AR Hybrid **Child led event on access to justice for children in armed conflicts**	**Side events**
15:30 – 16:00	**Break**: Espace Wangari Maatai, CICG (2nd floor)		
16:00 – 17:30	Reflection, conclusions, and next steps		Room EF Plenary

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