



## Committee on the Rights of the Child

### Day of General Discussion on "The Right of the Child to Education in Emergency Situations"

OHCHR, Palais Wilson, Geneva, 19 September 2008

#### Programme

**10:00-10:05 Opening remarks:**

- Ms. Yanghee LEE, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child

**10:05-10:20 Introductory statement:**

- Mr. Cream WRIGHT, Chief, Education Section, UNICEF HQ

**10:20-10:35 Introductory statement:**

- Ms. Tove WANG, Chair, Rewrite the Future, Save the Children - Member of INEE (Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies)

**10:35-10:50 Key note speaker:**

- Mr. Vernor MUNOZ, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

**10:50-11:15 Break**

**11:15-13:00 Working groups:**

**Working group 1: Continuation and/or Reconstruction of the Educational System**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Danius PURAS, Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Resource person:** Mr. Cream WRIGHT, Chief, Education Section, UNICEF HQ

**Brief Presentation:** Ms. Allison ANDERSON, INEE, Director

**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Agnes AIDOO, Vice-Chair, Committee on the Rights of the Child

Ms. Maria HERCZOG, Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child

This group will focus upon the implementation of article 28 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child concerning access to education in the context of emergencies, with a particular focus on education as a right and how this is fulfilled. The Working Group will discuss how to prioritise education as an emergency measure which has to be understood as an essential protection tool and which must be included in the humanitarian response from the very beginning of the emergency through to the development phase, allowing for the continuation of children's education and building their future capacities.



**Working group 2: Content and Quality of Education Provided for Children in Emergency Situations**

- Chairperson:** Mr. Brent PARFITT, Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Resource person:** Mr. Christopher P. TALBOT, Chief, a.i., Section for Education in Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster Situations, UNESCO
- Brief Presentation:** Ms. Susan Nicolai, Senior Education Adviser and Deputy Coordinator for the IASC Education Cluster
- Rapporteurs:** Mr. Awich POLLAR, Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child  
Mr. Lothar KRAPPMANN, Rapporteur, Committee on the Rights of the Child

This group will focus on the implementation of article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child concerning the content of education, considering the particular educational rights and needs of children in emergency situations, including the role of education as a life-saving measure.

- 13:00-15:00 Lunch break**
- 15:00-16:30 Working groups I & II: continued**
- 16:30-16:45 Break**
- 16:45-17:20 Working groups I and II: continued**
- 17:20-17:40 Presentation by Rapporteurs to Plenary of Working Group conclusions**
- 17:40-17:55 Concluding comments** Ms. Moushira KHATTAB, Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child
- 17:55-18:00 Closing remarks:** Ms. Yanghee LEE, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child

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**NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Exhibition: In the entrance hall of Palais Wilson the participants to the Day of General Discussion will have the opportunity to visit an exhibition organized by Save the Children: "Drawings by children: what does education mean to me in emergencies" throughout the day.

Reception: After the closing, all participants are kindly invited to a reception offered by Save the Children, World Vision and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to be held at the entrance hall of Palais Wilson.