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List of Participants

<p>Maha Almuneef Executive Director National Family Safety Programme Saudi Arabia</p>		<p>Maha Almuneef is a pioneer in the field of child maltreatment in Saudi Arabia. A paediatrician, passionate about advocating for child's rights and well-being. She established National Family Safety Program to combat violence through awareness, advocacy, training professionals in the field and conducting research. She received the International Women of Courage Award in 2014 for her work in drafting the Child Protection Act. She is a consultant to the legislative council and represents KSA in international organizations such as World Health Organization.</p>
<p>Niels Baas Officer and Founder Cyberbullying the Boss The Netherlands</p>		<p>Niels Baas (1985) is a researcher at the university of Twente (the Netherlands). He is also founder of an organization aimed at teaching parents, teachers, children, police, and other foundations to cope with the online world of children and with cyber bullying. Niels' research is aimed at the perspectives of children on their online world. Niels is the author of the book: <i>Samen de online wereld verkennen</i> (Discovering the online world together), which elaborately discusses his view (and the view of other experts and most important: children) on how to cope with the challenges and wonderful aspects of the online world.</p>
<p>Roberta Brangam Researcher Rain Barrel Communications United States</p>		<p>Roberta Brangam, editor and writer with extensive experience in the United Nations, retired from the Organization as the Chief of the Editorial Section of the Department. Her areas of expertise include environmental and social issues, human rights and children's rights. Ms. Brangam began her career in Hong Kong, writing for the <i>South China Morning Post</i> and for <i>Hong Kong TVB</i>. She began her career at the United Nations as a researcher. Ms. Brangam is a Canadian citizen based in New York City.</p>
<p>Monica Bulger Researcher Data & Society Research Institute United States</p>		<p>Monica Bulger leads the Enabling Connected Learning initiative at the Data & Society Research Institute. She serves on the International Advisory Board for Global Kids Online, a collaboration between UNICEF, LSE, and international partners to study the risks and opportunities of children's use of the internet. She additionally serves on the advisory board of the International Child Redress Project helping child victims of sex crimes in Southeast Asia access civil justice. Monica holds a PhD in Education and is a Research Associate at the Oxford Internet Institute. Her recent work includes WeProtect and Know Violence in Childhood focus on issues of children's rights and violence prevention in digital and learning spaces.</p>

<p>Patrick Burton Executive Director Centre for Justice & Crime Prevention South Africa</p>		<p>Patrick Burton is the Executive Director of the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCP). He directed both sweeps of the national school-based violence studies conducted in South Africa, quantitative studies into child and youth resilience to violence, and studies into the experience of online aggression and bullying amongst young people. He is leading the South African Global Kids Online Project and was the lead on the recently completed National Schools Safety Framework. Patrick is also the group chair of the violence in schools learning group of the Know Violence in Childhood Global Learning Initiative. He is currently working on research studies on Child Online Protection and the promotion of digital opportunities in seven countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, as well as a global review of evidence on policies and interventions to prevent online violence, abuse and exploitation, all under the #WeProtect Initiative.</p>
<p>Simona Caravita Professor Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Italy</p>		<p>Simona C. S. Caravita is Associate Professor of Developmental and Educational Psychology at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (Italy), and collaborates with the Center of Research on Developmental and Educational Dynamics (Catholic University). She is a psychologist, with a PhD in Psychology from the Catholic University in 2007. Since 2006 she has participated in Italian Government Committees to tackle bullying, including the National Committee organized by the Italian Minister of Education (2006-2008). Her research interests mainly encompass bullying, discrimination, discriminatory bullying, aggressive behavior in childhood and adolescence, moral development, and peer-relationships in childhood and adolescence.</p>
<p>Christophe Cornu Senior Programme Specialist Respect for All in a Safe and Healthy Environ Section of Health and Education UNESCO France</p>		<p>Christophe Cornu is a Senior Program Specialist at UNESCO in the Section of Health and Education. He has coordinated UNESCO's international initiative on education sector responses to homophobic and transphobic violence since 2011. He has Masters in International Affairs and Sociology from the Sorbonne University. He has been working in the field of international development for 22 years, with a focus on health education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and prevention of discrimination in the education and health sectors. He has worked and consulted in more than 45 countries for a range of organizations including UN agencies, and international NGOs.</p>
<p>Eric Debarbieux Professor, Paris- East university & Director, European Observatory on Violence in Schools France</p>		<p>Career:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1973-1991: Educator and teacher with young delinquents or special needs students - Since 1991: Professor of Education (University of Bordeaux, until 2011, then University of Paris-Est Créteil) - Since 1998: President of the European Observatory on Violence in Schools - 2003-2011: President of the International Observatory of Violence in Schools - 2004: Director of Research and Evaluation – UNESCO Brazil– Brasilia - 2010-2011: President of “Les Etats Généraux de la

		<p>sécurité à l'école", for the French Minister of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2011: President of "Assises nationales contre le harcèlement à l'école" for the French Minister of education - 2012-2015: Ministerial delegate in charge of prevention and fight against school bullying - Now: responsible of an important action against school bullying in 32 deprived areas in France.
<p>Michael Dunne Co-Director School of Public Health & Social Work, Queensland University of Technology Australia</p>		<p>Michael Dunne is a psychologist who teaches and does research in the fields of population mental health, particularly regarding East Asian communities. His primary interest is in social epidemiology, including studies of the prevalence, causes and consequences of violence and childhood adversities in China, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia. Michael has been an advisor on violence research methodology with UNICEF in the East Asia and Pacific Region and ESARO, and most recently with UNICEF China. With colleagues, he recently completed a research consultancy for the Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. He has supervised 43 doctoral students, of whom 60% have been from the Asia-Pacific region.</p>
<p>Anniken Enersen Senior Advisor Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway</p>		<p>Anniken Enersen is a Senior Adviser at the Section for Human Rights and Democracy, in the UN department, at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and is responsible for children's rights. She is a lawyer by training, and obtained her law degree from the University of Oslo and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, with a specialisation in European Community Law. She started her career at the Norwegian MFA in 2002 and has served in the legal department for many years, both in the Section for International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (2006-2011) as well as the Section for the EEA Agreement and International Trade Law (2002-2005). From 2011-2014, she served as the legal adviser at the Norwegian Mission to the UN in New York. She has also been posted to the Royal Norwegian Embassy in the Hague and in Stockholm. Ms. Enersen has been representing Norway in international negotiations in many different fields, and has been a member of different bureaus of international institutions, among others the International Criminal Court.</p>
<p>Bernard Gerbaka President-elect ISPCAN International Lebanon</p>		<p>Bernard Gerbaka is a Pediatrician, Chairman of the pediatric department, Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Emergencies, Hotel-Dieu hospital, Beirut, Lebanon. He is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in St. Joseph University, Beirut. Since 2003, he is the Lebanese correspondent and co-founder of the Arab professionals' network for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. In 2008, he was re-elected councilor in the Arab network. With ISPCAN, he participated in the I-CAST field test and implementation; he also contributed to the United Nations Secretary General study on violence and was a member of the recommendations committee in the MENA regional consultation, and author of the report on the response of Lebanon to the UNSV-MENA recommendations. In 2008 he was</p>

		<p>elected ISPCAN councilor. Currently, Dr. Bernard Gerbaka is Coordinator of the Lebanese taskforce for the prevention of child abuse and neglect - and violence against children - the Higher Council for Childhood in Lebanon, an interagency and inter-ministerial coordinating body; President of the Lebanese Institute for Child Rights, a child rights organization; President of the Lebanese Union for Child Protection, the child protection services in Lebanon; Vice-President, the University Child and Youth Observatory in Lebanon. In 2008, Dr. Bernard Gerbaka was also elected member of the board in the Lebanese Order of Physicians and President of the scientific committee.</p>
<p>Sanna Herkama Researcher KiVa Model University of Turku Finland</p>		<p>Sanna Herkama, PhD, is a communication scholar currently working as a senior research fellow in the Division of Psychology, University of Turku, Finland. Her research focuses on school bullying and the communication and cognitive processes connected to it. Herkama has been involved in the development of pilot trials of KiVa antibullying program in various countries. She is also a certified KiVa trainer.</p>
<p>Ewa Jarosz Researcher University of Silesia Poland</p>		<p>Ewa Jarosz, Researcher and academic teacher on Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology at the University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland. Her academic career is strongly connected with the topic of violence against children. Her area of scientific interests includes themes: respecting child rights in various social environments, violence against children and its prevention, social attitudes towards violence in upbringing, and development of children's participation in schools and local communities and on political level and barriers of its implementation. She has published books and scientific papers on these topics. She has conducted research in the field of child abuse, child rights and violence against children. She is a social advisor for the Polish Ombudsman on the Rights of the Child.</p>
<p>Teresita Lanzagorta Representative Jovenes Constructores Mexico</p>		<p>Teresita Lanzagorta Bonilla, Director of YouthBuild International in Mexico. She was the Founder and Director of SERAJ (Services to Youth – Servicios a la Juventud, a. c.); she has developed programs on Youth Leadership, Education, ICT access, employability and violence prevention. Founder and President of Board of JCC (Youth Building Community – Jovenes Constructores de la Comunidad), affiliated to YouthBuild International. Founder and Chair of RIE (Youth Specialists Network – Red de Instituciones Especialistas en Juventud), a network to advocate for Youth rights and better youth policies in Mexico. She is the author several books.</p>
<p>Anne Lindboe Ombudsperson for Children Norway</p>		<p>Anne Lindboe is the Norwegian Children's Ombudsman. She was appointed by the Government of Norway for a six-year term in 2012. She obtained the cand.med. (MD) degree at the University of Oslo in 2000, and a specialist in pediatrics in 2011. She holds an MBA in Management from the Norwegian School of Economics. From 2008 to 2011, she was a medical expert for the police in</p>

		cases about violence and abuse, and from 2010 a researcher at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.
<p>Sonia Livingstone Professor London School of Economics United Kingdom</p>		<p>Sonia Livingstone is a professor in the Department of Media and Communications at LSE. Sonia researches opportunities and risks for children and young people afforded by digital and online technologies, focusing on media literacy, social mediations, and children’s rights in the digital age. Her new book is <i>The Class: living and learning in the digital age</i> (2016, with Julian Sefton-Green). A fellow of the British Psychological Society, Royal Society for the Arts, and fellow and past President of the International Communication Association, she leads the projects <i>Global Kids Online</i>, <i>Preparing for a Digital Future</i> and <i>EU Kids Online</i>.</p>
<p>Changu Mannathoko Senior Policy Advisor, Education UNICEF United States</p>		<p>Changu Mannathoko (Ph.D), UNICEF Senior Education Adviser, NYHQ. She provides leadership in mainstreaming and scaling up quality education interventions and models at country level. This includes supporting the generation of evidence to inform the safety and security girls and boys in and around schools to improve their learning outcomes, whilst promoting life skills and social emotional learning to improve the life of girls and boys. She came to New York headquarters from the UNICEF Regional Office of Eastern and Southern Africa in Nairobi, where she worked as the Regional Education Adviser, providing technical support and expertise to countries in the areas of girls’ education, quality education and life skills education.</p>
<p>Ersilia Menesini Professor in Developmental Psychology University of Florence Italy</p>		<p>Ersilia Menesini Ph.D. Professor of Developmental Psychology at the University of Florence, Department of Educational Sciences and Psychology, and President of the School of Psychology. Research related to violence and aggressive behavior in adolescence and childhood, school bullying, peer rejection, dating aggression, cyberbullying and risk behaviours in virtual contexts. Translational research in developmental psychology, designing and evaluating school interventions on bullying and cyberbullying. Has published 150+ scientific papers. Member of European Association of Developmental Psychology Council since 2011, elected president for the period 2017-2019.</p>
<p>Marek Michalak Ombudsperson Poland</p>		<p>Marek Michalak In 2008 he was chosen by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland to be Ombudsman for Children. He appointed the Codification Commission of Family Law and social advisory board and founded the all-Polish Helpline for Children. The prohibition of corporal punishment was introduced into Polish legal system, as well as numerous amendments to the Penal Code to protect the child against sexual exploitation and other forms of violence. He made endeavors towards ratifying the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (2012). Chairman of the European Network of the Ombudsmen for Children ENOC 2011-2012.</p>

<p>George Moschos Ombudsperson Greece</p>		<p>George Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman for Children’s Rights. He studied Law and Criminology. In 2003 he was appointed as the first Deputy Ombudsman for Children’s Rights at the Independent Authority “The Greek Ombudsman” and was re-appointed twice in this position. He has served as Chairman and member of Bureau of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) and has participated in numerous national and international committees, consultation meetings and conferences. He is committed in carefully listening to children and in defending their rights.</p>
<p>Brian O’Neill Professor and Director of Research Dublin Institute of Technology Ireland</p>		<p>Professor Brian O’Neill is Director of Research, Enterprise and Innovation Services at Dublin Institute of Technology. Prior to that he was Head of Research for the College of Arts and Tourism and Head of the School of Media at Dublin Institute of Technology. Brian has 25+ years researching and working in areas of media policy and digital technologies; media and information literacy, e-safety and information society policy for children. He is a member of the Management Group for EU Kids Online network responsible for its policy work package. He sits on Ireland’s Internet Safety Advisory Committee and also chaired the Irish government’s task force on Internet Content Governance, reporting to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. He is a member of the Council of Europe’s Expert Group on Digital Citizenship Education (2016/17).</p>
<p>Kirrily Pells Lecturer, UCL Institute of Education & Research Associate, Young Lives, U of Oxford United Kingdom</p>		<p>Kirrily Pells is a lecturer in childhood at UCL Institute of Education. Research on children’s rights and childhood globally, especially in relation to poverty, development and conflict. She worked as a policy officer on the Young Lives longitudinal study of childhood poverty in Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam. She is a Research Associate with Young Lives and continues to lead the research and policy work on violence affecting children. This includes collaborating with UNICEF on the Multi-Country Study of Drivers of Violence Affecting Children and working with the Young Lives Ethiopia team on preventing violence affecting children in Ethiopia.</p>
<p>Euan Platt Executive Co-ordinator IGLYO, Europe The Netherlands</p>		<p>Euan Platt, MA Sociology. As Executive Co-ordinator of IGLYO (The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Intersex Youth & Student Organisation), he manages the secretariat in Brussels. His duties include supporting and advising the board, managing staff, financial and budget management, policy and advocacy, external relations and partnership development. This includes representing the views and experiences of LGBTIQ youth to a wide range of key figures, such as MEPs, commissioners, funders and other civil society organisations. As a capacity building and youth development organisation, he also regularly designs and delivers training and workshops on LGBTIQ rights and issues.</p>

<p>Robertas Povilaitis Director Vaiku Linija-Child Helpline Lithuania</p>		<p>Robertas Povilaitis PhD, is a clinical psychologist. He has taken part in various events organized by the European Commission in the field of mental health and on violence prevention organized by the European Regional Office of World Health Organisation. Director of NGO “Child Line” (www.vaikulinija.lt) and lecturer at Vilnius University. Since 2011, he is serving as Secretary General of European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (www.efpa.eu) and Board member of the European Anti-Bullying Network (www.antibullying.eu).</p>
<p>Dominic Richardson Senior Education Specialist UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti Italy</p>		<p>Dominic Richardson joined Innocenti in 2015, working on issues of equity in education and the relationships between schooling, school outcomes and child well-being. He has worked extensively with OECD Social Policy Division in evaluating child and family policies and in designing frameworks through which indicators of child wellbeing outcomes can be compared. Dominic has been a contributor to UNICEF Innocenti Report Cards on child well-being in rich countries, and authored a joint EC-OECD project evaluating large international surveys of school children in developed countries.</p>
<p>Jane Riese Associate Director Of Safe and Human Schools Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life Clemson University United States</p>		<p>Jane Riese, L.S.W. Associate Director of Safe and Humane Schools and Director of Training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the Institute on Family & Neighborhood Life at Clemson University, USA. She oversees Olweus trainer certification, recertification, and the work of Olweus Technical Assistance Consultants. In collaboration with Olweusgruppen and Olweus International, Jane adapted and designed the Olweus Quality Assurance System for a pilot project for the certification of Olweus Schools in the United States. A licensed social worker and prevention educator, she has developed and directed dialogue-based restorative justice programming.</p>
<p>Kirsten Sandberg Member and Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Norway</p>		<p>Kirsten Sandberg, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the child since 2011, serving as the Committee’s chairperson 2013-2015 and now its general rapporteur. She is Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, formerly Head of the Department of Public and International Law and Dean of Studies at the Faculty. Kirsten is co-editor of a book on the CRC and its implementation in Norway and has published extensively within child law and children’s rights. She has served as acting Justice in the Supreme Court of Norway, acting judge in the Court of Appeal and assistant judge in the County Court and has worked in the Legal Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Justice.</p>
<p>Trond Waage Former Ombudsperson Norway</p>		<p>Trond Waage was formerly Norway’s Ombudsman for children for eight years. In this role he initiated the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) and was involved in setting up ombuds offices for children in Europe and Africa. Norway was the first country to establish an Ombudsman for Children, in 1981. His previous positions have included Senior Advisor for the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs in Norway, Director of Research at Childwatch International Research Network, a global nongovernmental network of institutions that collaborate in</p>

		<p>research on improving children’s well-being; Senior Programme Officer at what is now the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE); and Director of the TV Department at the University of Oslo, Department of Special Education.</p>
<p>Michele Ybarra President & Research Director Center for Innovative Public Health Research United States</p>		<p>Michele Ybarra is the President and Research Director of the Center for Innovative Public Health Research, a non-profit research incubator in the United States. A recognized researcher in technology-related health issues for young people, she has published extensively in the areas of cyberbullying and other types of online victimization, health information seeking, and research methods as they relate to technology. Michele has also developed and tested multiple technology-based behavior change programs both domestically and internationally. Current projects include a national longitudinal survey of youth to identify characteristics related to the emergence of sexual violence over time. Past projects include a national survey that endeavored to better understand the positive and negative experiences of LGBT and non-LGBT youth online via a national survey. She also co-developed and pilot tested BullyDown, a text messaging-based bullying prevention program for middle school-aged youth.</p>

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Marta Santos Pais was appointed as Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRS)G on May 1st, 2009, and took up her position on September 1st, 2009. As a high level global independent advocate, Marta Santos Pais promotes the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against children in the justice setting, in the home, in institutional care, in schools, in the workplace and in the community. She acts as a bridge builder in all regions, and across sectors and settings where violence against children may occur.

Since her appointment, she has been strongly committed to mobilizing action and political support to maintain momentum around this agenda and to achieve steady progress across the world. Marta Santos Pais has more than 30 years experience on human rights issues, engagement in United Nations and intergovernmental processes. She is the author of a large number of publications on human rights and children's rights. Before her appointment as SRS)G on Violence against Children, Marta Santos Pais was the Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, a position she held since 2001. She joined UNICEF in 1997 as Director of Evaluation, Policy and Planning. Previously, she was the Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and Vice-Chair of the Coordinating Committee on Childhood Policies of the Council of Europe. She was a Special Adviser to the UN Study on Violence against Children and to the Machel Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. She was also a member of the UN Drafting Group of the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child and of its Optional Protocols and participated in the development of other key international human rights standards.