



Building on the findings and recommendations from the UN Special Rapporteur's report - A study on the exploitation and sexual abuse of children in the context of travel and tourism; a closer look at the phenomena of voluntourism

10 October 2023 | 9.00 am - 11.00 am

Registration and coffee break: from 8.30 am

Conveners: ECPAT International, PACT – Protect All Children from Trafficking, and the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

Venue: 209 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, New York

Registration: to attend the event online or in-person, register [here](#).

PROGRAMME

8.30 - 9.00 - Registration and coffee break

9.00 - 9.15 - Opening and Welcome Remarks

- **Guillaume Landry**, Executive Director, ECPAT International
- **Rev. Adrian Danhauser**, Board Member, PACT
- Representatives of the UN Permanent Missions (tbc)

9.15 - 9.30 - Setting a scene and presentation of the UN Report - A study on the exploitation and sexual abuse of children in the context of travel and tourism; a closer look at the phenomena of voluntourism by Ms. Mama Fatima Singhateh, the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

Panel discussion moderated by Ms. Mama Fatima Singhateh, the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, to unpack the report and its recommendations.

Speakers will cover key thematic topics through knowledge, experience and idea-sharing. The online moderator will involve those attending online to ensure an effective hybrid experience.

9.30 - 10.00 - Risks and impacts on children related to various forms of voluntourism and how these can be mitigated and regulated by sending and receiving countries

- **Carrie van der Kroon**, Manager Communications & Public Affairs, Defence for Children - ECPAT Netherlands, on behalf of the Down to Zero Alliance (*in person*)
- **Ana Belen Muñoz Romay**, Private Sector and Tourism Engagement Manager, Fundación Munasim Kullakita, Bolivia (*in person*)
- **Cherise Charleswell**, Director of Development, PACT – Protect All Children from Trafficking, USA (*in person*)

- **Antje Monshausen**, Tourism Watch, Brot für die Welt, Board Member of ECPAT Germany (*online*)

Prerecorded contribution available at www.ecpat.org/global-events-in-new-york

Ana Maria Dionela, Executive Director, ECPAT Philippines

10.00 - 10.20 - Addressing the issue of orphanage voluntourism and orphanage trafficking as the most documented environment through which offenders exploit children

- **Rebecca Nhep**, Senior Technical Advisor for Better Care Network, ReThink Orphanages Network, Better Volunteering Better Care Initiative (*in person*)
- **Seila Samleang**, Executive Director, Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE), ECPAT Cambodia (*online*)

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Emma Lynch, Church Engagement and Education Manager, on behalf of Comhlámh, the Irish association of development workers and volunteers, Ireland

10.20 - 10.25 - Examples, insights and reflections in response to the recommendations from the report to regulate voluntourism and protect children

- **Laura Steden**, Director Corporate Responsibility, DER Touristik Group GmbH, Germany (*online*)

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Catherine Germier-Hamel, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Mekong

Linda Reynolds, Liberal Senator for Western Australia

10.25 - 10.50 - Questions & Answers, reactions

10.50 - 11.00 - Closing remarks and a Call for Action

- **Lori Cohen**, Chief Executive Officer, PACT – Protect All Children from Trafficking

Group picture

Online moderator: Fabio González Flórez, Regional Coordinator for the Americas, ECPAT International

Rapporteur: Gabriela Kühn, Head of Child Protection in Travel and Tourism, ECPAT International