



# PROTECTING CHILDREN IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM

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## PANEL SPEAKERS



**Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid**  
**Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children**

On 30 May 2019, the Secretary-General appointed Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid (Morocco) as his Special Representative on Violence against Children. Dr. Maalla M'jid took her position on 1st July 2019.

Dr. M'jid, a medical doctor in paediatrics, has over the last three decades devoted her life to the promotion and protection of children's rights. She was Head of the Paediatric Department and Director of the Hay Hassani Mother-Child hospital in Casablanca. Dr. M'jid was a member of the Moroccan National Council on Human Rights and founder of the non-governmental organisation

Bayti, the first programme addressing the situation of children living and working in the streets of Morocco.

From 2008 to 2014, she served as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. Dr. M'jid also worked as an Expert-Consultant for national and international projects, strategies and policies relating to child rights' promotion and protection.

She has vast experience in the development of national policies on the protection of the child, and has worked with several governments, non-governmental and inter-governmental organisations.

She also worked as a lecturer in Moroccan and international universities on child rights' protection, promotion, programming and monitoring, as well as social and development policies. A member of several regional and international non-governmental organisations and networks working for children's rights, Dr. M'jid was also involved in the training of social workers, law enforcement, teachers, judges, and medical staff. Dr. M'jid holds a Doctorate in general medicine from the University of Rabat, a specialisation in paediatrics and neonatology from the University of Bordeaux II and a Master's of Human Rights from the Human Rights Institute, Geneva. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honours for her strong commitment to protecting the rights of the child.



**Ana Belen Muñoz Romay, Private Sector Engagement Manager, Fundación Munasim Kullakita, Bolivia**

Ana Belen Muñoz Romay has a Master's Degree in Sustainable Tourism and an extensive experience working with populations in social vulnerability. She works as the Private Sector Engagement Manager for the Munasim Kullakita Foundation in Bolivia, where she focuses on children's protection in the context of travel and tourism, providing technical support to partners and local stakeholders to develop prevention strategies. The Munasim Kullakita Foundation promotes social inclusion based on the participative interaction of the community and public institutions, including advocacy and community work. They also provide protection to children victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking.



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

Lori Cohen joined PACT in November 2019 after founding and leading a legal services program that assisted survivors of international and domestic sex trafficking and related forms of gender-based violence. In addition to supervising a coordinated legal, clinical, and case management team to provide comprehensive care, Lori engaged pro bono attorneys from New York's leading law firms, law students, and volunteers; and coordinated with city, state, and federal law enforcement, domestic violence shelters, and social service providers. Lori has garnered international recognition for her work and has drawn upon her experience representing victims to advocate for anti-trafficking policy on federal, state, and local levels. She has

conducted trainings in the U.S. and abroad for attorneys, prosecutors, judges, health care professionals, and private industry leaders and taught at Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School.



**Sendrine Constant  
Director of Research, Learning and Communication, ECPAT International**

Sendrine Constant has 20 years of experience in the child protection field, in diverse programmatic and managerial roles, including addressing child sexual exploitation. Sendrine has worked in national and international organisations, in South East Asia, Africa and South East Europe and is dedicated to a systems-approach to child protection, engaging with children, supporting families, and strengthening community-led mechanisms while advocating for policy and practice changes. Sendrine believes the adequate protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse can only be achieved with meaningful engagement with

children and young people, including the ones with lived experiences of sexual violence.



**Thomas Ellerbeck**

**Chairman of the Board of Trustees, TUI Care Foundation**

Thomas Ellerbeck is a member of the Group Executive Committee and Group Director Corporate & External Affairs of TUI Group. He is responsible for Politics, EU and International Relations with Destination Countries and their Governments, TUI's Global Group Communications, Environment and Sustainability and the Foundations. He is the Chairman of the Board of the international TUI Care Foundation, based in Rijswijk, the Netherlands, which is active in 25 countries around the world. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the TUI Foundation, based in Hanover.



**Eduardo Fonseca Vargas**

**Fundación Paniamor, ECPAT member, Costa Rica**

Eduardo has a degree in International Relations with an emphasis in International Cooperation Management from the National University, Costa Rica, and has been admitted to the Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Latin America and the Caribbean at the National University of San Martín, Argentina, as part of the Global Campus of Human Rights. He has more than six years of experience in planning, implementing, and monitoring projects related to children and youth rights, gender, and international development cooperation in Latin America. He also believes in the power that literature and art have as means to connect universal human emotions to urgent societal change.



**Julie Crutchley**

**Senior adviser and researcher at ECPAT Norway**

Dr Julie Crutchley is a senior adviser and researcher at ECPAT Norway working to end all forms of child sexual abuse and exploitation. She holds a PhD in International Criminal Law, specialising on the needs and rights of victims and survivors, from City, University of London. Her research focuses upon victim and survivor centric methodologies and how to incorporate these into practice. She has over 10 years experience working with victims and survivors, especially children, throughout the Americas and Northern Ireland and Norway.





**Safiatou Adélaïde Ouedrago**  
**Independent consultant**

Safiatou Adélaïde is an independent consultant with a long experience working with international organisations and civil society in areas such as trafficking in persons, children's rights, human mobility and migration, and gender based violence. She has developed significant expertise in capacity building of key actors to improve the protection of children in vulnerable situations, particularly girls and young women. Currently, she works on research for ECPAT International to address sexual exploitation in the framework of transport, movement, and online, covering four countries of West Africa (Burkina Faso, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire et Niger).



**Oscar Valverde Cerros**  
**Executive Director of Fundación Paniamor**

Oscar Valverde Cerros is the Executive Director of the PANIAMOR Foundation. Degree in Psychology from the University of Costa Rica and a Master's Degree in Group Psychology Studies from the University of International Cooperation. With more than 26 years of professional experience, he has been a consultant and advisor since 1996 for government institutions, non-governmental organisations, and international organisations on issues related to human rights, children, adolescents, and youth, and comprehensive health, gender, and public policies. It has also supported research, evaluation, and monitoring processes, formulation, advice, and direction of projects both in Costa Rica and in other Latin American countries. In his professional practice, he has carried out university teaching tasks at the University of Costa Rica (UCR), the National University of Costa Rica (UNA), as well as at Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. He has provided psychotherapeutic consultation to adolescents, youth, and adults. He is the author and co-author of articles, research reports, and evaluation of policies, plans, programs and projects, reference texts, and methodological guides in the different areas of his specialty.



## PANEL MODERATOR



**Guillaume Landry**

**Executive Director, ECPAT International**

Guillaume Landry is the Executive Director of ECPAT International. He has over two decades of professional experience in the field of organisational development, interagency collaboration, and multidisciplinary research in child protection and children's rights. Mr. Landry is a specialist in child protection. He was the Youth Mine Action Ambassador against anti-personnel mines (2002—2003) for UNICEF Quebec. Also, he was a Child Protection Advisor for the UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a Research Specialist and Project Manager in West Africa on behalf of the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, and consultant for UNICEF, the World Bank, the United Nations Department of Peace Operations, GIZ, Save the Children and the Canadian International Development Agency. He became Director of Programmes and Development at the International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR) in September 2006 and was named Director General in April 2014.

His background in child protection and child rights has seen him lead the implementation of programs in over 70 countries. He has also supervised, coordinated, and authored more than 50 reports analysing the status of children's rights worldwide, while he has built relationships in his collaboration with experts and stakeholders in local, regional, and international contexts. Mr. Landry's connection with ECPAT is not new, as he previously worked as a Regional Assistant for the Americas and the MENA region at the start of his professional career. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that children all over the world are protected.