



# 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.



**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.



**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).

## **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.