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MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024

FOCUS: HARVESTING ANALYSIS FROM CIVIL SOCIETY MOVEMENTS REGARDING
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, TRENDS AND CHALLENGES ON CHILD SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE IN THE AMERICAS

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Welcome remarks
<i>Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Objectives and methodology for the session
<i>Ms. Madhu Malhotra, Director Network Engagement and Strategic Partnerships, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:30 - 10:15 | Introducing ECPAT Members and the Americas Network
<i>Mr. Fabio González Flórez, Regional Coordinator for the Americas</i> |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | Thematic discussion on the scale, scope and trends of child sexual exploitation in the Americas |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | Thematic discussion on promising practices in the programmatic areas |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Break |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | Feedback from all theme tables |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | Concluding remarks
<i>Four participants will be selected to summarize the main takeaways from the day</i> |

* Methodology: a series of thematic tables in working groups sessions and cross fertilization of experiences between civil society organizations and national contexts.



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TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2024

FOCUS: FACILITATED A CROSS-SECTOR DIALOGUE ABOUT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF CHILDREN AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL AND POSSIBLE WAYS OF ADDRESSING CHALLENGES AND GAPS ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AROUND THE ROLES OF THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM, TRANSPORT AND FINANCE SECTORS, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, FOSTERING PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS AND AN ACTIVE CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION*

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:30

Opening Ceremony

Welcoming remarks by senior representatives of the Government of Costa Rica, the ECPAT International Network and the Americas Regional Working Group for the protection of Children in Travel and Tourism (GARA).

Explanation of the methodology for the day by Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International

9:30 - 10:30

**Opening Panel: Challenges to address sexual exploitation of children in the post-COVID era.
(Panel 30 mins, questions/answers 30 mins)**

This opening section will allow a framework understanding on the current situation of sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism and its interactions with other manifestations and contexts, in light of the recent reports of the Special Rapporteur and the Special Representative. Instead of a keynote speech, and to re-inforce the idea of a dialogue for the day, the panel moderated by ECPAT International will allow both UN authorities to explain the main highlights of their reports, and to go further in analyzing together the identified challenges and what needs to be done to address them, with a focus in the Americas region.

Dr. Najat Maala M'jid, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children (UNSRSG), Ms. Mama Fátima Singateh, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children. (Remote connection, To be confirmed). Moderator: Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International

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10:30 - 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30

Group debate: aligning a common understanding of child sexual exploitation in travel and tourism in the Americas.

Following a distilling of regional challenges and possible way to address them, the participants will break to groups by sub-region: 1) North America (excluding Mexico) and Anglo-speaking Caribbean, 2) Central America, Mexico and Dominican Republic (two groups), and 3) South America (two groups). Each group will identify the top five trends they see in travel and tourism that present challenges in protecting children, and highlight up to 8 most pressing actions that could curb the issue.

Work in groups

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 17:00

Group debate: distilling challenges by areas

14:00 - 15:00

First rotation

15:00 - 16:00

Second rotation

16:00 - 17:00

Third rotation

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14:00 - 17:00

Group debate: distilling challenges by areas

Having aligned a common understanding of the child sexual exploitation situation in the region and how it is addressed, by taking into account points of view of different sectors and countries during the morning, this session will allow group debates for specific topics of interest. Participants will pre-register to one of the tables matching their topic of interest for each of the 3 rotations (having each participant the opportunity to participate in discussions over 3 different topics). Each table will discuss, guided by a facilitator, over a specific topic. Each table will answer specific questions. Pre-designated facilitators will use a standard information consolidation template of the findings, that will be collated by a group to gather the agreements and recommendations of the group. Based in a registration closed in the week before the event, participants will receive materials and guiding questions to prepare for the tables they signed-up to.

Table 1: The role of the finance sector in the fight against sexual exploitation of children.

Table 2: The growing threat of organized crime in sexual exploitation of children in the Americas.

Table 3: How child and youth participation can contribute to preventing sexual exploitation of children?

Table 4: What does it mean to prevent sexual exploitation of children?

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14:00 - 17:00

Table 5: Codes of conduct, the learning between voluntary measures, national voluntary codes and national mandatory codes.

Table 6: The transport sector in its interaction with travel and tourism as a protective environment for children.

Table 7: On-line platforms and their role in protecting children in travel and tourism.

Table 8: How can the unregulated forms of voluntourism be addressed in the Americas?

Table 9: International travelling sex offenders, extraterritorial legislation and sex offender registries.

Table 10: The role of the informal sector in travel and tourism and child protection from sexual exploitation.

17:00 - 17:30

Plenary
Recap for the day

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WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024
**FOCUS: TAKING STOCK OF THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY
IN CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE***

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:20 | Objectives and introduction to the methodology of the working sessions
<i>Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:20 - 9:40 | Setting the stage: Feedback of the network in the regional virtual workshops on sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the digital environment
<i>Ms. Sendrine Constant, Director of Research, Learning and Communications, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:40 - 10:00 | Transition into groups |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Child sexual exploitation in technology
Group discussion: Each participant shares for 5 minutes' maximum 2 good practices and 2 challenges on the topic in their countries. This is followed by an open discussion. |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Child sexual exploitation in technology
Plenary recap: how good we are doing to advocate on matters related to sexual exploitation of children facilitated by technologies? |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | Key practical ideas for the immediate future |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Break |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | Wrap-Up and closing remarks
Recap of the day |
| 16:30 - 17:30 | World Café |

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THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2024
FOCUS: FACILITATED DISCUSSION AROUND
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN CONTEXT
OF MOBILITY AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE*

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:20 | Objectives and introduction to the methodology of the working sessions
<i>Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:20 - 9:50 | Framework presentation: Child sexual exploitation in the context of mobility and humanitarian assistance
<i>Ms. Sendrine Constant, Director Research, Communications and Learning, ECPAT International</i> |
| 9:50 - 10:00 | Transition into groups |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Sexual exploitation of children in context of mobility and humanitarian assistance
(Group discussion) Coffee break will be served in the room
Each participant shares for 5 minutes' maximum 2 good practices and 2 challenges on the topic in their countries. This is followed by an open discussion. |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Sexual exploitation of children in context of mobility and humanitarian assistance
Plenary recap: how good we are doing to advocate on matters related to sexual exploitation of children in context of mobility and humanitarian assistance? |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | Key practical ideas for the immediate future |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Break |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | Wrap-Up and closing remarks
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FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 2024

FOCUS: CLOSED MEETING FOR ECPAT INTERNATIONAL: ELEVATING CHILD SAFEGUARDING OF THE ECPAT NETWORK. INCORPORATING LEARNING FROM THE WORKSHOP INTO A ROADMAP FOR FUTURE WORK BY THE NGOS IN THE REGION*

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Objectives of the session
9:15 - 10:15	Child safeguarding: Sharing good practices and lesson learned
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Child safeguarding (workshop)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:30	Reflections for future work
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 - 15:40	Reflections for future work (ECPAT members). The way forward to cooperate (non-ECPAT members)
15:40 - 16:10	Wrap-Up
16:10 - 16:30	Workshop evaluation
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Remarks <i>Mr. Guillaume Landry, Executive Director, ECPAT International</i>

* Method: Workshop on child safeguarding and individual and group work on roadmap.

