

# 5TH WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

“ADVANCING CHILD-CENTRED JUSTICE:  
Preventing And Responding to Violence Affecting Children In Child Justice Systems”



## COMMITTEE OF HONOUR

### DR. NAJAT MAALLA M'JID

*UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children*



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

Dr. M'jid, a medical doctor in pediatrics, has over the last four decades devoted her life to the promotion and protection of children's rights. She was Head of the Pediatric Department and Director of the Mother-Child polyclinic in Casablanca. Dr. M'jid was a member of the Moroccan Council on Human Rights and founder of the pioneering non-governmental organization Bayti, addressing the protection and reintegration of children living and working in the streets of Morocco.

From 2008 to 2014, she served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography.

Dr. M'jid also worked as an international expert on developing and monitoring integrated child protection strategies and policies, as well as on social and development policies. She also worked as a lecturer in Moroccan and international universities on child rights protection and monitoring.

As a member of several regional and international non-governmental organizations 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. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her strong commitment to protecting children and their rights.

