

## 2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

**15-20 November 2021**

*“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”*

### Workshop Programme

#### Approaches to Inclusive, Equal, and Effective Child Participation in Access to Justice

<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, 18th November 2021</b>			
<b>Timing</b>	11:00 - 12:30 Geneva	15:00 - 16:30 Islamabad	18:00 - 19:30 Manila	19:00 - 20:30 Tokyo
<b>Organiser</b>	Child Rights Coalition Asia			
<b>Type of Workshop</b>	Panel Discussion			
<b>Region</b>	Asia			
<b>Language</b>	English			

#### **Abstract**

This panel will discuss the core principles of child participation in the context of children’s access to justice, taking a broad perspective. Via exchanges with a panel of young people and adult experts across South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific, the workshop will present methodologies and experiences employed by child human rights defenders in pursuing access to justice, effective approaches to inclusive child participatory procedures in pursuing systemic reform (such as the designing of child-friendly spaces in courts with the inputs of children), and other strategies to collect and amplify the voices of children in the context of child justice.

#### **Key take-aways of the session**

- Tools and resources on child participation in the context of children’s access to justice that participants can take away and replicate/adjust in their contexts.
- Increased understanding on child participation and how it can contribute to improved Justice With Children.

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### Tentative agenda

Topic	Speaker
To level off the concepts of child participation and legal empowerment, with access to justice as a cross-cutting right in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	<b>Lucio Valerio Sarandrea</b> , Child Protection Specialist (Child Justice and Child Rights), UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office
To share experience on holding the <i>2019 Asian Children’s Summit</i> and implementing the follow up efforts to put forward children’s recommendations and strengthen space for child participation	<b>Amihan Abueva</b> , Regional Executive Director, Child Rights Coalition Asia
To share experiences in accessing justice as a child human rights defender from Southeast Asia	<b>Young human rights defender from Southeast Asia</b>
To discuss the Artivism Campaign on Child Justice, an initiative in Pakistan developed with children	<b>Ali Abbas</b> , Communications Manager, Group Development Pakistan

### Speakers

- **Moderator: Valerie Khan Yusufzai**

Valerie Khan Yusufzai is a child protection, Justice With Children, and GBV expert with 14 years of professional experience in human rights-based development. She specializes in capacity-building engineering and has extensive experience in comprehensive and tailor-made protection, rehabilitation, and reintegration processes of women and children vulnerable to/survivors of violence. She works for evidence-based policy and legal reform, institutional reinforcement, positive and indigenous socio-cultural transformative processes, and knowledge management. Her work has been instrumental in the enactment/notification of many child protection and women’s rights related laws and policies in Pakistan and the improvement of the justice reform for children in Pakistan.

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- **Panelists**

- 1. Lucio Valerio Sarandrea, PhD**

*Child Protection Specialist (Child Justice and Child Rights), UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office*

Lucio Valerio Sarandrea works at the UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office as a Specialist on Justice and Child Rights. Previously, he worked as Chief of Child Protection and Peacebuilding for UNICEF Kyrgyzstan and as Chief Technical Adviser on SDG 16 for UNDP as well as the European Union Special Representative’s office. Lucio Valerio holds a Master’s degree in Law and a Doctorate in Peace and Conflict studies. Author of over thirty publications in the field of Justice and Human Rights, from 2015 to 2019, he taught at the American University of Central Asia.

- 2. Amihan Abueva**

*Regional Executive Director, Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia)*

Amihan Abueva has been known internationally as a child rights advocate for the past twenty years. She has contributed to the mainstreaming of concerns for child protection, especially in strengthening the national and international legal framework to ensure that children are protected from any form of violence, particularly trafficking and sexual exploitation. From 2012 to 2014, Amihan was the Philippine representative to the ASEAN Commission on the Rights of Women and Children. She was also appointed as an NGO Representative of the Children Sector to the Philippines Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT). She has been leading the CRC Asia as its Regional Executive Director since 2015.

- 3. Young human rights defender from Southeast Asia**

- 4. Ali Abbas**

*Communications Manager, Group Development Pakistan*

Ali Abbas is a communications, outreach, and visibility expert well-versed in designing and implementing child participatory communication strategies, program performance reporting, designing and executing advocacy and awareness campaigns, handling digital platforms, and arranging large-scale showcasing events. Ali has 6 years of experience in producing communication products including weekly chronicles, quarterly newsletters, fact sheets, IEC materials, infographics, and thematic papers. He specializes in highlighting project interventions by regularly documenting/capturing success stories in short documentaries. Ali has managed the youth-led, child participatory cultural and Artivism activities to foster behavioural change and improve justice with children in Pakistan.