

## 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

#### Albania & Kosovo: from punitive to restorative approaches

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday, 17th November 2021</b>	
<b>Timing</b>	16:00 - 17:30 Geneva	15:00-16:30 London
<b>Organiser(s)</b>	Albana Izeti, Tdh Regional Programme Officer on Juvenile Justice for Albania & Kosovo	
<b>Institution</b>	Tdh	
<b>Type of Workshop</b>	Panel Discussion	
<b>Topics</b>	Ensuring that the voice of the child is heard in child justice systems. Fulfilling children's rights in contexts of legal pluralism. Tackling violence within child justice systems and ensuring child friendly approaches for child victims, offenders, and witnesses.	
<b>Region</b>	Europe	
<b>Language</b>	Albanian	

#### Abstract

In the last years Albania and Kosovo have undertaken very intensive steps toward the improvement of the legal framework ensuring the full implementation of child rights both in child protection and child justice. Although both countries have largely a national legal framework in line with international standards, its implementation remains limited and both countries suffer mainly from provision of dedicated and qualitative supportive services. It is important to highlight that both countries have taken very serious steps toward switching from punitive to restorative approach of treatment of children in contact/conflict with the law but still this philosophy remains difficult to be implemented in local realities.

The proposed panel discussion will bring a combined experience and overview of political, academia and civil society efforts, agenda, approaches, actions and practices toward enhancement and improvement of implementation of restorative approaches in both countries. Moreover, through Q&A sessions the panel discussion will create opportunities to share experiences and practices with larger international audiences and stakeholders as well as create possible partnerships and future collaboration.

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### Three take-aways and one output of the session

- Institutional and non-institutional actions toward restorative approaches in Albania and Kosovo
- Challenges faced by different stakeholders and ways forward for proper implementation of restorative approaches in Albania and Kosovo
- Sharing of best practices, knowledge, and experiences with international, regional and local partners/ stakeholders

Output: Strengthened network and shared experience with professionals/partnerships and collaboration on restorative approaches in regional and international level

### Speakers

- **Moderator**  
**Albana Izeti**
- **Panelists**
  1. **Nita Shala-** Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Justice/National Coordinator Against Ms. Nita Shala has a PhD in Law from Graduate Institute – Geneva. She has excelled in basic studies at the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina; in Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice at Oxford University and in Executive Studies at Harvard, Kennedy School of Governance. She is a lawyer with professional experience in international institutions. She also worked in the UN office in Geneva to advise the Embassy of the Republic of Albania on the processes of the Human Rights Council; at the Office of the Prosecutor at the Hague Tribunal, engaged in the Prosecutor’s Office against Vojislav Seselj and Vlastimir Xhorxevic, and international support at EURALIUS and PAMECA V in Albania as a legal expert on the process of implementing the Reform and establishing new institutions in justice. Since 2018, she has been working at the Department of Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina, in Criminal Law and International Criminal Law. She is the founder and leader of the Global Shapers community of the World Economic Forum in Tirana and the head of the Global Dignity community in Albania and Kosovo. She has professional and academic experience in the areas of anti-corruption, justice reform, and human rights and monitoring/policy work.

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- 2. Habit Hajredini-** Director of the Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Gender Issues, Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo

Born in Prizren, Republic of Kosovo. For 22 years he has been engaged in policy development, Good Governance and Human Rights in the Government of Kosovo and Civil Society. He is also the National Coordinator for Human Rights and the leader of the National Council for Civil Society Cooperation.

Mr. Hajredini is the Chairman of the Council for the Protection of Children in Kosovo. For 22 years, he has been working as a Director of the Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Non-Discrimination at the Prime Minister’s Office. He has been Coordinator for Human Rights in the Government of the Republic of Kosovo since 2007 and coordinates the process of reporting international human rights conventions. He serves as a high-level trainer and expert for good governance and human rights by conducting trainings and seminars in the country and at international level. He is the author of many books and publications on national and international human rights and recently was a co-author of the book on human rights entitled "European Review of the Law on Human Rights" and is author of the " Manual for Ethics and transparency in Kosovo "

- 3. Armen Mustafa**

University Professor. Armen Mustafa completed his university studies in Pedagogy at the University of Prishtina in 2002 and his master studies in inclusive education at the University of Pristine in 2008. He completed his doctorate at the University of Tirana, Department of Psychology in 2017. From 2013 to 2019, he worked in the Kosovo Probation Service, first as a probation officer, and then as a department director. He currently works as a professor at AAB College, Faculty of Psychology. He has published articles in various journals.