

2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

15-20 November 2021

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

Workshop Programme

Building a child-friendly justice for children in the context of international migration

Date	Tuesday, 16th November 2021		
Timing	20:00-21:30 Geneva	14:00-15:30 New York	17:00-18:30 San Francisco
Organiser(s)	Linda Helena Maclu Zorrero, Nicolás Espejo		
Institution	Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación		
Type of Workshop	Panel discussion		
Topics	Discrimination experienced by children and young people affected by migration, including refugees, unaccompanied foreign children and children of foreign parents.		
Region	North America		
Language	English		

Abstract

Armed conflict, sexual violence, poverty and abuse are some of the reasons why many children are forced to migrate to other countries. It is crucial to resolve these situations and ensure that when children go to court to claim their rights, the authorities are able to provide effective responses. It is important that judges, through a friendly justice system, comply with their constitutional and conventional obligations to safeguard children’s rights.

Three key take-aways of the session

- Lack of access to justice is one of the main barriers that children in contexts of international mobility face on a daily basis.
- A friendly justice system or one adapted to this population is necessary in order to guarantee a much faster, effective and fairer response to the protection of their rights
- Judiciary plays an indispensable role in the requirement of all international and national obligations of immigration authorities, police and in general child protection.

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Objectives

- To give participants more info on Child friendly justice for children in the context of international migration

Expected Outcomes:

- Participants to have awareness of the situation of children in the context of international migration
- Share knowledge, experiences and best practices in access to justice in this this area

Speakers

- **Moderator**
Carlos Uriel Salas Segovia- Assistant Liaison Officer at UNHCR, Mexico
- **Chat Moderator**
Dulce María Sebastián Barreda
- **Panelists**
 1. **Pedro Gerson**
Director and Professor of the Migration clinic of the Paul M. Hebert Law Centre, Louisiana State University
 2. **Lisa Marie LeSage**
International Human rights Lawyer. She has been a Vice-Dean and Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School, Northwestern in the US and a Fulbright Scholar at the Law School of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. Currently directs the Justice Programme (INL) at the U.s Embassy in Costa Rica.
 3. **Stephanie Elaine Rap**
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Programme Group on Forensic care of Children and Youth at the University of Amsterdam.
 4. **Nicolás Espejo Yaksic**
Associate Researcher at the Constitutional Studies Centre of the Supreme Court of justice, Visiting Professor at Leiden University Law School and Exeter

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