

## 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

#### Equal Access to Justice for Indigenous Children

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16th November 2021</b>		
<b>Timing</b>	01:00 - 02:30 (17/11) Geneva	19:00 - 20:30 New York	16:00 - 17:30 San Francisco
<b>Organiser(s)</b>	SRSB VAC		
<b>Type of Workshop</b>	Panel discussion		
<b>Topics</b>	Systemic racism and the disproportionate criminalization of children from indigenous, ethnic and other minority groups in justice systems across the globe.		
<b>Region</b>	North America, International		
<b>Language</b>	English		

#### **Abstract**

The lack of equal access to justice has had severe negative impacts on the lives of Indigenous children in many aspects. Family removals, overincarceration and nationalizations that have removed children from their families and communities have resulted in a sense of detachment and a cultural strain which is strongly detrimental to health, mental health and wellbeing and reintegration back into their families and communities. It is also detrimental to the wellbeing of Indigenous families and communities.

#### **Three key take-aways from the session**

- Highlight the consequences of lack of access to justice for Indigenous children, their families, and communities
- Share and amplify Indigenous-led solutions for systemic change so that Indigenous children have equal access to justice, including the meaningful and safe participation of Indigenous children in the decisions, programs and policies that affect them
- Greater awareness among participants about Indigenous-led solutions to Indigenous children’s equal access to justice

#### **Objective**

To bring attention to the specific situation of indigenous children.

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### Expected outcome

- The presentation and discussion will feed into a report that is being prepared and will be presented at the UN People's Forum for Indigenous Issues in spring 2022.

### Speakers

- Moderator

#### **Andalusia Knoll Soloff**

She is a multimedia journalist based in Mexico City who specializes in state violence, migration, indigenous land struggles and gender-based murders in Latin America. In her reporting, Andalusia seeks to center the voices of those most affected by these crises and violence by focusing on their human dignity and resilience.

- Chat moderators

1. **Annette Lyth**, OSRSGVAC
2. **Vijaya Ratnam-Raman**, UNICEF

- Panelists

1. **Hinewirangi Kohu Morgan**

She is a Maori artist, poet, and activist, who lives and works in Aotearoa (New Zealand). She teaches in New Zealand and abroad, conducting workshops on all aspects of Māori philosophies of mental, physical, and spiritual well-being.

2. **Hannah McGlade**

Dr Hannah McGlade is a Nyungar human rights lawyer and academic who has published widely on many aspects of Aboriginal legal issues, especially those affecting the lives of Aboriginal women and children, and her career has focused on justice for Aboriginal people, race discrimination law and practice, Aboriginal women and children, family violence and sexual assault.

3. **Maya Sanchez**

Maya Sanchez (she/her) is an Enrolled member of the Diné (Navajo) Nation and Identifies with the Mexica People of Mexico. She was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and has been an active member in her local Native organizations since she was a young girl. Maya is currently a Remembering Our Sisters Fellow with the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen

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Institute. Maya currently works as a Youth Program Coordinator at the California Native Vote Project.

4. **Rocio Mojica**

She is a Child Protection Officer with UNICEF Colombia, where she has been responsible for UNICEF support to indigenous children's issues by the National Commission for the Coordination of the National Judicial System and the Special Indigenous Jurisdiction, the Judicial Training College, and the Colombia Institute of Family Welfare.