

ASIAN REGIONAL SESSION PROGRAMME

— **Thursday, 18 November 2021** —

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Working Group Meeting (90 min)	06:00-07:30	10:00-11:30	10:30-12:00	12:00-13:30	14:00-15:30
Plenary (105 min)	08:30 -10:15	12:30-14:15	13:00-14:45	14:30-16:15	16:30-18:15
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Workshop Block B (90 min)	13:00-14:30	17:00-18:30	17:30-19:00	19:00-20:30	21:00-22:30

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PLENARY

Ensuring inclusive and child-friendly access to justice for all children in Asia

Moderator



**Ha Ryong Jung
(Michael)**

Legal Officer, Legal
Aid of Cambodia

Voices of children and youth



**Dolivar
(Tajikistan)**



**Tajdar
(Pakistan)**



**Nominmaa
(Mongolia)**



**Yingkar
(Kazakhstan)**



Anh Duc and Quang Minh (Vietnam)



Shakhriyor and Sitara (Uzbekistan)

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on the Rights of the
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Advisor, HAQ: Centre
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Sapana Pradhan Malla

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of Nepal



Rommel Alim Abitria

Executive Director,
Humanitarian Legal
Assistance Foundation



Shabnaaz Zahereen

Child Protection
Specialist, UNICEF
Bangladesh

Panel 2: Child-friendly approaches to non-discriminatory and inclusive access to justice for all children

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Thailand's Representative
to and Former Chair of the
ASEAN Commission on the
Promotion and Protection
of the Rights of Women and
Children

Panelist



Syed Mansoor Ali Shah

Justice, Supreme
Court of Pakistan



Yanghee Lee

Founder,
International Child
Rights Center and
Professor Emeritus,
Sungkyunkwan
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Farah Nini Dusuki

Senior Lecturer, Faculty
of Law, University of
Malaya



Jiang Min

Project Manager, Save
the Children China

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Ha Ryong Jung (Michael)
Legal Officer, Legal Aid of Cambodia

Atty. Ha Ryong Jung (Michael) is the Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point for the World Congress, a Legal Officer of the Legal Aid of Cambodia, and a Technical Advisor to the Child Rights Coalition Cambodia. He drafted the Compendium Report and Global Declaration for the World Congress and coordinated the Cambodian Preparatory Meeting. As a human rights lawyer from Korea, he specializes in children's rights and child protection, particularly in the field of justice for children, with a current geographical focus of Southeast Asia. In collaboration with diverse partners, he designed and coordinated the Child Justice Network in Cambodia and has been helping to strengthen the child justice framework in the country.

DISCUSSANT



Mikiko Otani
Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Atty. Mikiko Otani is the Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is an international human rights lawyer and a practicing lawyer of family law in Japan for over 30 years, with a focus on women's and children's rights. She is a Council Member of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, Member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law, and former Chair of the Committee on International Human Rights of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations. In addition, as an academic, she has published and taught extensively in the area of human rights and on issues impacting children, and she has a particular interest in early childhood development, child participation, and access to justice for children, among others.

Voices of children and youth



Dolivar (Tajikistan) is a boy who was recently released from a correctional facility and has shared his voice through the World Congress on the challenges he has faced and on his aspirations and desires for a better future for all children.

Tajdar (Pakistan) is the first child member of the National Commission on the Rights of the Child (NCRC) and an activist for child participation in his country, bringing the voices of children to the government level. He is also a member of the Child and Youth Advisory Group of the World Congress.

Anh Duc and **Quang Minh** (Vietnam) are members of the Justice for Children Club at the Hanoi Law University, working towards mainstreaming discussions of child justice and children's rights at their university and the wider communities to achieve a more child-friendly justice system.



Shakhriyor and **Sitora** (Uzbekistan) are members of the Street Law Project at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, striving to provide legal empowerment to children and advocating on their behalf, in order to improve their ability to access justice.

Nominmaa (Mongolia) has been raising awareness of the persisting social and gender inequalities that continue to hinder equal access to justice, and she has been advocating for the empowerment of girls and women.

Yingkar (Kazakhstan) has been empowering migrant youth and dismantling the stereotypes held against them by the local communities, in order to prevent discrimination and promote harmony.

Panel 1:

Resilient and equal access to justice for all children during times of COVID and crises

MODERATOR



Enakshi Ganguly

Co-Founder and Advisor, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights

Ms. Enakshi Ganguly is a development researcher and a human rights activist working on issues of women, children, and other marginalized groups for over three decades. Since co-founding HAQ: Centre for Child Rights in 1999, she worked on children's rights till she stepped out in 2018. Her expertise includes research, training, and advocacy on issues concerning different marginalized groups including children, women, tribals, displaced persons, and sexual minorities. She has been invited as a technical expert and speaker both nationally and internationally, is on the board of organisations, and has published extensively. She is an Honorary Professor at National Law University, Odisha and Co-Convenor of the Working Group of Human Rights (WGHR), India. She remains a passionate child rights advocate.



Aung Myo Min

**Minister of Human Rights, National Unity Government
of Myanmar**

H.E. Aung Myo Min is the Minister of Human Rights for the National Unity Government of Myanmar. He has spent over three decades defending human rights since the pro-democracy movement of 1988 as an activist, educator, and prominent child rights advocate, and he is the country's first openly gay member of cabinet. He founded Equality Myanmar in 2000 and served as its Executive Director, and he also initiated Colors Rainbow. In addition, he was a member of the National Child Rights Committee of the Union of Myanmar during 2017- 2021. He has received multiple international awards and recognitions for his work on human rights and LGBTQI+ activism, and he continues to be a strong voice for marginalized communities in Myanmar.



Sapana Pradhan Malla
Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal

Honorable Justice Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal. She has been a prominent advocate for the rights of women and girls and has furthered the use of inclusive language in numerous laws in Nepal. She was formerly a member of the Nepalese Constituent Assembly, advisor to the Unit on Women Empowerment and Gender-based Violence of the Prime Minister's Office, and member of the UN Committee Against Torture. As a public interest lawyer, she also represented individuals on diverse cases, including on gender discrimination issues, and she extensively engaged in developing diverse training manuals and training paralegal resource groups on protecting the rights of children and women. In addition, she has published numerous studies and articles in relation to the inclusion of marginalized groups.



Rommel Alim Abitria
Executive Director, Humanitarian Legal Assistance
Foundation

Atty. Rommel Alim Abitria is the Executive Director of the Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. (HLAF), a foundation which focuses on providing legal assistance to persons deprived of liberty, especially children. HLAF also capacitates local community officials to properly manage cases of children in conflict with the law. As an expert on children's rights, child justice, criminal justice, and restorative justice, he has served as a consultant to different government agencies like the Commission on Human Rights, Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council. He also teaches criminal law at the Ateneo de Manila University Law School and Far Eastern University Institute of Law.



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Shabnaaz Zahereen

Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh

Ms. Shabnaaz Zahereen is a Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF Bangladesh. She has 15 years of experience in the child protection sector, specially focused on the strengthening of the child protection system, policy advocacy and legal reform, institutional capacity-building of key duty-bearers, and the development of child-sensitive infrastructure and community-based service provisions to support justice for children. She engaged directly in formulating the Children Act 2013 and in harmonizing and adopting the CRC standards in other laws affecting children. She works closely with the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, National Parliament, and National Human Rights Commission to seek solutions to address child rights violations and influence policy decisions.

Panel 2:

Child-friendly approaches to non-discriminatory and inclusive access to justice for all children

MODERATOR



Wanchai Roujanavong

Thailand's Representative to and Former Chair of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children

Atty. Wanchai Roujanavong is Thailand's Representative to and Former Chair of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) and has served in numerous capacities as a prosecutor and director general at the Office of the Attorney-General and the Ministry of Justice of Thailand, including in the Child and Juvenile Observation and Protection Department. With over 45 years of experience, he is an expert in matters of child abuse, trafficking in persons and children, transnational organized crime, extradition, and mutual legal assistance, and he serves as the Chairman of three NGOs working for the promotion and protection of children's rights. He has received multiple national awards for his contributions to the protection of children and women.



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Syed Mansoor Ali Shah
Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Honorable Justice Mr. Syed Mansoor Ali Shah is the ex-Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, and a current Justice at the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is set to become the 31st Chief Justice of Pakistan from August 2025. He has been a strong proponent of judicial reform, including procedures and structures impacting children, and among a long list of accomplishments, he established the first ever Gender Based Violence Court and a Child Court at Lahore, spearheaded the formation of Alternate Dispute Resolution Centers, introduced the Case Management and Court Automation Systems in Punjab, and helped restructure the curriculum at the Punjab Judicial Academy. He also helped establish e-courts and the Judicial Mobile Application at the Supreme Court. As a jurist and educator, he is passionate about constitutional law, human rights, and environmental justice, among others.



Yanghee Lee
Founder, International Child Rights Center
Professor Emeritus, Sungkyunkwan University

Dr. Yanghee Lee is the Founder of the International Child Rights Center and Professor Emeritus at Sungkyunkwan University. She was the former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, former Chair of the Meeting of Chairpersons of Treaty Bodies, and former UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. She currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea and is a founding member of the Special Advisory Council for Myanmar. She has taken a multidisciplinary approach to upholding the rights of children and ensuring their access to justice, and she received the Order of Civil Merit for her work, which is the highest recognition given to a civilian in Korea.



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Farah Nini Dusuki

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya

Dr. Farah Nini Dusuki is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya. She has been a strong advocate for child victims and children in conflict with the law, and she played an essential role in the development of a diversion pilot program in Malaysia. She authored the Casebook on Criminal Procedure in Malaysia and has published numerous articles regarding children's rights in relation to criminal law and the administration of justice, the minimum age of criminal responsibility, child exploitation, stateless children, and child marriage, among others.



Jiang Min

Project Manager, Save the Children China

Ms. Jiang Min is a Project Manager at Save the Children China and has been with the organization for nearly 18 years. With a Master's degree in law, she leads a team to work with the local judicial and government authorities, including the police, prosecutors, court judges as well as the social sector in pilot programs to improve children's rights and actualize child-friendly justice. From early judicial diversion for children in conflict with the law to a present focus on protecting child survivors of sexual abuse, she has been localizing overseas experiences innovatively and mobilizing resources to create model projects, while advocating for their expansion at the national level, impacting children both individually and collectively.



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WORKING GROUP MEETING

Title	Strategies, Experiences, and Ways Forward in Asia for the Follow-up on the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty
Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asian members of the NGO Panel for the GSCDL (led by Legal Aid of Cambodia, Child Rights Coalition Asia, and International Child Rights Center)• Korea NGO WG on Children Deprived of Liberty
Description	Download

WORKSHOP BLOCK A

Code	Asia Workshop A1
Title	The “This Life Model”: Holistic Interventions for Young People in Conflict with the Law and their Families (Programs, Research, and Communications)
Organiser	This Life Cambodia
Type	Training
Description	Download



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Code	Asia Workshop A2
Title	Approaches to Inclusive, Equal, and Effective Child Participation in Access to Justice
Organiser	Child Rights Coalition Asia
Type	Panel Discussion
Description	Download

Code	Asia Workshop A3
Title	Unlocking Potential: the “Child First Offender Second” Approach, Preventing Youth Offending Behavior, and Innovative Restorative Justice Practices
Organiser	Singapore University of Social Sciences Faculty
Type	Panel Discussion
Description	Download

Code	Asia Workshop A4
Title	Application of Vulnerability, Mental Health, and Rights Frameworks in Psycholegal Assessments of Children in Conflict with the Law
Organiser	SAMVAD
Type	Training
Description	Download



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WORKSHOP BLOCK B

Code	Asia Workshop B1
Title	Advocacy and Activation of Virtual Courts for Children: Reducing Deprivation of Liberty and Strengthening Justice Delivery During Crises
Organiser	UNICEF Bangladesh
Type	Training
Description	Download

Code	Asia Workshop B2
Title	Child-Friendly Justice Framework: Pursuing Child-Centered Reform Through Properly Designed Data Collection, Analysis, and Utilization
Organiser	Group Development Pakistan
Type	Working Group
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Code	Asia Workshop B3
Title	Strategic Litigation and Enhanced Public Governance to Address Systemic Injustices Against Children Facing Poverty and Marginalization
Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The International Legal Foundation• OECD• UNICEF
Type	Panel Discussion
Description	Download

Code	Asia Workshop B4
Title	Building the Next Generation of Child Justice Experts: University Curricular Approaches and Legal Empowerment of Children
Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of World Economy and Diplomacy's Legal Clinic• Hanoi Law University Faculty and Students
Type	Panel Discussion
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