

## **United Nations Commission on Human Rights**

Child Rights | 61st session of the CHR | NGO Participation

Sixty-first session of the CHR (14 March - 22 April 2005)

a.. Calendar of events, including plenary session, NGO side events and children's rights briefings will be available soon.

b.. Full details of the 61st Session, including the agenda and documents, are available on the OHCHR website, English / Français / Español

a.. Download the provisional agenda of the Commission's session (E/CN.4/2005/1) and the accompanying annotations (E/CN.4/2005/1/Add.1-2).

a.. Item 13 is on the Rights of the Child; item 10 is on economic, social and cultural rights; item 11 on civil and political rights; item 12 is on integration of the human rights of women and a gender perspective; item 18 on the effective functioning of human rights mechanisms.

This includes discussion of the treaty bodies; national institutions and regional arrangements; and the adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights.

NGO Participation at the Commission on Human Rights

The subgroup on the Commission on Human Rights of the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together NGOs willing to promote the rights of the child at the Commission on Human Rights (CHR). The subgroup aims to ensure that the CHR addresses the specific rights and situations of children worldwide by advocating the resolutions and by hosting a special interest group called the Children's Human Rights Caucus that serves as focal point for a range of participants to meet on children's issues.

Information sharing: The subgroup ensures daily information in French, Spanish and English on children's issues at the CHR through e-mail and reports here.

Morning briefings: The Caucus organises morning briefings 9 a.m to 10 am, starting on March 22 until 12 April 12 in room E-3025. All participants at the CHR are warmly welcome to discuss issues brought up in the light of the CHR 61st. session with invited Special Rapporteurs and Experts, Government delegations, the Human rights Committee members, members of expert

panels, UNICEF, UNHCR, OHCHR secretariat, regional human and children's rights organisations.

Side events: The Commission attracts some of the foremost human rights advocates from around the world. As usual at the CHR, the Caucus members will facilitate, co-organize, participate and report from child rights and child rights linked side events.

The side events are, if not otherwise mentioned, carried out during lunch hours 1- 3 pm.

How can NGOs participate?

Accredited NGOs can participate directly in the Commission on Human Rights by making written statements, sent in advance to its secretariat, and oral statements addressing the Commission under the relevant items of its agenda. Yet, most NGO work consists of preparatory work, advocacy, information and substantive input prior and in parallel to the sessions, through direct contacts with member States, organisation of thematic panels, production of alternative information and follow-up of negotiations at the international and national levels. In that process, NGOs operate both individually and as organised groups.

Detailed information for NGOs that wish to participate to the 61st session is available on the OHCHR website, this link includes guidelines for participants, maps, etc. NGOs that wish to organise their own side-events, must fill out a room reservation form.

### **Info**

For further information, contact Julia Ekstedt, Convenor of the subgroup for the Commission on Human Rights.

### **Documents and Reports**

a.. Rights of the Child - Note by the Secretariat - E/CN.4/2005/129 - [English only]

a.. Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child - E/CN.4/2005/73 available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian

b.. Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour - Note by the Secretary-General - E/CN.4/2005/76: English, Français, Español, Arabic, Chinese, Russian

c.. Draft report from J-M Petit, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography on child pornography on the Internet [html]. The Special Rapporteur will present

3 addenda to the Commission on Human Rights: the reports on his visits to Paraguay and Romania (E/CN.4/2005/78/Add.1 and E/CN.4/2005/78/Add.2) and a report on communications sent to Governments and replies received (E/CN.4/2005/78/Add.3). More information is available [here](#).

d.. The Annual Report of the Special Rapporteur on Education, Mr. Vernor Muños Villalobos will be available shortly. More information is available [here](#). Last year's report is available [here](#) [E/CN.4/2004/45].

e.. Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights, Ms. Sigma Huda, on trafficking in persons, especially women and children [English: E/CN.4/2005/71], [Français], [Español] , Arabic, Russian, Chinese.

f.. Report of the United Nations Development Fund for Women on the elimination of violence against women