

Nurturing Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence

July 2, 2018

Club Suisse de la Presse

Route de Ferney 106, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

TIME	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION - SPEAKER
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	Coffee and croissants will be served
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and objectives	Ms Maria Lucia Uribe, Director Arigatou International Geneva
9:15 – 9:30	Opening remarks	Message from Rev. Keishi Miyamoto, President of Arigatou International
9:30 – 10:00	The Critical Importance of Nurturing Values and Spirituality in Early Childhood – The Role of Religious Communities	Keynote by Dr Kezevino Aram, President Shanti Ashram, India
10:00 – 11:00	Nurturing Early Childhood - Challenging Violence against Children	<p>Interactive Panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Mustafa Ali, Secretary General Global Network of Religions for Children <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Friedrich Affolter, Education Expert for Risk Informed Programming - Secretary Early Childhood Peace Consortium - UNICEF Mr Andrew Claypole, Senior Adviser to the Special Representative to the Secretary General on Violence Against Children Ms Caroline Arnold, Early Childhood Expert and Former Director of Education Aga Khan Foundation Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, Secretary General Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka

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11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Roundtable dialogues “Strengthening Families to Nurture Values and Spirituality: Challenges and Opportunities”</p> <p>Roundtable 1: Challenges and structural obstacles that affect child upbringing</p> <p>Roundtable 2: Advancing the Research and Advocacy agendas</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms Rebeca Rios Kohn, Arigatou International New York</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Representative, Early Childhood and Peacebuilding Consortium</p> <p>Representative, World Bank</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr Ilham Nasser, Expert on Early Childhood</p> <p>Ms Sabine Rakotomalala, Senior Adviser - Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Light lunch served in the venue
14:00 – 15:45	Experiences Working with Religious Communities	<p>Moderator: Mr Friedrich Affolter, UNICEF</p> <p>Aga Khan Foundation – Ms Nafisa Shekhova, Senior Advisor on Education – Madrasa Early Childhood Development Program (TBC)</p> <p>Catholic Relief Services – Dr Selamawit Tadesse, Technical Advisor Early Childhood Development and Education - Guiding principles for Early Childhood Spiritual Care and Development.</p> <p>Islamic Relief Worldwide – Ms Neelam Fida, Global Child Protection and Inclusion Advisor – Channels of Hope</p>

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		<p>Arigatou International – Ms Vera Leal, Senior Program Officer, Learning to Live Together – An Intercultural and Interfaith Programme for Ethics Education</p> <p>Plan International – Dr Melanie Swan, Global Advisor on Early Childhood (TBC)</p> <p>World Council of Churches – Ms Frederique Seidel, Special Advisor on Child Rights, Churches Commitment to Children</p> <p>World Vision International – Ms Nana Danelia, SNC & Programming Advisor Faith, Strategy, Programming and Impact, Celebrating Families.</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Break	
16:15 – 17:30	Social and Cultural Norms that can help Strengthening Values and Spirituality in Children and that can also Justify Violence Against Children – The Role of Religious Communities	<p>Interactive Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Kezevino Aram</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Prof Anantanand Rambachan, Hindu Scholar</p> <p>Dr Imam Rashied Omar – Muslim Scholar</p> <p>Rev Fred Nyabera, Director End Child Poverty Arigatou International</p>
17:30 – 17:40	Concluding Remarks	Mrs Maria Lucia Uribe, Director Arigatou International Geneva
18:00 – 20:00	Reception	By invitation only

The Seminar is organized by the newly formed consortium Nurturing Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence, formed by civil society, faith-based, and multilateral organizations and academia to foster collaboration to share good practices and develop evidence-based and innovative approaches in religious communities and from the work of civil society organizations that contribute to end violence in early childhood, challenging social and cultural norms that justify it and supporting families to nurture values and spirituality in children.

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

Organizations

- Catholic Relief Services
- Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
- Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace
- International Network of Engaged Buddhists
- Islamic Relief Worldwide
- Office of the Special Representative to the United Nations Secretary General on Violence Against Children
- Pastoral Da Crianca Internacional
- Sarvodaya Movement Sri Lanka
- Shanti Ashram India
- World Bank
- World Council of Churches
- World Vision International
- UNICEF
- Institute of Religious Studies - University of Montreal

Individual Experts

- Mrs. Caroline Arnold - Former Global Director Education, Aga Khan Foundation
- Mt. Rev. Bishop Duleep De Chickera, Former Anglican Bishop Sri Lanka
- Dr. Ilham Nasser, Expert Early Childhood and Education
- Dr. Imam Rashied Omar, Research Scholar of Islamic Studies and Peacebuilding
- Prof. Anantand Rambachan, Hindu Scholar and Professor of Religion

Arigatou International Offices

- Mrs. Maria Lucia Uribe - Director Arigatou International Geneva
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- Rev. Fred Nyabera - Director End Child Poverty Initiative
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