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Nurturing Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence

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Club Suisse de la Presse

Route de Ferney 106, 1202 Genève, Switzerland

Children thrive and grow in trusting relationships with people who love and care for them. Ideally, this happens within their homes. Sadly, the home is the place where most abuses occur. Families, schools, and religious communities need to become safe environments for children's sound and healthy development.

Join us for a full day of learning, sharing and reflecting together on this important issue for our societies through interactive panels, roundtable discussions, and dialogues with experts in the field.

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Kindly register until 25 June 2018, and request the full agenda of the seminar by sending a message with your name and organization to geneva@arigatouinternational.org

Light lunch will be served

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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
9:30 – 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: Dr Mustafa Ali, Secretary General Global Network of Religions for Children</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr Friedrich Affolter, Education Expert for Risk Informed Programming - UNICEF</p> <p>Mr Andrew Claypole, Senior Adviser to the Special Representative to the Secretary General on Violence Against Children</p> <p>Ms Caroline Arnold, Early Childhood Expert and Former Director of Education Aga Khan Foundation</p> <p>Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, Secretary General Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Break	

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11:30 – 13:00	<p>Roundtable dialogues “Strengthening Families to Nurture Values and Spirituality: Challenges and Opportunities”</p> <p>Wht does the evidence show and what gaps exist.</p> <p>Challenges and structural obstacles that affect child upbringing in contexts of poverty, conflict and fragility</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms Rebeca Rios Kohn, Arigatou International New York</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr Ilham Nasser, Expert on Early Childhood Representative, WHO</p> <p>Dr Siobhan Fitzpatrick- Early Childhood and Peace Consortium - TBC</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Light lunch served in the venue
14:00 – 15:45	Experiences Working with Religious Communities	<p>Moderator: Mr Andrew Claypole, Office SRSG on Violence against Children</p> <p>Aga Khan Foundation – Ms Nafisa Shekhova, Senior Advisor on Education – Madrasa Early Childhood Development Program</p> <p>Catholic Relief Services – Dr Selamawit Tadesse, Technical Advisor Early Childhood Development and Education - Weaving Spiritual Values into Guiding Principles for ECD Program - SCORE ECD Project</p> <p>Islamic Relief Worldwide – Ms Neelam Fida, Global Child Protection and Inclusion Advisor – Channels of Hope</p> <p>Arigatou International – Ms Vera Leal, Senior Program Officer, Learning to Live Together – An Intercultural and Interfaith Programme for Ethics Education</p> <p>World Council of Churches – Ms Frederique Seidel, Special Advisor on Child Rights, Churches Commitment to Children</p> <p>World Vision International – Dr Nana Danelia, SNC & Programming Advisor Faith, Strategy, Programming and Impact, Celebrating Families.</p>

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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> <p>Mr Friedrich Affolter, Education Expert for Risk Informed Programming - UNICEF</p>
17:30 – 17:40	Concluding Remarks	Mrs Maria Lucia Uribe, Director Arigatou International Geneva
18:00 – 20:00	Reception	By invitation only