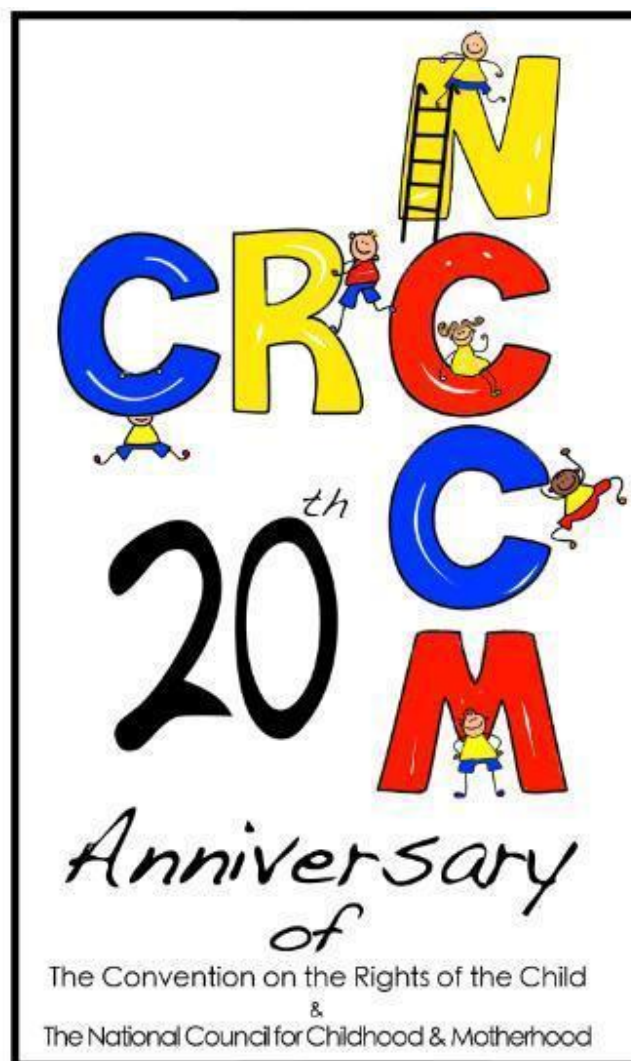


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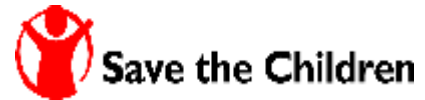
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Children's Participation in the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM)

The Convention and Islamic Jurisprudence
Cairo, 21-24 November 2009

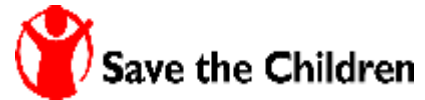
Preparatory Workshop with Children: 21-22 November 2009
Opening of the Forum: 22 November 2009
Adult Forum: 23-24 November 2009

Coordination: The Children's Forum will be sponsored by the Egyptian Ministry of State for Family and Population. The forum will be facilitated by the Ministry and at least 3 personal from Save the Children. . Save the Children will provide material for the children regarding the CRC, Violence against children, child participation, and non-discrimination.

Focus of Children's Workshop [Article 12]: Child Participation and the Right to be Heard

Objectives:

- Ø To improve children's knowledge about the Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly as it relates to child participation, violence against children, and non-discrimination.



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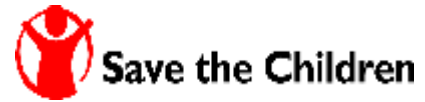
- Ø To provide children with a fun and meaningful opportunity to discuss issues related to the thematic concerns being dealt with by decision-makers.
- Ø To provide adults with an opportunity to dialogue with children honestly and constructively about issues that affect children.

Outputs:

- Ø Children will participate in designing and presenting their statement about the CRC in the opening session of the Adult Workshop (form and message determined by the children).
- Ø Children will answer questions (sent by the panelist before the workshop) and ask the audience and the panelists questions in four of the Adult workshops, focused on the four guiding principles of the CRC: Non-discrimination, child participation, best interests of the child and survival and development (Violence Against Children).
- Ø Children will participate in a round-table discussion with the First lady of Egypt and experts regarding the 4 guiding principles of the CRC.
- Ø Children will draft recommendations and a concluding statement based on their interaction with the adults during the workshops.
- Ø Children will have the opportunity to take pictures of the event, documenting the event generally and child participation

I. Children's Workshop: Means and Ways

As determined and implemented by the Egyptian Ministry of State for Family and Population, the children will be identified and brought to the workshop by the respective governments in the region. The Egyptian Ministry with Save the Children will agree on the selection criteria for youth. The Egyptian Ministry, with input from Save the Children, will put together a document regarding child participation to facilitate the selection and



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support the child's participation (including consent form, materials, selection criteria, etc). It is assumed that not less than 20 children will participate and not more than 40. The children will range in age from 14-18 years.

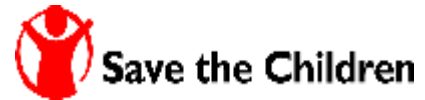
At least three Save the Children staff will be present during the entirety of the workshop with children and will, with support from at least 2 staff from the Egyptian Ministry, facilitate the workshop. All logistical coordination, including transportation, lunch, an outing with the children, as well as expenses related to caretakers accompanying children will be undertaken by the Egyptian Ministry.

The children should arrive with a caretaker on the 20th of November. During the two days before the adult workshop begins, the children will meet to discuss the CRC, specifically focusing on the 4 guiding principles of the CRC. The preparatory activities will be interactive and fun, including videos, plays, discussion, etc.

One of the SCS facilitators at the children's workshop will act as a child protection focal person and his/her details will be shared with the children and their accompanying adults.

II . Children's Participation in the Conference Workshops

To ensure that children are able to constructively participate in the workshops and feel positive about their engagement, it is essentially that all effort is made to create a child-friendly, enabling and welcoming environment. Special attention will need to be given to ensuring that children are able to understand the content of the discussion and that they have the space to respond. To ensure the above, we suggest that panelists submit questions for the children's consideration around the issues of non-discrimination, child participation in the public sphere, best interest of the child, and survival and development (violence against children) before the workshop. This will allow children to discuss the questions and decide on their answers before the workshop.



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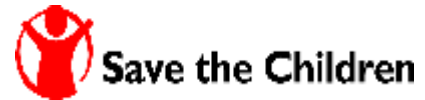
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The children will be divided into four groups on the day of the workshop to attend the four above mentioned workshops in the morning. The panel will open with a discussion with the children during which the panelists will read the pre-discussed questions to the children and the children will have opportunity to respond. The children will also prepare questions for the audience and the panelists. It is necessary to create a space in which children feel confident to speak and have an opportunity to be heard. At least 2 children will then join the adult panel. The rest of the children attending the workshops will sit in the audience and participate generally.

III. Agenda

November 21 - Preparation Day with Children

- Ø Introducing children to each other and to the conference
- Ø Introduction to the CRC
- Ø Introduction to 4 guiding principles of the CRC (including showing Animate It films on these topics to stimulate discussion and reviewing child-friendly material provided by SC)
- Ø Interactive session on thinking and discussing the CRC and the thematic issues
- Ø Designing an opening statement or activity with the children - celebrating the CRC (could be a drawing, play, speech, etc). Materials will be provided for the children but the form of the activity will be decided by the children, as will the content (with facilitation).



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November 22 – Preparation Day with Children

- Ø Through interactive activities, children will be introduced to the questions proposed by adults and will be provided time to discuss and agree on their answers and to appoint spokesperson for each answer. Children will then be given an opportunity to identify any questions that they have for adults on these issues.
- Ø Based on these discussion, children will also develop questions and messages for the round-table with the President's wife
- Ø In the afternoon, the children will practice the presentation that they developed for the opening. They will also be given time to go to the forum to practice speaking in the official space (looking at the design and practicing answering their questions, etc). They will go on an outing to visit Cairo during the rest of the afternoon.

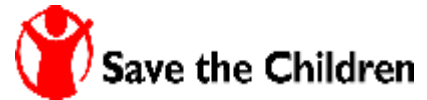
November 23 – Children's Participation in Workshop

Morning

- Ø Participation in Panel on Non-discrimination
- Ø Participation in Panel on Child Participation
- Ø Participation in a Panel on Survival and Development (violence against children)
- Ø Participation in a Panel on Best Interests of the child

Afternoon

- Ø In the afternoon, the youth will gather to discuss the morning panels and to agree on recommendations for the conclusion and questions for the round-table with the President's wife



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- Ø In the evening children will attend the opening event in Celebration of the CRC and give their statement, play, etc.

November 24 - Recommendations and Outing

- Ø In the morning, the children will decide on their recommendations and draft a closing statement. They will also discuss how they would like to continue to communicate with each other and what benefits there would be to establishing a regional network of children.
- Ø In the afternoon, the children will attend a round-table with the first lady of Egypt. Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak. and other experts
- Ø At the closing session, children would present their closing statement and recommendations