

Launch of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty

Geneva Launch Event

19 November 2019

DATE & VENUE

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2019, 13:00-14:30, Room XXII Palais des Nations
with **EVENING RECEPTION, 18:30-20:30**, at the **Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva**

BACKGROUND:

Childhood is when children develop their personality, their emotional relationships with others, their social and educational skills and their talents. For children, deprived of liberty means deprivation of their childhood.

Placing children in institutions and other facilities where they are, or may be, deprived of liberty is difficult to reconcile with the guiding principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which celebrate its 30th anniversary this year.

Deprivation of liberty means deprivation of rights, agency, visibility, opportunities and love. The Global Study contributes to the ultimate goal of the Agenda 2030 to leave no one behind and, in particular, to leave no child behind bars. Depriving children of liberty has an impact on their development, and on their ability to lead healthy and constructive lives in society - leaving not only a permanent mark on their lives, but also on society at large.

To address this situation, in December 2014 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) invited the United Nations Secretary-General (SG) to commission an in-depth global study on children deprived of liberty (A/RES/69/157 §52.d). In October 2016, Manfred Nowak was appointed as Independent Expert to lead the Global Study.

Following the presentation on 08 October 2019 of the final report on the Study to the General Assembly during its seventy-fourth session (Resolution 72/245 §37), the Expert will present the full version of the Study on 19 November at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, within the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the CRC.

OBJECTIVES

- Present the findings of the Global Study
- Mobilise support for the effective follow-up to the Global Study and its recommendation across all world regions
- Create a new momentum for children's rights in the context of deprivation of liberty, making the invisible children deprived of liberty seen and heard.

Official Launch of the Global Study

Room XXII Palais des Nations

13:00 OPENING

- **Ms Peggy HICKS**, Director of the OHCHR and member of the UN Task Force for the Study
- **Ambassador Félix BAUMANN**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
- **Ms Patricia PENNETIER**, European Commission, DG International Cooperation and Development

13.20 PRESENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

- **Mr Manfred NOWAK**, Independent Expert leading the Global Study Presentation of the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations

Video: 'Voices of Children' (Terre des Hommes)

13:40 PANEL DISCUSSION

**'CRC at 30 - Children Deprived of Liberty,
a new momentum for change'**

Moderated by **Mr Georges YOUNES**, Manager, UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty & **Mr Anas DAROUICHI**, youth interviewed for the Study

- **Ms Ursula KILKELLY**, Child Participation of the Study, University College Cork
- **Mr Manfred NOWAK**, Independent Expert leading the Global Study
- **Ms Ann SKELTON**, CRC-Committee member and Chair of the Advisory Board
- **Mr Benoit VAN KEIRSBILCK**, Co-Chair NGO Panel Defence for Children International

Video: MOOC Trailer (Global Campus of Human Rights)

14:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Registration link: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/28741/>

Evening Reception

18:30-20:30

THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
(7-9 Chemin du Petit Saconnex, 1209, Geneva)

with performances by **Youth Choir Juventus Singers**, organised by **Musicians for Human Rights**

Master of ceremony: Mr Manu KRISHAN, Coordinator, UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty

Video: 'Global Study' (Human Rights Watch)

- **H. E. Elisabeth TICHY-FISSELBERGER**, Permanent Representative of Austria
- **H. E. Ali Khalfan AL-MANSOURI**, Permanent Representative of Qatar
- **H. E. Nozipho Joyce MXAKATO-DISEKO**, Permanent Representative of South Africa

Video: 'Voices from the Inside' (Defence for Children International)

- **Mr Lee O'CONNOR**, Personal Testimony from Ireland

Video: MOOC Trailer (Global Campus of Human Rights)

- **Mr Manfred NOWAK**, Independent Expert leading the Global Study