



SIDE-EVENT 4

The World Programme for Human Rights Education (2005-ongoing): UN system to support national implementation of human rights education in the school system

*organised by the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee
on Human Rights Education in the School System (UNIACC)*

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UNIACC proposes an exchange of experiences in the promotion of human rights education (HRE) among the participants of the 48th session of ICE.

Panelists will present some of their current work and how at the global, regional and national levels it contributes to supporting national implementation of human rights education, key challenges and what is needed to overcome them.

Background

The World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE) is a framework for action which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 2004 to start on 1 January 2005. It aims to promote the implementation of human rights education programmes in all sectors. Based on principles and frameworks set by international human rights instruments, the World Programme also builds on the foundations laid during the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004). It reflects the international community's increasing recognition that human rights education—promoting respect for human dignity, equality and participation in democratic decision-making—contributes to long-term peace.

The World Programme is comprised of several phases, the first of which focuses on the national integration of HRE in primary and secondary school systems (2005-2009).

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Panel Composition

1. *"UNESCO project for promoting human rights and democracy education in Albania"*

by UNESCO (Jun Morohashi, Programme Specialist, Section for the Promotion of Rights and Values in Education)

Objectives

- To provide information on the World Programme for Human Rights Education, as well as the follow-up and support mechanism (UNIACC);
- To discuss possible ways of promoting Human Rights Education at the national level.

2. *"Partnership with civil society actors in promoting human rights education"*

by Betty Makoni, founder and director of the Girl Child Network (Zimbabwe) and member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, with UN-AIDS Secretariat (Jason Sigurdson, Programme Officer, Human Rights and Law)

3. *"Development, implementation and impact of the Human Rights programme on the class and school environment in UNRWA schools"*

by UNRWA (Kabir Shaikh, Director, Department of Education)

4. *"Strengthening networks and partnerships at the national level through the Programme SCREAM (Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media)"*

by ILO (Maria Gabriella Lay, Programme Manager for the Global Campaign to Raise Awareness and Understanding on Child Labour, International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour, IPEC)

Support Documentation

- The Plan of Action for the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education
- HRE related publications of UNIACC member agencies
- Information about the World Programme for Human Rights Education and the UNIACC can be found at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/education/training/programme.htm>

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Room 3

Simultaneous Interpretation: English and French