
Day of General Discussion 2007: Resources for the Rights of the Child

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to devote its next day of general discussion to the theme of **resources for the rights of the child - responsibility of States** which will focus on investments for the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights of children (CRC article 4). The meeting will take place at the Palais Wilson in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday, 21 September 2007 from 10:00-18:00.

The meeting is open to representatives of non-governmental organisations, children and their organisations/networks, UN programmes and agencies, governments and other interested individuals, experts and organisations. An outline of the issues to be discussed is available here.

NGO contributions

NGOs and children are invited to submit written contributions on the themes mentioned above to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as soon as possible. The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a maximum of seven pages. Although documents may be submitted in English, French or Spanish, they will not be translated into the other languages. Oral contributions from NGOs are also welcome during the day itself but should be limited to interventions in the debate rather than formal statements. Guidelines and additional information will be available shortly on the OHCHR website at <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/discussion.htm>.

Written contributions should be sent electronically to CRCGeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org.
Submission deadline: **25 June 2007**.

NGO submissions to the 2007 Day of General Discussion will be posted on CRIN's website as they become available.

Registration

As the meeting is open to the public, written invitations will not be issued by the United Nations or the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

For security reasons and due to limited space, attendance at the meeting requires advance registration. Please note that there is no funding available for travel expenses either from the United Nations or the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and no assistance can be given for visas, travel or accommodation arrangements.

Registration deadline: **15 August 2007**. To register, please complete the registration form before this date. Registration forms will be available soon at <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/docs/day-register.doc>

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12603>

More information

For registration and to submit written contributions, please contact:

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Report from the Youth Drug Summit - the Queensland Premier's forum on young people, alcohol and drugs.

The forum included a great presentation by 5 groups of young people. Also, David Murray the Executive Director of Youth Substance Abuse Services Victoria presented the model which has successfully been implemented in Victoria.

The model has a strong Youth Work component.