

Civil Society Days 2016, 8-9 December, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Special rapporteurs report on children

Special rapporteur	
Name of rapporteur	Roula Hamati
1. Children in Migration in Working Sessions	
<p>Across the sessions, how much attention was given to realities of children in migration, and in what way? What was missing? Where was their energy? You can either share a general impression, and/or fill in some bullets per thematic track</p>	
<u>General observations</u>	An analysis of the multiple realities of children in migration was apparent in the discussions which took place in the various sessions.
Theme 1: Doing protection of migrant workers	<p>In the session on protection of migrant workers centered on the negative impact that bad recruitment practices and labor rights violations of workers have on children and families in countries of origin and who are affected by migration in terms of denying them their basic human rights. The need to include a child's perspective in the discussion on migrant worker's labor rights was also highlighted.</p> <p>It was also noted that children who cross international borders in search of employment, not necessarily through formal recruitment channels, are severely exploited in destination countries in worst forms of child labor.</p>
Theme 2: Doing protection of migrants on the move	During the second session on protecting migrants in all crises, transit and at the borders, participants flagged the fact that children on move lack transnational protection. And as a result we saw the creation of a special discussion group which looked at protection needs of children and women.
Theme 3: Doing inclusive development	Youths have a pivotal role to play in reducing xenophobia and racism, as fostering communication between youths from host communities and migrant youths contributes towards building mutual understanding and highlights shared views and values and contributes to eroding prejudices and fear.
Theme 4: Doing global governance better	Participants in this discussion group highlighted the fact that in certain migration corridors, migrant children are the largest group of victims of violence and unjust treatment- including the deportation of children born in the country of destination. The group noted that forceful return of children constitutes a violation of the rights of the child including family rights and the best interest determination.

	Concerns were also raised about the participation of youths in policy making at the local and regional levels. Involving youth in policy making was also proposed as a way to address the root causes of youths migration.
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2. Time for Action

Did you identify any actions steps coming out of the working or special sessions related to children in migration

Action 1	Systematically apply the 9 recommended principles to guide actions concerning children on the move and other children affected by migration ¹ .
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Action 2	By 15 th January send to info@terredeshommes.org inputs on the draft 2 nd edition of bridging documents (December 2016) shared and partly discussed at the CSD GFMD ² .
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Action 3	Develop frameworks to protect stateless children from detention.
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Action 4	Collect data on children and family members who are left behind as part of pre-existing data collection efforts on migration in countries of destination. This will contribute to a more in-depth understanding of migration.
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Priority messages to convey to governments by the CSD Chair on 10 December

If you could choose one or **two key messages** to be conveyed by the civil society CSD Chair in his report to states on the 10th of December, which would these be?

The two key messages that are to be conveyed to the Civil Society chair are:

- A child is a child regardless of their situation and thus children are the link between the two global compacts. Children and other vulnerable populations should be put at the heart of the Global Compacts and migration policies in general. Vertical discussions about children are not enough but a crosscutting discussion of children issues across all migration discussions is needed. A children perspective should be bridged across all discussions.
- Apply the 9 recommended principles³ to guide actions concerning children on the move and other children affected for the rights of children on who are on the move and ensure the application of a monitoring mechanism to track change.

4. Inspiring quotes

If you like, please provide a few **quotes** that you heard during the sessions that you found inspiring. The sessions follow Chatham House rules, so please either ask for approval to name the speaker/organization or put “anonymous”.

“ I believe in inclusive discussion between generations. I believe in preparing the future generations” – In “Believing in impossible things” – 8th December – Connecting civil society action – Ignacio Packer

5. Other information

You can provide any other information here that you deem relevant

¹ <http://principlesforcom.jimdo.com/>

² <http://destination-unknown.org/child-rights-bridging-papers-2nd-edition/>; <http://madenetwork.org/documents>

³ <http://principlesforcom.jimdo.com/>

The bridging documents are looking at different points of the 5-year Action Plan for Collaboration from a child rights perspective. As in 2015, with the inputs received during the CSD GFMD 2016 and leaving time until 15th January 2017, they will be outputs of the CSD GFMD 2016.