

Launch of the World Appeal for childhood

PROGRAMME

WORLD APPEAL
to a new



mobilization
FOR CHILDHOOD

1989-2009 20th anniversary of the United Nations
Convention on the Rights of the Child

GENEVA, JUNE 4th 2009

FIRST PART

9h00-17h00

International Conference

Centre of Geneva

17, rue de Varembe

Geneva

SECOND PART

18h30-20h00

Palais des Nations

Geneva

Interpretation in English - French - Spanish

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International Conference Centre: 10h00-17h00

➤9.00-9.45 Welcome and registration of participants

Moderator of the day: Mrs. Dominique GOUMARD-DEMBINSKI, Editor, International Geneva Yearbook

Opening session

➤10.00-10.30

- Address of Mr. Yves MARIE-LANOË, President of Bice
- Address of Mr. Manuel TORNARE, Mayor of Geneva
- Address of Mgr. Silvano TOMASI, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations

➤10.30-11.30

The rights of the child: a global issue – How has the Convention on the Rights of the Child changed our view on childhood?

Chairperson: Mrs Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

Interventions

- Mr. Adolfo PEREZ ESQUIVEL, Nobel Peace Prize, Director, Peace and Justice Service, *Argentina*
- Mrs. Tith DAVY, Director, Operation Children of Cambodia, *Cambodia*
- Mr. Nodari HANANASHVILI, Deputy General Director, Enlightenment Fund, *Russian Federation*
- Mrs. Marie-Thérèse MULANGA, President, National Association of Social Educators, Member of Bice Governing Board, *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Dialogue with the room

➤11.30-11.40 Comments of the Rapporteur: Mr. Norberto LIWSKI, former Vice-President of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

➤11.40-12.30

First Round Table

Forms of violence against children – Which perspectives to restore their rights and their dignity?

Chairperson: Mrs. Claire BRISSET, Former Child Defender, *France*, expert for the International Organization of la Francophonie on the rights of the child, Ombudsman of the City of Paris

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Interventions

- Mrs. Sylvie MANSOUR, Technical Assistant in mental health to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, *Palestine*, **Physical and psychological traumas of children involved in armed conflicts**

- Mr. Désiré KOUKOUI, Director, Bice-Côte d'Ivoire projects and programs, *Ivory Coast*, **Economic and sexual exploitation in child trafficking**

- Mr. Patrice MEYER-BISCH, Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Institute of Ethics and Human Rights and of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy, University of Fribourg, *Switzerland*,

Cultural filiation, first resource of peace

Dialogue with the room

➤12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

➤13.30–15.00

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Chairperson: Mr. Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Nobel Peace Prize

- **Official Launch of the Appeal**

**Mrs. Marguerite BARANKITSE, Patron of the Appeal,
President, Maison Shalom, Burundi introduces the Appeal**
accompanied by:

- Mrs. Adriana BORDARAMPE, Commission of Lay Apostolate and of Family Pastoral, *Argentina*

- Mr. Dominic Xavier LOURDUNATHAL, President, Reaching the Unreached Trust, *India*

- Mr. Ernest MILLER, Director of Education and Formation, Lassalian Mission, *United States*

- Mrs. Monique SCHERRER, Editor in chief, Bayard Presse, *France*

Interventions

- **The Appeal: Which impact on the institutional work and on the field?**

- Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Switzerland*

- Dr. Najat M'JID, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, *Morocco*

- Mrs. Irada PARAJULI GAUTAM, President, Aawaj, *Nepal*

- **The Appeal: the beginning of a process**

- Mr. Clodoveo PIAZZA, Responsible of the programs to combat poverty in Mozambique, Society of Jesus, Member of Bice Governing Board

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➤15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

➤15.30–16.40

Second Round Table

The right to education: a guarantee for the integral development of the child

Chairperson: Mrs. Florence BRUCE, Program Director, OAK Foundation

Interventions

- Mrs. Elvira NICORA, President, Fundación Emmanuel, *Argentina*, **The family, the first educator of the child**
- Mr. Ernest MILLER, Director of Education and Formation, Lassalian Mission, *United States*, **Right to education and freedom of teaching**
- Mr. Alejandro CUSSIANOVITCH, IFEJANT, *Peru*, **Child labour against the right to education?**
- Prof. Emmanuel DECAUX, Professor of International Public Law, University Panthéon Assas, Paris II and Member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, *France*, **Right to education and human rights education: the role of the United Nations**
- Prof. Jean-Bernard MARIE, Research Director at the CNRS, University of Strasbourg, *France*, **The right to education: common targets and cultural diversity**

Dialogue with the room

➤16.40-17.00

Conclusion

Mr. Norberto LIWSKI, Former Vice- President of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

PALAIS DES NATIONS : 18h30-20h00

- **Inauguration of the photo exhibition *Hope and Dignity for Each Child***, organised by Bice, Fondation d'Auteuil and Fondation pour l'Enfance
- **Presentation of the winning works of the contest *Tell me your rights***, organised by Fondation d'Auteuil in partnership with Bice
- **Presentation of the winning models of the contest *Building the human rights house*** organised by the Association Regards d'Enfants.

Interventions

- Mgr. Silvano Tomasi, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva
- Mrs. Alexandra Veleva, International Organization of la Francophonie
- Mr. Charles Beer, member of the State Council of the Republic and Canton of Geneva in charge of the Department of public education
- Mrs. Marie Françoise de Tassigny, Delegate to early childhood affairs, City of Geneva
- S.A.I.R. Archiduc Carl Christian of Austria, Bice Committee of Honor
- Mrs. Brigitte Kahn, President, Association Regards d'Enfants
- Mr. François Content, Director General, Fondation d'Auteuil
- Mr. Yves Marie-Lanoë, President of Bice

Marguerite Barankitse

Patron of the WORLD APPEAL TO A NEW MOBILIZATION FOR CHILDHOOD



« Children must learn how to write other lines than the ones of bitterness and violence. They must become hope-builders. » Marguerite Barankitse

On 25 October 1993, one of the worst days of the interethnic conflict in Burundi, Marguerite Barankitse hosts 25 children saving their life. In 1994, in Ruyigi, in a space offered by the Bishop, she sets up a school that will be transformed in a shelter for children, "Maison Shalom".

In the aftermath, she organizes, a network that has already supported more than 20 000 Hutu and Tutsi children. The scale of her action, her courage and her constant concern to promote the dignity and the rights of the child have granted her wide recognition.

1998 : Human Rights Prize by the French government

2003 : World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child

2004 : Voices of Courage Award

2004 : Nansen Prize for Refugees