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Sustainable
Development Goals



Webinars



April 7, 2016

ICPNC Annual General Meeting

The ICPNC Annual General Meeting was held on February 25, 2016 at UNICEF Toronto. The full-day program was divided into two sections: a strategic planning meeting in the morning followed by consultations on the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (GPEVAC) in the afternoon.

During the morning session, members assessed the network's main achievements and challenges against the priorities outlined in the 2015 work plans. After consideration of strengths and lessons learned, participants explored ideas for the 2016 thematic focus. Then, through a consultative process, members voted the 2016 theme to be the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Members also discussed proposed changes to the governance structure, working group roles, decision-making and communication processes. The emphasis was on how best to apply lessons learned to reinforce network objectives and facilitate the move to the 2030 Global Development Agenda.

Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children

The afternoon GPEVAC consultation session was facilitated by Save the Children Canada and UNICEF Canada, and it included a discussion with a representative of Global Affairs Canada and member of the GPEVAC Interim Advisory Group.

The facilitators presented on the background and context of the partnership, the outline of the Zero Draft Strategy and the format for the consultation. The feedback from participants was then translated into an official submission from Canadian civil society to the GPEVAC, noting that the submission report reflects the general discussion and does not assign specific comments to participating individuals or organizations.

[The report can be found here.](#)

ICPNC-led Canadian Civil Society Reponse

Ensure that the protection sector does not cause direct or indirect harm to children and young people

Mainstream child-centred approaches that ensure that children play active and meaningful roles across all levels of the Partnership

Include gender as an additional stand-alone principle and expand on the mandate of the Partnership in addressing gender-based violence.

Sustainable Development Goals and Child Protection



The SDGs make significant strides in advancing an equitable and inclusive 2030 Global Development Agenda. They recognize that children are central to sustainable development and that inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection are interrelated and interdependent.

Consequently, almost all the goals are directly related to children or will contribute to their health, education and well-being indirectly. Specific goals and targets on reducing child poverty, ending violence against children and reducing inequality include:

4: Quality Education

Strengthens the MDGs by including commitments on early childhood development, learning outcomes, youth and adult literacy, as well as technical and vocational skills for employment.

5: Gender Equality

Builds on the MDGs by recognizing the value of unpaid work and explicitly mentioning all forms of violence and all harmful practices against women and girls, such as sexual violence, trafficking, exploitation, child marriage and female genital cutting

16: Peace and Justice

Addresses an important omission from the MDGs by including targets on reducing all forms of violence against children, ending abuse, trafficking and exploitation, and institutionalizing birth registration practices.

The full report on the SDGs is available here.

CSWG Webinar

On April 7, 2016 the CSWG hosted a webinar on Child Safeguarding in International Sport. The webinar provided a comprehensive overview of key child safeguarding in sport safeguards, challenges and considerations within the child and sport context. Facilitated by Dr. Daniel Rhind and Frank Owusu-Sekyere from Brunel University in the United Kingdom, presentations were grounded in their three-year research project on International Standards for Safeguarding Children in Sport.



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To illustrate key issues and best practices, Daniel and Frank drew on results from on-going evaluations of a diverse and representative sample of child and youth-centred sports and sports for development organisations around the world. An in-depth case study also highlighted similarities and differences across different regions and cultural contexts.

Discussions centred on ways to develop and implement appropriate sport-specific safeguarding policies and procedures in consultation with children, families and communities.



To provide further support and advice, the facilitators presented several tools and resources namely: an innovative Child Pillars Model outlining eight universal pillars for success that can be adapted and tailored to local contexts; a self-audit tool to assist with monitoring and evaluation efforts; and a practical implementation guide that will be published at the end of the project to help inform the development and implementation of appropriate sports safeguards for children.

More information on:

The webinar and safeguarding resources can be found [here](#)



The Brunel International Research Network for Athlete Welfare (BIRNAW) can be found [here](#)

The International Child Safeguarding in Sport Founders Project can be found [here](#)

EVENTS

ICPNC Summer Social Event

All ICPNC members are invited to attend the summer social event. This inaugural event will offer valuable opportunities for reconnecting and networking. It is also an opportunity to thank members for all the hard work and collaboration we have enjoyed in the first half of 2016. Details will be circulated as soon as they become available.

Conference on Adolescence, Youth and Gender: Building Knowledge for Change

This conference will promote dialogue and critical reflection on the latest evidence, paradigms, concepts and approaches to adolescence, youth and gender in international development and consider the implications for policy and programming. The conference will take place on September 8-9, 2016 at the University of Oxford. Registration has opened for presenters of accepted papers. General registration will open in early May 2016.

UNGA High-level Thematic Debate: Achieving the SDGs

On April 21, 2016 global political, business and civil society leaders will gather in New York to focus on kick-starting the implementation of the SDGs. The Paris Climate Agreement will be signed on April 22, 2016 so the event will also address the synergies between the COP21 and the 2030 Agenda.

ICPNC Steering Committee Meeting Notice

The ICPNC Steering Committee is scheduled to meet in the second quarter of 2016. ICPNC members are encouraged to attend and contribute to governance decisions. Meeting details will be circulated as soon as they become available.

IMPORTANT DATES



Key Publications

News

Guide for Implementing Child Safeguarding in Sport

A practical implementation guide for safeguarding children in sport that is based on research conducted by Dr. Daniel Rhind and his team will be published in 2016

GPEVAC Updated Zero Draft Strategy

The GP EVAC consultations were part of a global series being held January-March 2016. Feedback will be reviewed and used to inform an updated strategy to be published June 2016.

Report on Violence, Children and Organized Crime

The report identifies the leading factors that make the Americas the region with the highest rates of violence in the world. It analyzes how children and adolescents are affected by different forms of violence in their communities, especially acts committed by members of armed groups and agents of the State.

Fairness for Children: A League Table of Inequality in Child Well-being in Rich Countries.

The report analyzes inequality in forty-one high-income countries and examines how far children are falling behind on various dimensions of income, education, health, and life satisfaction.

ABOUT US

We believe that all children have an absolute right to be safe from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation. We work together to protect children, advance children's rights and promote the safe, meaningful and appropriate participation of children in child protection programs.

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