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1. Global Development on Children and Human's Rights

[Nouvelles] L'Unicef et le HCR se félicitent de la directive de l'UE visant à protéger les enfants migrants et réfugiés

12 avril 2017 - Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (Unicef) et le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) se sont félicités mercredi de la nouvelle directive politique de la Commission européenne concernant la protection des enfants migrants et réfugiés.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

[Nouvelles] L'ONU nomme Malala Yousafzai Messagère de la paix de l'ONU sur l'éducation des filles

10 avril 2017 - La jeune Pakistanaise Malala Yousafzai, militante des droits des femmes et Prix Nobel de la paix, a été nommée lundi Messagère de la paix de l'ONU sur la question de l'éducation des filles.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

[News] US cut to United Nations Population Fund 'devastating' for vulnerable

April 4th 2017 - The US has been warned its decision to withdraw its support from the United Nations Population Fund will be a disaster for the world's most vulnerable families.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

[News] 25 million children out of school in conflict zones

April 24th 2017 - More than 25 million children between 6 and 15 years old, or 22 per cent of children in that age group, are missing out on school in conflict zones across 22 countries, UNICEF said today.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)



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[Nouvelles] Services de médias dans l'UE: des règles identiques sur la télévision et internet pour mieux protéger les enfants

25 avril 2017 - Les enfants devraient bénéficier de la même protection, qu'ils regardent la télévision, une vidéo partagée sur le web ou un film diffusé sur internet, ont déclaré les députés mardi.

[Article complet](#) (Parlement européen)

[News] Gordon Brown: Global education is 'the civil rights struggle of our time'

April 22nd 2017 - Ensuring every child has access to education is "the civil rights struggle of our time," according to former United Kingdom Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

[Full article](#) (DEVEX)

[News] Global recession and austerity hit children in high-income countries

April 13th 2017 - Nearly ten years after the first financial shock waves rippled through the world economy, generating a global recession, the track record of high income countries in protecting children from its worst effects, is mixed.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

[Nouvelles] Pédopornographie sur WhatsApp: un réseau international démantelé

18 avril 2017 - Ces personnes arrêtées par Europol et Interpol sont soupçonnées d'appartenir à un large réseau qui communiquait des contenus pédopornographiques sur WhatsApp. Les pédophiles présumés étaient implantés dans plusieurs pays, dont l'Allemagne, l'Italie, le Portugal, l'Espagne, l'Argentine, le Mexique, la Colombie, ou encore le Pérou.

[Article complet](#) (L'Express)



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[News] New series of research methods briefs to strengthen evidence on adolescence

April 10th 2017 - The world is home to 1.2 billion adolescents: the largest cohort of this age-group in history. Adolescence is a critical period of cognitive, emotional, physical and sexual development with consequences that stretch far into adulthood.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

[News] Unicef Call for papers on social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement

April 7th 2017 - Humanitarian challenges of protracted fragility and conflict-related crises, and the recent unprecedented migration and refugee movement around the globe, underscore the need to break down the barriers between humanitarian and development work.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

[News] Child online rights and privacy in focus at major conference in Brussels

April 5th 2017 - A major conference on digital rights in Brussels has attracted over 1,500 people from 500 organisations including members of government, NGOs, policy makers, development practitioners and researchers.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

[News] Save The Children and Unicef discuss 'understanding pathways' to prevent violence

April 4th 2017 - As the first stage of the Multi-Country Study of the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children draws to a close an important consultation has been organized by UNICEF Innocenti and Save the Children to review current findings and chart the next stage of the study.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)



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[Nouvelles] De la formation supplémentaire sur les agressions sexuelles pour les juges ontariens?

10 avril 2017 - La juge en chef de la Cour de justice de l'Ontario réfléchit à ce qui pourrait être fait pour parfaire la formation des juges sur la question des agressions sexuelles, selon le procureur général Yasir Naqvi.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[News] SDG Advocates Address Children's Rights, PPPs

April 11th 2017 - UN Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana, to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Advocates Group, replacing former Ghanaian president John Mahama. Akufo-Addo will serve as co-chair alongside Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway, until the end of 2018.

[Full article](#) (SDG knowledge hub)

[News] Child refugees in Europe 'forced to sell bodies' to pay smugglers

April 18th 2017 - Governments urged to end 'most heinous human rights violation' as report finds widespread sexual exploitation of migrant children in Greece.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

[Nouvelles] Quand lutter contre la maltraitance des enfants en institution passe par la bientraitance des professionnels

21 avril 2017 - Dans les milieux professionnels, la maltraitance institutionnelle semble parfois difficile à aborder. Toutefois, lorsqu'un cas de violence avérée à l'encontre d'enfants pris en charge institutionnellement éclate au grand jour, les réactions sont vives et ne se font pas attendre.

[Article complet](#) (Institut international des droits de l'enfant)



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[Briefing] Financing Learning for Every Last Child

April 18th 2017 - Education is a human right and a critical stepping stone for development and prosperity for individuals and for society. World leaders have promised to ensure every girl and boy will learn from a quality education. This is a bold and important promise. Without it, we will not even come close eradicating poverty or reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Without a step change in financing education now, we will fail the next generation of children.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Formation – IBCR : Protection internationale et comparée des droits de l'enfant

Le cours d'été sur la protection internationale et comparée des droits de l'enfant vise à exposer les étudiant(e)s à différentes dimensions du travail de protection des droits de l'enfant – juridique, politique, sécuritaire, administrative – et à diverses problématiques auxquelles les intervenants sur le terrain sont confrontés (exploitation sexuelle des enfants, détention des mineurs, travail des enfants, enfants associés aux forces et aux groupes armés, santé mentale des enfants, éducation des filles, etc.).

Location: Université du Québec à Montréal - Canada

Date: 3, 10, 17, 24 et 31 mai, 7 et 14 juin 2017

[For more information](#) (Bureau international des droits des enfants)

Event – Joint ACPF & Graça Machel Trust launch and advocacy event: The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2016

The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) issued its biennially flagship report series, the African Report on Child Wellbeing, entitled "Getting It Right: Bridging the gap between policy and practice" and was launched in Dakar in December 2016. The African Report on Child Wellbeing 2016 was published in French and English to expand outreach to both Francophone and Anglophone countries. Following the launch of the French version in Dakar, the launching and advocacy event to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, is a collaborative initiative of ACPF and



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Graca Machel Trust intended to serve as a launching pad of report to the English speaking Africa and further publicize its main findings and also a platform for advocacy to promote greater commitment for effective implementation of the rights of children in Africa.

Location: Johannesburg- South Africa

Date: 12 mai 2017

[For more information](#) (The African Child Information Hub)

Training – Children at the heart of human rights

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) and the Centre for Children's Rights Studies (CCR - UNIGE) have the great pleasure to announce the launch of the Summer School 2017 "Children at the heart of human rights". This training in English will take place at the University of Geneva from 6 June to 16 June, 2017.

Location: University of Geneva – Switzerland

Date: June 6th-16th 2017

Registration deadline: May 1st 2017

[For more information](#) (Geneva Summer School)

Conference – Access to Justice for Children Conference: Child Rights in Action

This is an innovative, multi-disciplinary Conference (an international award winner in 2015) that will share the latest law, knowledge and practice tips to help you better support children affected by justice and administrative decision-making.

Location: Vancouver - Canada

Date: May 11th-12th 2017

[For more information](#) (The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia)



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Conference – 6th Conference on Child Rights & Sight

Distressed Children and Infants (DCI) holds its International Conference on Child Rights & Sight to raise awareness on child rights, including child labor and diseases that affect vision. The event gathers world-class speakers and leaders to address these pressing issues and discuss creative solutions.

Location: Yale University – New Haven -USA

Date: October 14th 2017

[For more information](#) (Distressed Children and Infants)

Appel de propositions – 8e Conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains à Montréal, Canada

La conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains (CIEDH) est le forum des praticiens, décideurs et universitaires pour explorer les solutions aux défis mondiaux par l'éducation. Cette conférence de 3,5 jours rassemblera 300 participants du monde entier pour des ateliers pratiques et des sessions de travail présentant les derniers outils, le savoir et les meilleures pratiques en matière d'éducation aux droits humains.

Emplacement: Montréal - Canada

Date: 30 novembre – 3 décembre 2017

[For more information](#) (Equitas)

3. Subregional and Country Updates

Burkina Faso – Un militaire français jugé mardi pour des agressions sexuelles au Burkina

17 avril 2017 – Un soldat français des forces spéciales, soupçonné d'attouchements sexuels sur deux fillettes franco-burkinabè de trois et cinq ans en 2015 quand il était en mission au Burkina Faso, sera jugé mardi au tribunal correctionnel de Paris.

[Article complet](#) (Jeune Afrique)



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Democratic Republic of the Congo – Discovery of more mass graves reveal 'unfolding horror' in DR Congo

April 19th 2017 – Raising alarm over increasing reports of serious human rights violations in the Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental provinces of Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations human rights chief underscored that the scale and nature of the allegations could warrant an investigation by an international mechanism, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC).

[Full article](#) (UN News Centre)

Democratic Republic of the Congo – 1.5 million children affected by violence in Kasai region of Democratic Republic of Congo

April 21st 2017 – The crisis in the Greater Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is having a devastating impact on children, UNICEF warned today. More than 1.5 million children, including 600,000 who have already been displaced from their homes, are at risk due to the extreme violence.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

Kenya, Ghana, Malawi – Milliers d'enfants traités contre le paludisme

24 avril 2017 – Le vaccin antipaludique le plus avancé, mais à l'efficacité limitée, va être testé pour la première fois à grande échelle au Kenya, au Ghana et au Malawi.

[Article complet](#) (Tribune de Genève)



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Nigéria, Niger, Cameroun, Tchad – L'Unicef alerte sur le nombre croissant d'enfants entre les mains de Boko Haram

12 avril 2017 – De plus en plus d'enfants sont utilisés par le groupe islamiste Boko Haram. C'est le constat alarmant que fait l'Unicef sur la situation dans la région du lac Tchad. Le nombre d'enfants kamikazes a triplé en trois mois.

[Article complet](#) (Radio France internationale)

Nigéria – Au Nigeria, «Bring Back our Girls» n'oublie pas les lycéennes de Chibok

15 avril 2017 – Cela fait trois ans - depuis le 14 avril 2014 - que 195 jeunes filles de Chibok au Nigeria sont détenues par des membres du groupe armé Boko Haram. Tout au long de ce vendredi 14 avril, des événements commémoratifs se sont déroulés autour des lycéennes de Chibok à Abuja, mais aussi, pour la première fois, à Maiduguri dans le nord du pays. A Lagos, le collectif « Bring Back our Girls » a organisé une veillée de prière.

[Article complet](#) (Radio France internationale)

Somalia – In drought-hit Somalia, children also face potentially deadly measles threat

April 25th 2017 – Almost 30,000 young children, many of them displaced by a searing drought, are being vaccinated against measles this week in an emergency campaign in Baidoa, a town at the heart of one of Somalia's hardest-hit areas.

[Full article](#) (Relief Web)



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South Africa – Free Primary Education Still Out of Reach in South Africa

April 13th 2017 – No child should be denied their right to learn because of poverty. Two years ago, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which states that primary education should be free and compulsory for all, came into force in South Africa. The Covenant requires governments that do not already provide free primary education to at least have a proper action plan in place to make primary education free to all children.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

South Sudan – Conditions in South Sudan's Unity state expected to deteriorate with coming rainy season

April 19th 2017 – As it delivers lifesaving services and vaccinations to thousands of the most hard-to-reach people in famine hit South Sudan's Unity state, Save the Children's Emergency Health Unit has warned conditions will deteriorate further with the coming rainy season.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

South Sudan, Chad – 25 million children out of school in conflict zones

April 24th 2017 – More than 25 million children between 6 and 15 years old, or 22 per cent of children in that age group, are missing out on school in conflict zones across 22 countries, UNICEF said today.

[Full article](#) (Relief Web)

Uganda – Uganda Ends Its Hunt for Joseph Kony Empty-Handed

April 20th 2017 – Uganda began withdrawing its entire contingent of 1,500 soldiers from the Central African Republic this week, effectively ending the hunt for the warlord Joseph Kony and his guerrilla group, the Lord's Resistance Army.

[Full Article](#) (The New York Times)



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Uganda – US will keep fighting Lord's Resistance Army after all

April 21st 2017 – The United States will continue to train local forces in the fight against the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group active in central Africa, tempering the announcement last month that the U.S. would withdraw its troops from the region.

[Full article](#) (Chicago Tribune)