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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[Nouvelle] Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants portés disparus

31 janvier 2016 – Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants non accompagnés ont disparu en Europe sur les 18 à 24 derniers mois, a affirmé dimanche l'agence de coordination policière Europol, craignant que nombre d'entre eux soient exploités, notamment sexuellement, par le crime organisé.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Des scientifiques autorisés à manipuler des embryons humains au Royaume-Uni

1^{er} février 2016 – Des scientifiques ont été autorisés à manipuler, pour la première fois au Royaume-Uni, des embryons humains à des fins de recherche, a annoncé lundi l'autorité britannique de la fertilisation humaine et de l'embryologie, la HFEA.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[News] EU police issue warning on lost child refugees

February 1st, 2016 – More than 10,000 child refugees are missing in the EU, with authorities fearing criminal gangs may be exploiting a large number for sex work and slave labour. The EU's police agency Europol on Sunday (31 January) told British newspaper The Observer that thousands vanished after having been registered with state authorities.

[Full Article](#) (EU Observer)

[Nouvelle] Virus Zika : une urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale

1^{er} février 2016 – L'organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) a qualifié lundi d'« urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale » l'épidémie du virus Zika, soupçonné de causer des malformations congénitales, le Brésil déconseillant dans la foulée aux femmes enceintes de venir aux JO cet été.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)



[Nouvelle] Club de pédophiles : un 14^e suspect arrêté

2 février 2016 – Un 14^e suspect a été arrêté dans le cadre de l'opération « Malaise » de la Sûreté du Québec, qui visait le démantèlement d'un club de pédophiles la semaine dernière. Richard Lévesque, 57 ans, a été cueilli samedi par les policiers, à son retour de Cuba, où il était en voyage. Originaire de la région de Québec, son adresse officielle dans les documents de cour indique qu'il habiterait présentement à Gatineau, près de deux écoles secondaires.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] L'OMS crée une unité de réponse globale contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – L'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) a annoncé mardi la création d'une «unité de réponse globale» au virus Zika, présent pour l'instant en Amérique du Sud, mais qui pourrait s'étendre rapidement à l'Afrique et à l'Asie.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : de plus en plus d'enfants arrivent par la mer

2 février 2016 – Les enfants constituent aujourd'hui plus d'un tiers des migrants passant par la mer de Turquie en Grèce, une proportion en forte hausse, s'est alarmé l'UNICEF mardi.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se noient au large des côtes de la Turquie

2 février 2016 – ANKARA, Turquie – Au moins neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se sont apparemment noyés mardi quand leur embarcation a coulé au large des côtes de la Turquie. L'agence de presse privée Dogan rapporte que la tragédie s'est produite près de la ville côtière de Seferihisar, sur la mer Égée et à proximité de l'île grecque de Samos. Deux migrants ont été secourus et 11 autres auraient réussi à rejoindre la rive par leurs propres moyens. Aucune confirmation officielle n'était disponible.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)



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[Nouvelle] Sanofi Pasteur veut développer un vaccin contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – PARIS – La firme pharmaceutique française Sanofi Pasteur a annoncé mardi qu'elle s'attaque dès maintenant au développement d'un vaccin contre le virus Zika, au lendemain de l'annonce par l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé que la propagation exponentielle de la maladie représente une urgence sanitaire mondiale.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)

[News] Taliban Gun Down 10-Year-Old Militia Hero in Afghanistan

February 2nd, 2016 – The Afghan government declared Wasil Ahmad a hero for leading a militia's defense against a Taliban siege last year, parading him in front of cameras in a borrowed police uniform too big for him. On Monday, the Taliban triumphantly announced that they had assassinated him with two bullets to the head.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] En prenant la pose du petit Aylan, Ai Weiwei prend position

3 février 2016 – Réalisé par un photographe d'India Today, repris partout, le cliché d'Ai Weiwei étendu sur les galets d'une plage de Lesbos (Grèce) suscite depuis sa publication, le 1er février, un flot de réactions. Certaines, indignées, accusent Ai Weiwei de chercher à être en permanence au premier plan de l'actualité. Il l'est, en effet, comme l'est Banksy quand il prend position pour les migrants de Calais. Il l'est parce que c'est là tout l'enjeu de son acte, dont la violence est proportionnée à l'horreur de la situation.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Sweden under pressure to vet age of young refugees with medical tests

February 3rd, 2016 – Under huge strain from an influx of unaccompanied children seeking asylum, the Swedish government faces political pressure to undertake medical tests like X-rays to vet the age of young refugees despite opposition from doctors and lawyers.

[Full Article](#) (Globe and Mail)



[Nouvelle] Fugueuses exploitées – Ce sont des filles qui en recrutent d'autres

4 février 2016 – Oubliez le cliché du beau gars appartenant à un gang de rue qui stationne sa voiture de luxe devant le centre jeunesse pour recruter des prostituées mineures : ce recrutement se fait de plus en plus par des filles qui, par le truchement de Facebook, peuvent être présentes absolument partout.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Opinion] Its Genital Genocide

February 4th, 2016 – Like many young girls, Leyla Hussein didn't learn that she was going to have to undergo female genital mutilation until the day she was cut. She was born in Somalia and raised in Saudi Arabia and Italy but moved back to her homeland, where cutting is common, at age seven. "It was actually my next door neighbor's daughter that told me when I realized there was a big party taking place in the house," Leyla says. "She was telling me part of my vagina was going to be taken away. While she's explaining I could hear this screaming inside of the house, which was my sister being cut."

[Full Article](#) (Kristof blogs, NY Times)

[Nouvelle] La France, mauvaise élève des droits de l'enfant

4 février 2016 – Mineurs étrangers isolés, enfants roms ou handicapés, châtiments corporels, justice pénale... C'est un inventaire à la Prévert peu flatteur que le comité sur les droits de l'enfant de l'ONU (CRC) a publié, jeudi 4 février, sur la France. Vingt pages de recommandations à l'attention du gouvernement, rédigées à l'issue d'un examen auquel se soumettent périodiquement tous les Etats signataires de la convention internationale des droits de l'enfant. Aucun pays ne sort de l'exercice avec les félicitations du jury.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)



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[News] Zika virus sexual transmission case in U.S. raises concern of World Health Organization

February 4th, 2016 – The World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned about a report that the Zika virus had been sexually transmitted in the United States, and has called for further investigation into the mosquito-borne virus linked to birth defects.

[Full Article](#) (CBC News)

[Nouvelle] Entre bénévolat et système D, une école pour les migrants inaugurée dans la jungle de Calais

5 février 2016 – C'est un peu comme une deuxième naissance pour l'école laïque du chemin des Dunes. Après une première – et discrète – inauguration en juillet 2015, la structure d'accueil que font vivre au quotidien, dans la « jungle » de Calais (Pas-de-Calais), une trentaine de bénévoles, s'offre, samedi 6 février, une inauguration officielle. Toujours sans reconnaissance ni moyens de l'éducation nationale, mais avec « l'espoir d'interpeller les pouvoirs publics », souligne Laurence Bernabeu de l'organisation non gouvernementale Solidarité laïque, qui a rassemblé les fonds et coordonné l'événement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU demande aux pays touchés par le virus Zika d'autoriser l'accès à l'avortement

6 février 2016 – L'*Aedes aegypti*, moustique vecteur du virus Zika suspecté d'être responsable de graves malformations cérébrales chez les fœtus, impose un débat politique et moral. Faut-il ou non autoriser les femmes confrontées à ce drame à avorter ? Vendredi 5 février, l'ONU a demandé aux pays touchés par le virus, en majorité en Amérique latine, d'autoriser l'accès des femmes à la contraception et à l'avortement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)



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[News] Priest Abuse Victim Is Suspended From Vatican Panel

February 6th, 2016 – A high-profile Vatican commission on the prevention of child sexual abuse voted on Saturday to temporarily suspend one of its members, an outspoken victim of clerical abuse who accused the church of failing to deliver on its promises of reform and accountability.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] Des étudiants demandent 3,3 milliards pour rendre l'éducation gratuite

8 février 2016 – La plus importante organisation canadienne d'étudiants demande au gouvernement fédéral de financer l'éducation post-secondaire de la même façon que la santé, par des transferts aux provinces, et d'enchâsser formellement cette contribution dans une loi. La Fédération canadienne des étudiants (FCE, hors Québec) demande un projet de loi sur l'éducation post-secondaire qui donnerait au fédéral un rôle accru dans un domaine de compétence provinciale. L'organisation étudiante affirme qu'Ottawa devrait réaffecter l'argent de programmes tels que les régimes enregistrés d'épargne-études dans un transfert annuel aux provinces de 3,3 milliards \$, afin que l'éducation post-secondaire soit gratuite.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Prison à vie pour avoir tué sa fille en l'affamant ou en la noyant

8 février 2016 – Un père de Toronto qui a affamé ou noyé mortellement sa fille il y a deux décennies a été envoyé en prison à vie lundi, après que la Cour eut entendu les déclarations d'impact de trois membres de la famille de la victime. Everton Biddersingh, 60 ans, n'a presque rien dit avant que le juge de la Cour supérieure, Al O'Marra, n'impose la peine pour son crime « horrible ».

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)



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[Nouvelle] Zika nouveau fléau des pauvres

8 février 2016 – Autrefois jeune fille pétillante de la favela, Gleyse Kelly a fait sa première dépression en apprenant sa quatrième grossesse, cinq mois seulement après la naissance de son petit dernier, Nicolas. La seconde dépression est survenue quand la jeune femme a découvert que cet enfant non désiré souffrait de microcéphalie. « Au début, j'ai cru que ce ne serait qu'un bébé avec une toute petite tête. Et puis j'ai regardé sur Internet, et j'ai compris. »

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] 10 quotes on the power of human rights education

February 10th, 2016 – 10 times human rights defenders and activists around the world have reminded us how human rights education makes a difference in protecting people's rights: 1. "Human rights education is much more than a lesson in schools or a theme for a day; it is a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives of security and dignity. On this International Human Rights Day, let us continue to work together to develop and nurture in future generations a culture of human rights, to promote freedom, security and peace in all nations."

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty international)

[News] 10,000 Child Refugees Are Missing

February 10th, 2016 – According to the European police agency Europol, more than 10,000 children who entered Europe during the last two years have disappeared, vanishing through the gaping cracks in Europe's chaotic system for dealing with refugees and migrants. The fear is that many of the missing children have been trafficked into the sex trade by the same organized criminal groups that are profiting handsomely by ferrying refugees into and across Europe.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



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[News] Tracing the Bishops' Culpability in the Child Abuse Scandal

February 11th, 2016 – Pope Francis' commission on the clergy's sexual violation of children had a timely private screening in Rome last week of "Spotlight," the Oscar-nominated film about the pedophilia scandal in Boston. The film offers the Vatican, if it will listen, an emphatic lesson in accountability. It dramatizes the decision by The Boston Globe to do more than enumerate the scope of the scandal by reporting on cases involving scores of abusive priests.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[News] Economic Community of Central African States creates a special fund for health to strengthen its response to AIDS

February 12th, 2016 – Meeting in Libreville, Gabon, on 12 February, the ministers of health of the Economic Community of Central African States launched an ambitious programme to strengthen regional cooperation by establishing a community health fund to reinforce the region's AIDS response. The ministers also decided to improve coordination by setting up a specialized unit to enhance cross-border HIV prevention strategies and by developing a regional mechanism to source antiretroviral medicines on a larger scale. They also adopted a plan to increase the proportion of pregnant women and children receiving antiretroviral medicines.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Inuit women want police, justice officials to offer more protection

February 12th, 2016 – In an effort to ensure recognition of Inuit-specific needs, Inuit women meeting in downtown Ottawa this week say the Liberal government's upcoming national inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women must focus on policing, the justice system, the protection of crime victims and the need across all of Inuit Nunangat for family violence services. And for Pauktuutit, the national Inuit women's organization that's organizing the gathering, this still includes immediate adoption of an action plan to provide for violence prevention and healing in the four regions of Inuit Nunangat.

[Full Article](#) (Nunatsiaq Online)



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[Report] Rights, Remedies and Representation: A Global Report on Access to Justice for Children

February 15th, 2016 – Access to justice is a human right, but it is also what makes other rights a reality. For children’s rights to be more than a promise, there must be a way for those rights to be enforced. Access to justice for children means that children, or their appropriate advocates where applicable, must be able to use and trust the legal system to protect their human rights.

[Full Article](#) (CRIN)

[Nouvelle] Des milliers de demandeurs d'asile emprisonnés au Canada

16 février 2016 – Alors que des milliers de réfugiés syriens sont accueillis à bras ouverts au Canada, d'autres demandeurs d'asile reçoivent un accueil bien différent. Chaque année, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) emprisonne plus de 4000 demandeurs d'asile, dont des centaines d'enfants. L'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU) demande au Canada de changer cette façon de faire, parce qu'elle est souvent contraire au droit international.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)

[Nouvelle] Un nouveau rapport fait écho aux problèmes vécus par les enfants et les jeunes en établissement et en milieu résidentiel

17 février 2016 – Beaucoup de jeunes qui vivent en établissement et en milieu résidentiel éprouvent des sentiments d'isolement, de crainte et de manque d'ancrage ou d'absence de racines, et ont l'impression de ne pas être pris en considération dans les décisions prises au sujet de leur vie, selon un nouveau rapport publié par le Bureau de l'intervenant provincial en faveur des enfants et des jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (News Wire)



[News] The Millennium Development Goals Report: Gender Chart 2015

February 23rd, 2016 – The final edition of the Gender Chart details how women were faring in global progress in 2015, as the MDGs wrap up and the Sustainable Development Goals begin to take their place. The 2015 Gender Chart, an addendum to the UN Secretary General's 2015 Millennium Development Goals Report, tracks how gender equality is impacted across all the MDGs. By looking at the other goals from a gender perspective, the Gender Chart also emphasizes the inter-linkages between the goals and gender equality and women's empowerment, in making progress on development and in achieving the MDGs.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Nouvelle] Un camp pour filles s'attire les foudres de parents

23 février 2016 – « Tu feras tourner les têtes ! » Un camp de jour de la région de Québec a réussi à enflammer les réseaux sociaux en proposant aux fillettes dès l'âge de 8 ans un camp intitulé « 100 % look », destiné à « donner du style à leur personnalité » grâce à la coiffure et au maquillage, à « découvrir ce qui est in et out » et à « améliorer leur démarche et leur maintien ».

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Pédophilie : 11 ans de prison en Indonésie pour le Canadien Neil Bantleman

25 février 2016 - La Cour suprême d'Indonésie a annulé l'acquittement d'un enseignant canadien, Neil Bantleman, qui avait été accusé de crimes sexuels sur trois écoliers. L'Ontarien, qui a aussi travaillé à Calgary, et un adjoint, Ferdinand Tjong, qui travaillaient dans la prestigieuse École internationale de Jakarta, devront passer 11 ans en détention, selon ce qu'a aussi décidé la Cour suprême. C'est un an de plus que leur condamnation initiale. Les deux hommes ont de plus été condamnés à payer une amende de 7400 \$ chacun. Neil Bantleman et Ferdinand Tjong avaient été reconnus coupables et condamnés à une peine d'emprisonnement en avril 2015, mais avaient été acquittés par un tribunal supérieur en août dernier. Les procureurs du ministère public avaient peu après fait appel de ces acquittements.

[Article Complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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[Nouvelle] Parents soupçonnés à tort de maltraitance : les droits de certains enfants auraient été lésés

22 février 2016 - Sur 13 plaintes déposées il y a plus de 2 ans, le comité des enquêtes de la Commission identifie 8 lésions de droits dans 6 dossiers. La Commission cite plusieurs articles de la Loi de la protection de la jeunesse « enfreints » par le personnel de Sainte-Justine ou par la Direction de la protection de la jeunesse (DPJ). Dans au moins trois cas, la Commission précise que le personnel de Sainte-Justine a outrepassé sa juridiction en effectuant une partie du travail d'évaluation des signalements, une responsabilité pourtant exclusive à la DPJ.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[News] Indian children trafficked to United States is a reality, says U.S. diplomat

12 February 2016 - SILIGURI, India, Feb 12 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Cases of Indian children being smuggled to the United States are a reality, a U.S. diplomat said on Friday, reacting to a media report that police had busted an international child trafficking racket operating in the southern city of Bengaluru. Police on Tuesday said they had arrested 16 members of a gang suspected of sending at least 25 children from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat illegally to the United States using fake documents in order to acquire visas.

[Full article](#) (Thomas Reuters)

[News] Online Platform For NGOs Provides Real-Time Information To Help End Human Trafficking

18 February 2016 - An online service platform launched Wednesday promises to help combat human trafficking by connecting NGOs and advocates worldwide so they can collaborate and share information in real-time. The Freedom Collaborative lets registered organizations and individual users connect with each other through a news feed, searchable database and private messaging service. “[T]echnology now allows users to strengthen their community and we wanted to bring that to the anti-trafficking sector,” said Julia Macher, platforms product manager at Liberty Asia, the Hong Kong-based anti-slavery charity behind the Freedom Collaborative.

[Full article](#) (Forbes)



[Nouvelle] Libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr : Ottawa retire son appel

18 février 2016 - Le gouvernement fédéral abandonne son appel de la libération sous caution d'Omar Khadr. L'ex-prisonnier de Guantanamo Bay avait été placé en liberté conditionnelle l'an dernier, en attendant le résultat de son appel pour sa condamnation pour crimes de guerre aux États-Unis. « Le gouvernement du Canada respecte la décision de la Cour du Banc de la Reine de l'Alberta, qui a jugé que M. Khadr devait être mis en liberté sous caution au Canada dans l'attente de l'appel de ses déclarations de culpabilité et de sa peine aux États-Unis », a indiqué Ottawa dans un communiqué diffusé mercredi. Le gouvernement libéral se démarque ainsi du précédent gouvernement conservateur, qui s'était opposé à cette libération conditionnelle. Omar Khadr a passé 13 ans derrière les barreaux, dont deux en Alberta, avant d'être libéré sous caution en mai 2015.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[News] Love conquers all? Not for child brides unable to choose sweetheart or spouse

14 February 2016 - As a girl in school, I loved Valentine's Day. I'd make a card, with a boy, my best friend, my mum, or my grandparents in mind, and pop the question: "Will you be my valentine?" As an adult, Valentine's Day is a popular and romantic moment to ask an even bigger question, one with implications and consequences meant to last a lifetime: "My valentine, will you marry me?" At any age, what these sweet rituals share is the freedom to think of one's beloved, and the autonomy to choose them. But on 14 February, [about 37,000 girls](#) will have their bodily integrity and sexual autonomy shattered. They won't be valentines. They will be child brides.

[Full article](#) (The guardian)

Mineures vendues sur Internet

10 février 2016 - Les sites d'annonces sur Internet contribuent à faire de l'exploitation sexuelle une activité criminelle très payante. Les policiers constatent que de nombreuses adolescentes en sont victimes, mais sans pouvoir intervenir rapidement. Le reportage de Tamara Alteresco.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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En Turquie, des grandes marques embauchent des réfugiés mineurs syriens

01 février 2016 - Des migrants mineurs syriens ont été identifiés lors d'inspections dans les usines des compagnies de vêtements H&M et Next, en Turquie, écrit le journal Independent. Les deux sociétés sont pour l'instant les seules à reconnaître avoir embauché des réfugiés mineurs syriens, mais il n'est pas exclu que d'autres cas d'embauche de mineurs syriens soient découverts. En effet, certaines sociétés se sont abstenues de répondre à la question de savoir s'ils employaient des migrants syriens dans leurs usines.

[Article complet](#) (Sputnik France)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conférence « Déclaration des Bourgmestres de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile : Les villes et communes se mobilisent »

La conférence tentera de proposer de nouvelles pistes de solutions. Par quel biais ? Les bourgmestres feront part de leur expérience, leur approche de la lutte contre la pauvreté infantile au sein de leur ville/commune. Ensuite, les chercheurs de l'UMons et de l'UGent dévoileront les premiers résultats d'une recherche « Pauvreté urbaine » commandée par la Politique des Grandes Villes avec un focus sur le public cible des enfants. L'après-midi, les participants se réuniront dans 3 ateliers pour réfléchir aux politiques mises en place au sein des villes pour lutter efficacement contre la pauvreté infantile.

Ces différentes politiques sont :

- La politique concertée et structurée de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile
- La politique d'accès aux services abordables et de qualité
- La politique du droit des enfants à la participation

Lieu : Résidence Palace 155 rue de Loi à 1040 Bruxelles.

Date : Jeudi 10 mars 2016 – 9h00 à 16h30.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Matinées d'information – Précarité infantile : Des moyens... pour lutter ?

Le Service provincial Social et Santé - Études et documentation sociales a pour mission de collecter et de diffuser des informations dans le domaine psycho-médico-social. Ce « Vendredi du Social » aura pour but de mieux faire comprendre aux travailleurs sociaux cette problématique qui touche de trop nombreux enfants ainsi que ses enjeux et ses conséquences. Il permettra aussi de leur faire découvrir certains moyens et projets mis en place.

Lieu : Rue Saint-Gilles 12 - B-6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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3^{ème} Colloque Jeunes Chercheurs sur la privation de liberté

L'Institut des sciences juridique et philosophique de la Sorbonne de l'Université Paris 1 et le Centre de Recherches sur les Droits Fondamentaux et les Évolutions du Droit de l'Université de Caen-Normandie, organisent à Paris les 11 et 12 mars 2016 le 3^{ème} colloque « jeunes chercheurs » sur la privation de liberté. Cette initiative scientifique, dont les premiers actes se sont déroulés en 2012 et 2014, a pris appui sur le séminaire mensuel de recherche « Enfermements, Justice et Libertés dans les sociétés contemporaines », animé par Pierre V. Tournier, entre 2007 et 2015. Ce colloque offre l'opportunité à des étudiants en master 2, doctorants ou jeunes docteurs ainsi qu'à de jeunes professionnels de présenter leurs travaux de recherche devant un public composé de leurs pairs et leurs aînés.

Lieu : Centre hospitalier Sainte-Anne, Amphithéâtre Raymond Garcin, 1, rue Cabanis Paris 14^{ème} (métro Glacière), Paris, France.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars et samedi 12 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Education for Emergencies: Concepts and Practices

Professor Toh Swee-Hin (S. H. Toh) This course seeks to clarify theoretical and conceptual frameworks for understanding the role of education in times of emergencies as well as educational strategies and practices essential in helping to prevent and/or overcome such emergencies, including armed conflicts and “natural” disasters. It is now recognized that although basic needs (e.g. water, food, shelter, physical security) are vital for emergencies-affected peoples and communities, education is likewise crucial.

Location: Online.

Date: March 14th to April 22nd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Formation – Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international

Ce mardi 15 mars 2016, une formation sur le thème « Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international » aura lieu. Cette formation s'adresse à des travailleurs sociaux, juristes, avocats, etc. qui souhaitent mieux comprendre les mécanismes de contrôle des droits fondamentaux existant au niveau international et en particulier le mécanisme de plainte individuel au Comité des droits de l'enfant et qui souhaitent pouvoir identifier les situations pouvant faire l'objet de tels recours.

Cette formation vise à :

- Informer, sensibiliser les participants à l'existence de l'ensemble de ces mécanismes
- Le situer dans l'ensemble des mécanismes internationaux existants pour garantir le respect des droits fondamentaux des enfants
- Comprendre la procédure et la manière de saisir le Comité et les autres mécanismes
- Évaluer la pertinence de saisir le Comité des Nations Unies ou une autre instance internationale.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Mardi, 15 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Monitoring & Evaluation Training Workshop

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to improving the effectiveness of any project. Careful project monitoring allows managers to make appropriate decisions on a day-to-day basis and ensures that projects are carried out as designed and modified when necessary. Evaluation enables project managers to understand and demonstrate the results of their work, determine the best strategies for achieving their goals and document lessons learned to improve future programs.

Location: Kabul, Afghanistan.

Date: March 22nd to March 24th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Green Alternative Social and Welfare Development Organization)



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Presenting the evidence: Young people's impact on peacebuilding

This event showcases the results of the evaluation and facilitates an exchange of views on how young people's involvement in peaceful change can be promoted, and how this can best be operationalized in EU programming. The discussions will be framed by the major global policy frameworks concerning young people's active participation in peacebuilding, especially the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 adopted 16th December 2015.

Location: 4 - 10 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1040, Brussels, Belgique.

Date: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care L Systems, Policies and Practices

Udayan Care is excited to announce second biennial international conference on the theme "Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care: Systems, Policies and Practices", again with special focus on South Asia, in March 2016.

This conference will be an opportunity for the delegates from SAARC Countries, experts from the western world, civil society representatives, delegates from organisations and governmental bodies working on child protection and alternative care, to gather together to learn from and with one another.

Location: AMITY UNIVERSITY, Sector-125, Noida - 201313 (U.P.) Adjoining New Delhi.

Date: March 18th and 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Udayan Care)



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Formation – Harcèlement entre jeunes : intervention (niveau 2)

Objectifs :

- Se construire une représentation du phénomène de harcèlement en le distinguant des autres formes de violences
- Distinguer les différents types de prévention notamment pour éviter l'effet inverse des actions menées pour prévenir les faits de harcèlement
- Identifier et expérimenter des actions pour intervenir dans les situations de harcèlement.
- Découvrir et élaborer des dispositifs de prévention spécifique du harcèlement entre pairs
- Expérimenter des outils de prévention du harcèlement et autres formes de discriminations entre pairs :
 - Prendre conscience de la dynamique du phénomène d'exclusion basée sur la différence
 - Comprendre le concept de stéréotype et se questionner sur ceux que je colle à des groupes et/ou à des personnes
 - Mieux comprendre ce que vivent les personnes exclues ou discriminées
 - Constituer un groupe qui apprivoise les différences et apprend la coopération.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 18 mars et mardi 22 mars.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Formation – Droit familial

Cette formation aborde les thèmes du tribunal de la famille, de la filiation, des conséquences de cette filiation : autorité parentale, hébergement, droit aux relations personnelles et obligation alimentaire, de la tutelle, du mariage et la cohabitation légale et du divorce. Ce module vise à donner une grille de lecture à chaque intervenant social lui permettant d'identifier les liens familiaux propres à chaque jeune, d'en comprendre les enjeux et d'orienter adéquatement les jeunes et les familles quand la situation le requiert.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : 22 et 24 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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Management of Refugees & Displaced Populations

This course aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and critical understanding needed to adopt an evidence-based and reasoned approach to strategic planning, needs assessment and management of refugee and displaced populations across the spectrum from emergency relief to sustainable development.

Location: Liverpool, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Date: March 29th to April 8th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

Practical tools for promoting positive change in complex contexts

This 4-day introductory course combines lessons learned and practical tools from CDA's conflict-sensitivity and peacebuilding programs: Do No Harm (DNH), and Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP). It offers an introduction to each, demonstrating the complementarity and application of the tools and analytical processes. (download course description).

Location: Barcelona, Spain.

Date: May 23rd to May 26th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 28th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

The 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference

Our 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC will be held from 28 August – 1 September 2016 in Davos, Switzerland. This will be the 10 year anniversary of our biennial IDRC Davos, gathering global leading risk and disaster scientists and expert practitioners. Building on the strength of its previous editions IDRC Davos 2016 features a broad scope of topics, disciplines, and stakeholders.

Location: Davos, Switzerland.

Date: August 28th to September 1st, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (IDCR)



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Workshop on Desistance Processes among Young Offenders following Judicial Interventions – Bridging the Gap between different theoretical and methodological Approaches

The purpose of the workshop organized by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (MPIICC) is to give some insight into the subjective ways young offenders experience judicial interventions and their transition into a life towards desistance. Thereby different theoretical and methodological approaches are being considered and discussed. The workshop covers three interdisciplinary topics. In each thematic area experts will address current issues and set the tone for in-depth discussion; social approaches, subjective approaches, interaction models.

Location: Freiburg, Germany.

Date: March 31st and April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Committee on Rights of the Child: Call for Submissions on General Comment on the Rights of Adolescents

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to develop a General Comment (GC) on the rights of adolescents. The experiences, opportunities and challenges facing adolescents clearly varies widely across different regions and between different groups of adolescents. The Committee is therefore seeking submissions from interested bodies and States, in all regions and from a wide range of perspectives, to inform the drafting process.

If you have relevant research evidence, findings from consultations with adolescents, examples of laws, policies or programmes, or evidence of good practice that would contribute to the drafting process, please submit the documentation to: crc@ohchr.org.

Deadline for submissions: 1st April 2015. Submissions must be in one of the working languages of the Committee: English, French or Spanish.

[For more information](#) (CRIN)



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Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM)

The Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM) is a part-time executive program for humanitarian professionals. The program is designed to bridge the gaps that exist between strategy and tactics, and tactics and operations. Participants learn to optimize supply chains, improve processes, think strategically, and manage projects more successfully. The program welcomes humanitarian practitioners with at least 3 years of relevant experience. Students attend five sessions in Lugano, Switzerland.

Location: Lugano, Switzerland.

Date: April 18th 2016 to March 1st 2018.

Registration deadline: April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

Training Course on Manager's Role in Capacity Building

Capacity development is a series of strategies, a variety of tools and techniques which, when applied in a systematic way, promote both organizational capacity building and institutional development. This workshop will offer managers and interested participants with the tools needed to promote capacity development in organizations. The workshop will focus on strategic human resource development competencies and equip you with knowledge to draft a capacity development plan for your unit, with specific actions as well as new questions for the unit to explore.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Date: April 18th and 19th, 2016.

Registration deadline: April 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Indepth Research Services)



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Conférence annuelle du LRIDE : Les droits de l'enfant au service de l'éducation

Conférencières et conférenciers (en ordre alphabétique) : Angela AUCOIN, Université de Moncton ; Virginia CAPUTO, Carleton University ; Dr Gilles JULIEN, Fondation du Dr Julien ; Vincent KAZMIERSKI, Carleton University ; Richard MACLURE, Université d'Ottawa ; Cornelia SCHNEIDER, Mount Saint Vincent University. Cette conférence est reconnue comme activité de formation continue par le Barreau du Québec et la Chambre des notaires. Nombre d'heures : 4.

Lieu : Pavillon Fauteux, 57, rue Louis-Pasteur, pièce 302, Université d'Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

Date : Mercredi 13 avril 2016, de 8h30 à 14h.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Université d'Ottawa)



3. Vacancies

Executive Assistant to COO – Save the Children

We are looking for an energetic and organised **Executive Assistant** to develop and provide a proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). In this crucial role you will provide a comprehensive support service to the COO in line with internal and external priorities by proactively and efficiently managing her time. You will be expected to become an informed key contact for the department in relation to all activities within the responsibilities of the COO.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Deployment Officer – Save the Children

We are looking for a flexible and adaptable individual to join us as Humanitarian Deployment Officer. This role is instrumental in ensuring the rapid deployment of HSTs (Humanitarian Surge Team) to humanitarian crisis around the world. As Humanitarian Deployment Officer you will facilitate communications between country programmes, HSTs and their line managers and take the lead on the deployment paperwork and security briefings. You will also be responsible for maintaining accurate records of each deployment on the deployment database.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Evidence, Effectiveness and Accountability Advise – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Evidence, Effectiveness & Accountability Adviser and improve the effectiveness and accountability of Save the Childrens emergency response programmes, through developing and supporting consistent, coherent and practical Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) tools and approaches.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser – Save the Children

We are looking for a motivated and experienced **Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser** to lead our advocacy and development of policy on international conflict and humanitarian issues. With an initial focus on the crisis in Syria, you will directly influence government and UN policy and practice.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Team Coordinator, Wales – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as **Team Coordinator** and provide proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to our Wales team and UK core team based in Wales. As Team Coordinator you will lead the effective operations of our Welsh programme by working alongside the programmes and campaigns teams and becoming an informed key contact handling internal and external enquiries in a professional manner. In addition, you will work with the Head of Country to foster better cross-departmental and cross-organisational ways of working and information sharing.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Logistics Manager Emergency Health Unit – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Logistics Manager– Emergency Health Unit to facilitate the delivery of emergency public health services for children and their families who have been affected by a humanitarian disaster. It is an essential role of the Emergency Health Unit ensuring that critical supplies and expertise are ready to respond to health emergencies. As Logistics Manager you will provide expertise and leadership to the deployment of one of the three PHT modules with particular focus on preparedness and prioritisation of the supply chain and set-up.

Location: Internationally Mobile.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Country Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Country Support you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives as you lead the operational arm of our Humanitarian Health Team, ensuring quality technical support at field level and acting as a focal point for the team's emergency health operations. In this key, senior role you will oversee the work of approximately 15 country-facing health staff, directly line managing 4 – 6 individuals. You will ensure an effective response to new, large-scale emergencies and support the ongoing development of the Emergency Health Unit model of self-contained emergency health capacity.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Thematic Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential **Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Thematic Support** you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives, as you oversee policy and thematic support work relating to humanitarian health at Save the Children UK, and provide thematic leadership for humanitarian health programmes across the Save the Children movement. In this key, senior role you will direct the work of approximately 8 – 12 staff, directly line managing around 5 individuals, and assuming responsibility for a budget portfolio of up to £5m. You will lead and co-ordinate thematic guidance, policy development and innovation initiatives, ensure the team deliver on the agreed work plan, and that they follow organisational guidelines and are well motivated and supported.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Education Technical Lead – Relief International

RI is looking to expand its educational programming in emergency, protracted relief and recovery, and development settings in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. The main focus of the Education Technical Lead will focus on program design (including work in supporting new business development); technical advising during program implementation (including on activities and M&E); and facilitating learning within the organization from lessons learned on RI projects and best practices within the Education sector globally.

Location: Kenya, Philippines, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 18th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Reproductive Health Manager – International Rescue Committee

The Reproductive Health Manager will be responsible for overseeing the Reproductive Health (RH) program in the field locations and supervising the implementation of the three core aspects of reproductive health: 1° Safe motherhood and Family Planning; 2° Post Abortion Care (PAC) and; 3° Emergency Obstetrical Care in, under supervision of the Field Coordinator.

Location: Chad.

Application deadline: March 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of strategy development, program development and design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of all CP related activities within the IRC Jordan country program. The CP Coordinator will also ensure that those interventions are technically sound, taking into account international best practices, and are appropriately meeting the needs of the beneficiaries in target communities.

Location: Jordan.

Application deadline: March 21st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Agresso Developer – Save the Children

We are looking for an Agresso Developer to embark on a significant business change project which will involve replacing the current aging legacy finance systems currently used for budgeting, reporting, fixed assets and financial grant management with a single integrated finance management system (Agresso). You will be responsible for designing, building, testing and delivering developments in accordance with agreed Agresso development plans.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 23rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Finance Controller – International Rescue Committee

The Financial Controller has overall policy and management responsibility for the finance and accounting functions for the country program. The Finance Controller's responsibilities include general controllership, staff training, management, treasury and budget functions.

Location: Greece.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

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Technical Advisor, Health Programs, Francophone & Countries – International Rescue Committee

The Technical Advisor, Health serves as the primary source of health technical support for designated IRC country programs and interfaces between the field staff in the designated countries and the health unit. The position works in collaboration with the Technical Advisor, Environmental Health in the designated countries as one country support team.

Location: New York, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC's Protection programming in North Kivu. He/she will be responsible for the overall quality implementation of all aspects of the Emergency Protection Rapid Response project as well as potential new Protection programming. As such, the Coordinator will ensure components such as training, coordination, advocacy, community action and information dissemination that are common to all sub-sectors are targeted, meet needs, do not duplicate efforts and complement the overall IRC emergency Protection response. The Protection Coordinator will oversee a Protection Manager, a Child, Youth and Protection Development Manager, Gender Based Violence (GBV) Manager, as well as a Health Manager.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 27th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Associate Central Asia – Freedom House

The Senior Program Associate will provide programmatic support including finance, logistical, administrative, research, writing and data analysis assistance to Central Asia and other Eurasia programmatic portfolios, as required. This position is based in Washington, DC and reports to the Program Manager for Eurasia. NOTE: This position assignment will last until September 2016 and is renewable, contingent upon funding.

Location: Washington, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 28th, 2016.

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Chief of Party, Development Food Assistance Program – Mercy Corps

The Chief of Party will provide overall leadership, management and strategic vision to the implementation of a five-year, multi-million dollar USAID/Food for Peace funded Development Food Assistance Program. S/he will manage staff, resources and partnerships to ensure that the program meets its targets and deliverables on-time and within budget. The CoP will supervise program staff and ensure accountability to Mercy Corps' policies and donor rules and regulations. S/he will be the primary program representative to donors, relevant government entities, partners, other implementers and external stakeholders.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Grants Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Based in Antakya, the Grants Coordinator will work with the Deputy Director of Programs (DDP) to maintain quality grants and sub-grants coordination for all country program grants. Reporting to the DDP, this position will work closely with all departments and staff including program coordinators, finance and operations on compliance, donor regulations, business development and reporting. The Grants Coordinator will supervise a team of four including two expatriate staff: Sr. Grants Manager and Grants Manager.

Location: Antakya, Turkey.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

A Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation in Lebanon – Première urgence Aide médicale internationale

As part of our activities in Lebanon, we are looking for a Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation. Under the supervision of the Head of Mission (HoM), the Deputy Head of Mission for Program Implementation (DHOMP) ensures the follow-up of qualitative and operational aspects of the mission's programs. He/She guarantees the effective, efficient and qualitative implementation of all activities from a comprehensive project cycle management perspective.

Location: Lebanon.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

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Chief of Party – FHI 360

As Chief of Party (COP) of the USAID-funded Integrated Service Delivery and Health Behavior Project (ISD-HB), holds primary responsibility for the achievement of project objectives and intended results, the effective management and development of project staff, award compliance, and fulfillment of requirements and deliverables specified by USAID, the government of Senegal, and FHI 360's regional and headquarters offices.

Location: Dakar, Sénégal.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Director, Finance and Operations – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi's health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory -based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

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Director, Monitoring and Evaluation – FHI 360

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Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

National Director – ChildFund International

The National Director (ND) is responsible for providing overall vision and strategic leadership to the Kenya program. The ND is also responsible for the operational health and performance that supports the mission and strategic direction of the organization and acts as a resource to other national offices, the regional team and the organization as a whole based on areas of expertise.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Application deadline: April 3rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator will ensure that the IRC Turkey country program implements the monitoring and evaluation commitments as set out in its Strategic Action Plan -SAP 2020. Core to that will be ensuring that suitable monitoring and evaluation system are in place, implemented as intended, and reporting in a comprehensive and timely manner to facilitate program coordinators and managers deliver programs that achieve the desired outcomes / impacts.

Location: Hatay, Turkey.

Application deadline: April 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Middle East

Afghanistan: L'ONU dénonce le recours aux enfants-soldats en Afghanistan

17 février 2016 - L'ONU a condamné mercredi l'utilisation d'enfants-soldats par toutes les factions du conflit afghan, en soulignant que les insurgés continuent à utiliser de nombreux combattants âgés de moins de 18 ans au moment où la pratique est en déclin dans les rangs gouvernementaux. La représentante spéciale pour les enfants et les conflits armés des Nations unies, Leila Zerrougui, a reconnu les progrès du gouvernement afghan. Elle a toutefois rappelé que la police locale afghane - des groupes alliés au gouvernement qui fonctionnent comme des milices indépendantes, et qui sont souvent perçus comme étant incompetents et corrompus - compte parmi les principaux coupables.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

Afghanistan – Assassinated at 12: rights groups condemn killing of Afghan militia boy

February 4th, 2016 – Rights groups on Thursday condemned the use of child combatants in Afghanistan after the Taliban shot dead a 12-year-old boy who rose to fame last summer when he joined a militia to fight the insurgents. Wasil Ahmad was shot in the head twice by Taliban militants riding a motorcycle as he made his way to school in the volatile city of Trin Kot, capital of southern Uruzgan province, months after leaving a militia force and enrolling in the fourth grade.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Afghanistan – A quarter of Afghans killed in 2015 were children, often targeted

February 17th, 2016 – A quarter of all Afghans killed last year were children, many of them targeted in hospitals and schools. That's according to the UN's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, who has been on a fact-finding mission in the country this week. She said that despite the grim toll being taken on the youngest and most vulnerable Afghans due to the "protracted conflict" that's continued for decades, the government was making progress.

[Full Article](#) (UN Radio)



Afghanistan: Taliban Child Soldier Recruitment Surges

February 17th, 2016 – Taliban forces in Afghanistan have added scores of children to their ranks since mid-2015 in violation of the international prohibition on the use of child soldiers, Human Rights Watch said today. New Human Rights Watch research shows that the Taliban have been training and deploying children for various military operations including the production and planting of improvised explosive devices (IED). In Kunduz province, the Taliban have increasingly used madrasas, or Islamic religious schools, to provide military training to children between the ages of 13 and 17, many of whom have been deployed in combat.

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

Afghanistan – Afghan Girls Mourn Lost Education

February 21st, 2016 – Soala gazes at her prized high school diploma with tears in her eyes. Having graduated at the top of her class from the Zarghuna Ana high school in Kandahar province, she had dreamed of going on to study medicine. But her hopes were dashed when her father and older brother said that they would not allow her to carry on her education. As a doctor, Soala said, she would have been able to serve the wider society and help rebuild her country. Conservative traditions now meant that her studies were at an end.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War and Peace Reporting)

Iraq – Newly renovated secondary school to host 300 Syrian refugees

February 3rd, 2016 – Today, UNESCO, government and education officials from the Kurdistan Regional Government in addition to students, teachers and parents celebrated the opening of the newly renovated secondary school for Syrian refugees in Qoshtapa Camp. The opening of the school is a major milestone in UNESCO's efforts to provide quality secondary education to Syrian adolescent refugees residing in Qoshtapa Camp. The school is the first and only secondary school to be established since the camp began operating two years ago. The school has the capacity to host up to 300 girls and boys from Qoshtapa Camp.

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Iraq – UNICEF and the Government of Iraq Renew their Promise to Deliver for Children in Need [EN/AR/KU]

February 8th, 2016 – UNICEF and the Government of Iraq today signed the 2016-2019 Country Programme Action Plan, a four year framework by which both parties will work to ensure a bright future for Iraqi children. “In the context of continuing violence across the country, it is all the more critical that we work hand in hand with our government counterparts to reach the most disadvantaged children, women and families,” said Peter Hawkins, UNICEF’s Representative in Iraq.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq – Save the Children - Providing Assistance throughout Iraq

February 16th, 2016 – Save the Children is currently responding to the needs of both Syrian refugee and IDP families, in camp and non-camp settings in the governorates of Dohuk, Ninewa, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, Diyala, and Salahedin by ensuring that children have access to quality education, healthcare, and protection services. Save the Children is ensuring that children benefit from government actions that create an environment of awareness and accountability to uphold child rights.

[Full Article](#) (NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq)

Iraq – IS increases use of child soldiers, says US report

February 19th, 2016 – The number of children who have died fighting for so-called Islamic State (IS) in the last year is nearly twice the previous estimate, a report says. Researchers at Georgia State University tracked IS propaganda and eulogies over 13 months. The propaganda claimed 89 boys aged eight to 18 had been killed fighting in a number of different combat roles. The researchers also found that three times as many children were involved in operations than during 2014.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)



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Jordan – Informal Education Project in the Zaatari Refugee Camp Changes the lives of more than 200 Students

February 29th, 2016 – “I can’t thank my teacher Mr. Mahmoud enough. He treated me like an older brother would. If it weren’t for him and this project, I don’t know what my future would have held,” says Jad, a 15 year old student in the UNESCO informal education (IFE) project in the Zaatari refugee camp implemented in partnership with War Child UK and generously funded by the European Union. Jad has been living in Zaatari camp for over a year with his 8-member family. He, along with 109 other boys and girls, has been part of a 3 month cohort attending basic Arabic and math classes, iDEAL psychosocial support sessions, music, and recreational activities.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO)

Lebanon – Carrying bricks, picking potatoes: all in a day's work for Syrian children in Lebanon

February 2nd, 2016 – I met six-year-old Mustafa in the safe zone of one of the many tented settlements for Syrian refugees in Lebanon’s Bekaa valley. These areas offer schooling, including art and music classes, for Syrian children. They provide a respite from the brutal realities of life as a refugee, which can involve back-breaking labour for children as young as six, and marriage for girls at the age of 13. Mustafa told us that, after leaving class at midday, he would spend the afternoon carting bricks to earn a pittance for his family.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Lebanon – Canadian Minister of International Development visits public school in Koura, Northern Lebanon [EN/AR]

February 3rd, 2016 – The Canadian minister for International Development, Ms. Marie-Claude Bibeau, visited yesterday Dahr Al-Ain public school, one of 22 Lebanese public schools rehabilitated with funding from the Government of Canada. Since the start of the crisis Canada has been one of the leading donors for UNICEF in Lebanon and contributed more than \$ 24 million in aid to support UNICEF’s programmes in child protection, Water & Sanitation, Health and Education. This year Canada's assistance to UNICEF is focused on education in Lebanon and strengthening the public education system and improving the quality of educational services.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



Pakistan – Pakistani women at forefront of drive to give poor rural girls an education

February 2nd, 2016 – For years, Fatima would wake up in the morning and dream of going to school but her hopes for an education were crushed. Rather than joining her two brothers in school, from the age of five Fatima would set off with her mother to work in the fields of their village in Bahawalpur district of Punjab, in East Pakistan. "I wanted to go to the school and wanted to become a teacher, so that I could help other girls," Fatima, now aged seven, said in a Skype interview from her home.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Pakistan – 139 children die in one month in drought-hit Pakistan district

February 4th, 2016 – At least 139 children died of waterborne disease in January in Pakistan's impoverished desert district of Tharparkar, which has been devastated by drought since 2013. Civil society groups and opposition politicians say the Sindh provincial government's response to the crisis has been insufficient to prevent widespread hunger and disease. "We have not seen any benefits, despite government claims," said Kamla Bibi of a local civil society group called Thardeep.

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

Pakistan – Thar children's deaths show no signs of abating as eight more die

February 14th, 2016 – The ongoing human tragedy of deaths of children in Thar shows no signs of abating, despite tall claims by the government that it has provided the best healthcare facilities, as eight more babies died of malnutrition and waterborne diseases over the past two days. Four children died on Saturday and as many died a day before. Of them, a six-month-old baby Kavita and two other newborn babies died at the Mithi Civil Hospital and five-month-old Pirbhu died at rural health centre in Islamkot on Saturday.

[Full Article](#) (DAWN)

Pakistan – Why do so many children drop out of Pakistani schools?

February 25th, 2016 – Why do retention and enrolment rates in Pakistan drop drastically beyond the primary school level? The Pakistan Education Statistics 2014-15 factsheet compiled by Alif Ailaan shows that 62 per cent of students attend government schools, but only 20pc of all government schools provide higher education. In such a scenario, private schools bridge the gap left by a shortage of government schools, but not everyone can afford a private school education, Saman Naz at Alif Ailaan tells Dawn.com over the phone.

[Full Article](#) (DAWN)



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Pakistan – UNHCR handovers three schools under RAHA programme to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government

February 26th, 2016 – As part of the Refugee Affected and Hosting Areas (RAHA) initiative, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) completed a two-year RAHA education project in the refugee hosting area of the Kalabat Township, district Haripur. The project, funded by the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) Development Bank, has strengthened the existing infrastructure and expanded the capacity of three government schools resulting in an overall increase of 28 per cent in student enrolment (boys and girls including 82 per cent Pakistani and 18 per cent refugee students) during 2015.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

Palestine – Postnatal home visits for the newborn child help improve survival in Gaza

February 2nd, 2016 – For Jamila, trying to rebuild her life after the 2014 conflict in Gaza has been challenging. At the peak of the hostilities, her family left their home in Shejaiya to seek shelter in a school. When they came back, there was nothing left. Jamila's house was one of thousands reduced to rubble in airstrikes and shelling. With her husband and six children, she started living in a tent erected near the ruins. Soon this flimsy shelter was also gone, having accidentally caught fire.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Palestine – President Abbas signs into law long-gestating juvenile protection bill

February 9th, 2016 – Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas signed into law the long-gestating juvenile protection bill on Thursday that meets modern international standards for safeguarding children's rights, with a focus on alternatives to incarceration. The juvenile protection law unifies and updates the Palestinian juvenile justice system, recognizing minors – those under the age of 18 – as victims in need of protection, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society, rather than as criminals deserving of punishment. Previously, the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank had relied on a Jordanian law that dated back to 1954 and the Hamas government in Gaza applied British law enacted in 1937.

[Full Article](#) (Defence for Children International /Palestine section)



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Palestine – UNRWA and the Lajee Center inaugurate the first child-friendly spaces in Aida refugee camp

February 17th, 2016 – Today, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the Lajee Center inaugurated the first ever child-friendly spaces – a football pitch and a playground – in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The new child-friendly spaces have been made possible with a generous contribution from the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) and will provide the children of Aida camp with a rare opportunity to play and make new friends within a very challenging environment.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

Palestine – Israel increasing use of administrative detention against Palestinian children

February 26th, 2016 – Ramallah - Israeli authorities filed charges against a Palestinian teenage boy on January 26 after holding him without charge for three months. Israeli forces summoned Basir Mohammad Al-Atrash, 17, from the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, on October 28 to appear for questioning at the Israeli military district coordination office in Hebron. He appeared the following day as requested and was promptly taken into custody and transported to Israel's Ofer prison. Basir was interrogated on October 30 and was denied access to an attorney. The interrogator accused Basir of stone throwing and incitement on social media, allegations that he denied.

[Full Article](#) (Defence for Children International /Palestine section)

Syria – US\$1.4 billion needed to get every Syrian child back in school, say aid agencies

February 2nd, 2016 – The future of a generation of Syrian children and youth is in jeopardy unless donors meeting in London this week prioritise the funding needed to get them back to school, say aid agencies leading the response to the brutal conflict ravaging the country. Nearly five years into the crisis, around 4 million Syrian and host community children and youth aged 5-17 years are in need of education assistance. These include 2.1 million out of school Syrian children inside Syria and 0.7 million out-of-school Syrian children in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)



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Syria – Risk of a Lost Generation in Syria as More Than 3,000 Children Flee Their Homes Every Day

February 4th, 2016 – As a major Syria conference starts today in London, new analysis from Save the Children reveals that since the conflict started in March 2011, an average of 3,245 children have been forced to leave their homes every day. The organization is urging world leaders meeting in London to step up and prevent a lost generation of children in the Middle East. The total number of children who are now displaced, either within Syria or as refugees in the region, stands at 5.8 million – more than the entire populations of Colorado or Maryland.

[Full Article](#) (Save The Children)

Syrie – Caritas demande que plus d'actions soient prises pour protéger la santé mentale des enfants réfugiés syriens

4 février 2016 – Malak, une petite réfugiée syrienne de six ans, est hantée par ses cauchemars. Après le bombardement de sa maison et l'agression de sa famille, elle a été contrainte de fuir au Liban. Elle a vu son oncle et son grand-père se faire tuer par des terroristes et son père se faire enlever. Aujourd'hui, Malak refuse de dormir toute seule. Sabah, elle aussi âgée de six ans, avait l'habitude de jouer dans un champ à côté de sa maison à Homs. Cet endroit de verdure fait maintenant office de fosse où s'entassent les corps des combattants. Elle aussi a du mal à dormir. Elle a peur qu'il y ait des monstres dans sa maison.

[Article complet](#) (Caritas)

Syria – INTERVIEW-In Aleppo, underground schools face bombardments and burnout

February 7th, 2016 – At the unofficial schools run by Syrian activist group Kesh Malek in opposition-held districts of Aleppo, the children don't go outside to play during breaks in case a barrel bomb should drop from the sky. With 110 teachers, most of them new to the profession, the organisation runs seven schools serving around 3,000 children in the divided and war-ravaged city. Syria's largest city before the civil war, Aleppo is the scene of heavy bombardment as the Syrian army, backed by Russian air strikes, tries to encircle it and wrest control of the rebel-held areas that are home to around 350,000 people.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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Syria – Putting Smiles on Orphans' Faces

February 9th, 2016 – A civil society group working in Idlib and the surrounding countryside is helping hundreds of local children who have lost family in the conflict. The al-Huda charitable organisation was set up in late August 2012 after Kfar Nabel was liberated from the government forces. It distributes funds to each bereaved child and is aiming to establish a community centre where orphans can receive dedicated help.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War and Peace Reporting)

Syria – Strikes against children in a hospital in Syria - Statement by the Executive Director of UNICEF, Anthony Lake

February 15th, 2016 – "We at UNICEF are appalled by reports of attacks against four medical facilities in Syria – two of which were supported by UNICEF. One is a child and maternal hospital where children were reportedly killed and scores evacuated. "Two of the strikes occurred at Azaz in Aleppo and another two in Idlib, where one of the hospitals was reportedly struck four times. In addition there are reports that two schools were attacked at Azaz reportedly killing six children. UNICEF is urgently seeking further information.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Turkey – More children die as refugee boat sinks off Turkey

February 2nd, 2016 – At least nine refugees - two of them children - have drowned after a boat sank off the Turkish coast and the International Organisation for Migration warned of a dangerous surge in the number of drownings and attempted crossings into Greece. Turkey's Dogan news agency reported that the latest sinking occurred near the Aegean coastal town of Seferihisar, which is near the Greek island of Samos.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Turkey – Made in Turkey, stitched by Syrian children

February 9th, 2016 – Bathed in a blue fluorescent light, industrial sewing machines clatter away while Turkish music plays and the heat from a stove fills the room. This is a sweatshop in Istanbul's textile manufacturing hub. It is not a place for children, but two Syrian boys are working here for at least eight hours a day. One of them is 15, the other 13.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)



Yemen – Child soldiers make up a third of Yemeni fighters, says Unicef

February 8th, 2016 – Yemen could become a new breeding ground for child soldiers, Unicef has warned, as the rise of extreme violence around the world undermines efforts to end the practice. Twenty years on from a landmark report that put child soldiers on the global agenda, Unicef says tens of thousands of children are engaged in warfare, as conflicts rage in the Middle East and East Africa. Around a third of combatants in Yemen's civil war are children, Unicef estimates.

[Full Article](#) (Independent)

Yemen – Yemen: UNICEF raises alarm about child malnutrition in ‘the forgotten war’

February 10th, 2016 – In Yemen, more than a million children under five face the risk of acute malnutrition and acute respiratory tract infections according to UNICEF which has again raised the alarm about what many are calling the world's forgotten war. UNICEF spokesman Mohammed al Saadi said: “192 centres for the treatment of malnutrition have stopped operating due to a lack of fuel or due to the continued conflict or because the centres and hospitals have been hit by airstrikes or because they have been abused by armed factions or because health workers and other staff have been displaced.”

[Full Article](#) (Euronews)

Yemen – UN ‘conservative estimates’ show 700 children among 6,000 Yemen fatalities

February 17th, 2016 – The UN will launch a humanitarian drive to raise some \$1.8 billion required to save millions of people from humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen, where over 6,000 people have been killed since the Saudi-led coalition intervention in March 2015. In a briefing to the 15-nation United Nations Security Council, Stephen O'Brien, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, announced that on Thursday the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan will be launched in Geneva.

[Full Article](#) (RT)



North Africa

Algérie - Délinquance juvénile: s'attaquer aux causes des comportements déviants

25 février 2016 - Les participants à un séminaire national intitulé "une vision globale pour immuniser la jeunesse de la délinquance", clôturé jeudi à Batna, ont souligné "l'impérieuse nécessité d'anticiper en s'attaquant aux causes des comportements déviants". Prévenir la délinquance des jeunes requiert "anticipation, lutte intelligente contre les facteurs incitant à la déviance, fédération des efforts et capacité d'écoute", ont souligné les participants à cette rencontre organisée par l'Office des établissements de jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (Algérie Presse Service)

Algérie - Mme Meslem affirme qu'il n'existe pas de mesures discriminatoires dans le traitement des enfants en Algérie

18 février 2016 - La ministre de la Solidarité nationale, de la Femme et de la Condition de la Famille, Mounia Meslem, a affirmé mercredi qu'"il n'existe pas de mesures discriminatoires" dans le traitement des enfants en Algérie. Intervenant lors d'une rencontre consacrée à la présentation des résultats d'une enquête sur la situation des enfants migrants ou issus de la migration subsaharienne en Algérie, Mme Meslem a affirmé "qu'il n'existe pas chez nous des mesures discriminatoires dans le traitement des enfants qu'ils soient algériens ou étrangers".

[Article complet](#) (Algérie Presse Service)

Egypt – Egypt detains Somali refugee child for six months

February 1st, 2016 – Of at least 25 child refugees being held, Youssef Aden has served far longer than the average detention period. Campaigners have called on Egypt to immediately release a 17-year-old Somali refugee who has been held for nearly six months. Youssef Mohamed Aden was arrested in Egypt on July 6, 2015. A member of a small minority clan, he had fled home after his brother was killed by al-Shabab, an armed group linked to al-Qaeda.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)



Egypt – Egypt: Life Sentence for 3-Year-Old

February 23rd, 2016 – A life sentence apparently handed down by mistake to a 3-year-old boy on February 16, 2016, exemplifies the arbitrariness of Egyptian courts that are used to punish political opponents of the government. A Cairo military court presiding over a mass trial of 116 defendants, including Ahmed Mansour Qurni Sharara, 3, delivered the sentence after investigators and prosecutors failed to remove Mansour's name, even though they knew it was included by mistake, a lawyer for the defense team told Human Rights Watch.

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

Libya – Thousands of children in Libya get a chance to learn and play

January 26th, 2016 – Following the outbreak of war in Libya in 2011, thousands of children are getting a chance to be children again-to learn and play. Across the conflict riddled country, UNICEF has worked hard with local partners inside Libya over the last few weeks to ensure that recreational items and learning materials are delivered to schools and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in some of the areas worst hit by the war in Libya. The materials procured with a generous contribution from the European Union will help over 60,000 children in 28 different cities throughout the country benefit in schools and in CFS.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Libya: UNICEF's Special Representative welcomes Al Zintan's Decision to Stop the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

February 26th, 2016 – UNICEF's Special Representative in Libya, Dr. Ghassan Khalil, has commended the decision of Al Zintan's Municipal Council for the release, rehabilitation and reintegration of any child under 18, involved in the armed conflict, and the establishment of a rehabilitation centre in the city that will also serve adults who as children were involved previously in armed conflicts.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Libye : Un hôpital touché lors de frappes aériennes menées à Derna

17 février 2016 - Des avions non identifiés ont attaqué un complexe hospitalier dans la ville de Derna, dans l'est de la Libye, le 7 février 2016, apparemment en violation des lois de la guerre, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. Deux bombes sont tombées sur l'hôpital Al-Wahda dans le quartier de Bab Tobruk, tuant au moins deux civils, dont un enfant, et causant d'importants dommages.

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Libya: Protecting Children from Weapons of War

February 29th, 2016 – The fall of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, and Libya's descent into chaos has led to a proliferation of arms and an escalation in fighting between militia groups. In response, Handicap International is providing the population with risk education on firearms, landmines, and explosive remnants of war. Over the last four years, the organization has taught more than 120,000 people, most of them children, how to stay safe.

[Full Article](#) (Handicap International)

Maroc - Réparation des malformations faciales au profit des enfants à Ouarzazate

29 février 2016 – Faire renaître l'espoir chez les enfants souffrant de malformations faciales, notamment la fente labiale et palatine en leur rendant le sourire après une chirurgie réparatrice de pointe. Tel est l'objectif de l'Opération Smile Morocco, filiale de l'organisation caritative « Operation Smile International » basée aux Etats-Unis, pionnière de la chirurgie réparatrice, qui organise sa deuxième Mission humanitaire chirurgicale à Ouarzazate. Cette mission est la centième au niveau national.

[Article complet](#) (Libération)

Maroc- Prise en charge des femmes et enfants victimes de violence

26 février 2016 –La Commission régionale de la cellule de prise en charge des femmes et enfants victimes de violence à Ouarzazate, a tenu récemment sa première session ordinaire au titre de 2016, sous le thème "Tous pour la protection de la femme et l'enfant". Intervenant à cette occasion, le procureur général du Roi près la Cour d'appel de Ouarzazate, a indiqué que la commission régionale, créée au niveau de la circonscription judiciaire de la Cour d'appel de Ouarzazate, tout comme les commissions locales, visent à maintenir la communication et la coordination entre l'institution judiciaire et les différents autres secteurs, et ce afin d'identifier les contraintes et les obstacles et y remédier dans la limite des moyens et des responsabilités de chaque secteur à l'échelle locale et régionale.

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Tunisie - 105e mondiale en matière d'accès des enfants à la justice

18 février 2016 - La Tunisie se classe à la 105e place sur 197 pays en matière d'accès des enfants à la justice selon le Réseau international des droits de l'enfant, réseau international veillant à l'application de la Convention des Nations unies relative aux droits de l'enfant. Avec un score de 48,5 sur 100, la Tunisie se classe 2e au Maghreb derrière la Mauritanie (76e), mais devant le Maroc (150e), la Libye (167e) et l'Algérie (169e). Le classement a été élaboré sur la base d'études des différentes juridictions des pays, en plus des commentaires envoyés par les ministères de la Justice, des ONG et des représentations permanentes des Nations unies dans ces pays.

[Article complet](#) (Al Huffington Post)

Tunisie - Forum à Tunis sur la « régulation, l'autorégulation et les droits de l'homme dans les médias »

26 février 2016 – Un forum sur “La régulation, l'autorégulation et le respect des droits de l'homme”, organisé par la Haute Autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle (HAICA) en collaboration avec l'organisation “Article 19 » a démarré vendredi à Tunis. Selon la directrice du bureau de l'organisation Article 19 à Tunis, Saloua Ghazouani le forum s'articule autour de trois principaux axes portant sur les droits de la femme et les droits de l'enfant dans les médias et la garantie du pluralisme médiatique.

[Article complet](#) (Babnet Tunisie)