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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)



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[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)

[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)



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[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)

[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)



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[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)

[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)



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[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)

[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 Graça 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)



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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)

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)



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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

Colombia – Agua, Saneamiento, Higiene y Educación: prioridades del Plan de Respuesta humanitaria de UNICEF a los niños y niñas de Mocoa (Colombia)

3 de Abril 2017 – Protección, Agua, Higiene y Saneamiento, así como Educación en Emergencias son las prioridades de la ayuda humanitaria urgente que prepara UNICEF para los niños, niñas, adolescentes y familias afectadas por el desastre de origen natural producido en la noche del 31 de marzo y madrugada del 1 de abril en Mocoa, capital de Putumayo (Colombia). Según las últimas cifras oficiales (3 de abril), todavía provisionales, la avalancha de agua ha provocado hasta el momento 254 personas muertas de las cuales se han identificado 129 personas, 262 heridas, 441 personas desaparecidas, más de 300 familias afectadas, 4 instituciones educativas afectadas y 25 casas destruidas. Se ha declarado la calamidad pública.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF – América Latina y el Caribe)



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Colombia – FARC surrenders more than twice the number of child soldiers it said it had

April 3rd 2017 – Colombia's largest, but demobilizing rebel group FARC has so far surrendered 57 child soldiers, more than double the "no more than 25" it said to have in its ranks ahead of the peace process. In a press release, the Red Cross said it had received another 16 children on Sunday at multiple camps where the FARC members are in the process of demobilization, disarmament and reintegration (DDR).

[Full article](#) (Colombia Reports)

Columbia – Cada 36 horas, una niña se vuelve mamá en Bogotá

23 de Abril 2017 – En Bogotá, 233 niñas tuvieron hijos entre 2016 y 2017. La mayoría de los padres tenían entre 15 y 19 años. El resto fueron mayores de 20 años. Ciudad Bolívar, Kennedy y Bosa son algunas de las localidades donde se reportaron más casos. [...] En seis años, 2.892 mujeres de Bogotá tuvieron su primer hijo antes de cumplir 14 años. El 2010 fue el año con el panorama más crítico, cuando se reportaron 515 casos. Sin embargo, al revisar las cifras del último lustro, se nota el trabajo de la Administración, pues gracias al trabajo de sus autoridades locales se ha logrado una reducción del 58 % en el índice de embarazo de niñas en toda la ciudad.

[Artículo completo](#) (El Espectador)

Guatemala – Niñez se beneficia con escritorios

18 de Abril 2017 – Por tercer año consecutivo, la empresa Alimentos Maravilla S. A. entregó escritorios a la niñez necesitada. En esta ocasión lo hizo en San Vicente Pacaya y San José, Escuintla; Pueblo Nuevo Viñas, Santa Rosa; Santa Cruz La Laguna, Sololá; Chiantla, Todos Santos Cuchumatán y San Ildefonso Ixtahuacán, Huehuetenango; Camotán y San Jacinto, Chiquimula. Se trata de mil 400 pupitres para 26 centros escolares de los referidos lugares, con los cuales la compañía, mediante su marca Néctares Del Frutal, apoya la educación.

[Artículo completo](#) (Diario de Centro América)



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Guatemala – With bicycles, impoverished indigenous girls in Guatemala get a taste of freedom

April 25th 2017 – Like many girls in Pecajbá, in Guatemala, Gladys Azucena Cho Cuc was forced to drop out when she reached secondary school. The high school was simply too far from home. In rural communities around here, girls travel an average distance of about 8 km to get to class. Their commute often takes them over corn fields and rivers, and some girls spend part of their journey in the dark.

[Full article](#) (Relief Web)

Haïti – Rapport du secrétaire général sur la Mission des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en Haïti (s/2017/223)

3 avril 2017– Le concours « Perspectives-Jeunesse », qui est à sa 1ère édition, vise à promouvoir le développement communautaire et la création d'emploi. Ce concours, lancé le 23 mars 2017 sous le thème « Résoudre un problème, créer notre emploi », cible les étudiants finissants dans les domaines suivants : Santé, Education, Environnement, Technologie et Bonne Gouvernance. Diagnostik Group est l'initiateur de ce projet en partenariat avec le Groupe Haïtien de Recherche, d'Innovation et de Créativité (GRICH).

[Article complet](#) (Haïti Press Network)

Haïti – Haïti-Droits Humains : 300 mille enfants en domesticité en Haïti, victimes de traite, selon le Comité national contre la traite des personnes

4 Avril 2017 – 300 mille enfants en domesticité en Haïti seraient victimes de traite, indique le Comité national contre la traite des personnes (Cnltip), lors d'un atelier auquel a pris part un journaliste d'AlterPresse, le 30 mars 2017. « Parmi les enfants mineurs placés en orphelinat à travers le pays, les parents de plus de 32 mille d'entre eux sont toujours vivants [...], ces enfants représentent des proies faciles pour les trafiquants », souligne le président du Cnltip, Dr Elie Thélot.

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Haïti, République Dominicaine – Haïti/République Dominicaine : 43 migrants haïtiens rapatriés à la frontière de Carisal/Elias Piña Spécial

6 Avril 2017 – Les autorités de la migration dominicaine ont procédé au rapatriement de 43 migrant-e-s haïtiens, le 4 avril 2017. Vingt et un (21) d'entre eux ont été accueillis par le GARR dont vingt (20) hommes et un (1) mineur. Bousculades, injures et emprisonnement, tels ont été entre autres les mauvais traitements qui leur ont été infligés avant d'être reconduits au point frontalier officiel de Carisal/Elias Piña (Centre).

[Article complet](#) (Relief Web)

Haiti – Haitian mothers claim UN unresponsive over support for peacekeeper children

April 21st 2017 – The UN has been accused of refusing to cooperate with a human rights group that is pursuing child support payments for women left pregnant by its peacekeeping forces. Lawyers representing 10 women in Haiti plan to pursue child support cases through civil action, but say they need the UN's assistance to proceed because most of the men involved are no longer in the country.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

Latin America and the Caribbean – Parliamentarians from Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa shared their experience in the fight against hunger with the OECD

April 13th 2017 – How can parliaments contribute to the eradication of hunger in the world? The Latin American and the Caribbean Parliamentary Front Against Hunger and its African counterpart, the Pan-African Food Security and Nutrition Alliance, answered this question at a meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

[Full article](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization)



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Mexico – 61 menores migrantes, entre ellos hondureños, bajo resguardo del DIF en México

17 de Abril 2017 - Un total de 61 niños migrantes, entre ellos varios hondureños, fueron puestos bajo resguardo del Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF) en Veracruz, México. La directora del DIF municipal de Veracruz, María del Rosario Arias Pérez, informó que 61 niños migrantes fueron puestos bajo resguardo del organismo asistencial en el presente año por parte del personal del Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM).

[Artículo completo](#) (Red de Información Humanitaria para América Latina y el Caribe)

Mexico – Inauguran foro interamericano de sistemas nacionales de protección integral de niñez

24 de Abril 2017 – Esta mañana se inauguró el Foro Interamericano de Sistemas Nacionales de Protección Integral de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes, el cual busca incentivar el intercambio de experiencias y lecciones aprendidas sobre los programas, planes y estrategias nacionales en materia de protección de derechos de la infancia que se han desarrollado en América Latina, el Caribe y Estados Unidos.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF)

Mexico – Trachoma: Mexico eliminates infectious disease which is world's leading cause of blindness

April 25th 2017 – Mexico has succeeded in eliminating trachoma, an infectious disease that is the world's leading cause of blindness, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced. The disease, which causes the inner surface of the eyelids to become rough, is believed to be responsible for the blindness or visual impairment of 1.9 million people worldwide. [...] Young children are most likely to develop trachoma, caused by an infection that spreads through skin-to-skin contact or from flies that have touched discharge from the eyes or nose.

[Full article](#) (The Independent)



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Nicaragua – One Million Students Will Have Better Education and Safer Schools in Nicaragua

April 13th 2017 – One million preschool, primary and secondary students of public schools in Nicaragua will benefit from improved teaching practices and infrastructure thanks to a US\$55 million loan approved by the World Bank Board of Directors today.

[Full article](#) (World Bank)

Peru – UNICEF: Peru floods leave thousands of children at risk

April 12th 2017 – The United Nations' child relief agency is warning that thousands of children in Peru are at risk of severe malnutrition as a result of floods and mudslides that have killed 106 people and left countless more homeless. An estimated 15,000 children under the age of 2 living in the Andean nation's hardest hit regions don't have access to sufficient food, clean water and sanitary living conditions, UNICEF representative Maria Luisa Fornara said Wednesday.

[Full article](#) (CTV News)

Peru – Gian Marco lanza disco 'Por Ti Perú Hoy'

24 de Abril 2017 – Hoy sale a la venta el CD 'Por Ti Perú Hoy' producido por Gian Marco, reconocido cantautor e intérprete peruano y Embajador Nacional de UNICEF. Lo recaudado de las ventas será donado íntegramente al Fondo de Naciones Unidas para la Infancia – UNICEF para financiar programas de ayuda en dos temas priorizados: acceso a agua segura y saneamiento; y la implementación de espacios de protección que promuevan la recuperación psico-afectiva de niñas, niños y adolescentes.

[Artículo completo](#) (FAO)



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Salvador – FAO y Gobierno de El Salvador presentan logros en Programas de Alimentación Escolar

5 de Abril 2017 – Representante de FAO El Salvador, Dr. Alan González y el Viceministro de Educación, Lic. Francisco Castaneda presentaron en San José, Costa Rica, los principales logros del Programa de Alimentación Escolar en el Encuentro Internacional “La Alimentación Escolar como una Estrategia para el alcance de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible”.

[Artículo completo](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization)

Trinidad & Tobago – Persisten violations of childrens rights

April 20th 2017 – The violations highlighted are those issues raised with the State by more than one international mechanism. This is done with the intention of identifying children's rights which have been repeatedly violated, as well as gaps in the issues covered by NGOs in their alternative reports to the various human rights monitoring bodies. These violations are listed in no particular order.

[Full article](#) (Child Rights International Network)

United States – Supreme Court Denial Must Not Result in Deportation of Asylum-Seeking Families

April 17th 2017 – The Supreme Court will not hear a case brought by more than two dozen families who have been ordered deported without having their full cases heard by an immigration judge. The families fled horrific violence and human rights abuses in Central America. Many of the families have been held for more than a year in immigration detention facilities, most recently in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The denial by the Supreme Court could result in the families being deported imminently.

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