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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

Allemagne - Des milliers d'enfants agressés dans l'Église catholique allemande

12 Septembre 2018 - Au moins 3677 enfants, en majorité des garçons âgés de moins de 13 ans, ont été victimes de sévices sexuels commis par 1670 clercs, selon ce rapport consulté par les hebdomadaires *Spiegel* et *die Zeit*.

La Presse – [Article complet](#)

Belgique - Migrants. En Belgique, il sera désormais possible d'enfermer des enfants

13 Août 2018 – Depuis le 11 août, des familles avec enfants pourront figurer parmi les immigrés en situation irrégulière que la Belgique détient dans des centres fermés, avant leur expulsion. Et ce malgré les très nombreuses condamnations, dont celle de l'agence de l'ONU pour les réfugiés.

Courrier international - [Article complet](#)

France - Les députés français adoptent une loi problématique sur l'asile et l'immigration

4 Août 2018 - En France, des demandeurs d'asile dorment dans la rue et des procédures défectueuses laissent souvent des enfants migrants non accompagnés livrés à leur sort, sans abri et exclus de la prise en charge dont ils ont besoin. Mais au lieu de relever ces défis ou de corriger les lacunes des lois existantes, les législateurs ont décidé d'adopter une nouvelle loi problématique en matière d'asile et d'immigration, qui pourrait rendre encore plus difficile pour les demandeurs d'asile d'obtenir la protection dont ils ont tant besoin.

Human Rights Watch - [Article complet](#)

France - Rentrée scolaire: de trop nombreux enfants à la porte de l'école

17 septembre 2018 - En France, des milliers d'enfants ne sont pas scolarisés, en raison de facteurs multiples (éloignement des lieux de vie, expulsions à répétition, manque d'infrastructure...). Un collectif interpelle le chef de l'Etat et le ministre de l'Education nationale pour rendre le droit à la scolarisation pleinement effectif.

Libération – [Article complet](#)

France - Les enfants de la diaspora tentés par l'Afrique de leurs parents

21 septembre 2018 - Le continent fait de plus en plus rêver les jeunes diplômés, qui sont aussi très courtisés par les entreprises pour des emplois entre Dakar et Lagos.

Le Monde – [Article complet](#)



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Global - 121 inspiring children nominated for International Children's Peace Prize 2018 (global)

Today Kids Rights proudly announces that 121 nominees are in contention for the International Children's Peace Prize 2018. The prestigious prize is awarded annually to a child who fights courageously to promote the rights of the child.

Kids Rights - [Full article](#)

Grèce - Les enfants demandeurs d'asile privés d'éducation sur les îles grecques

18 juillet 2018 - Des enfants demandeurs d'asile participent à un cours d'art dans un centre géré par des bénévoles, Refugee Education Chios, sur l'île grecque de Chios, le 29 septembre 2016. En juin 2018, seuls quelques centaines d'enfants demandant l'asile étaient inscrits dans publiques des îles de la mer Égée.

Human Rights Watch – [Article complet](#)

India - India's Bihar state takes over children's shelters after finding abuse

September 3, 2018 - Government authorities will take over all shelters in India's northern state of Bihar after an audit found that children were being verbally, physically and sexually abused in homes run by charities, an official said.

Reuters - [Full article](#)

Lebanon - UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Vanessa Redgrave meets children and young people

18 September 2018 - UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador met with Syrian refugee families in Housh al Refka informal settlement in Bekaa Valley including the Hamdou family - a mother and nine children - who discussed with her the struggles they face to support themselves. Othman Hamdou, 12, can't go to school as he must look after his siblings while his mother works as the sole breadwinner for his family.

UNICEF – [Full article](#)

Philippines - More than a million children missing out on education as thousands of schools remain shut following "super" typhoon Mangkhut

17 September 2018 - More than a million students face an extended period out of school, leaving them at risk of falling permanently out of the education system, warns Save the Children as the cleanup after Typhoon Mangkhut gets under way.

Save The Children - [Full article](#)



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Report - U.S Department of labor's 2018 List of goods produced by child labor or forced labor

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has produced this eighth edition of the List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor in accordance with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), as amended.

US Department of Labor – [Full article](#)

Study - Children Have Better Nutrition When They Live Near Forests

August 17, 2018 - Spending time in nature is [known to boost](#) mental and emotional health. Now, a new global [study](#) has found that children in 27 developing nations tend to have more diverse diets and better nutrition when they live near [forests](#). The paper, published Wednesday in *Science Advances*, provides evidence that forest [conservation](#) can be an important tool in promoting better nutrition in developing countries, rather than clear-cutting forests for more farmland.

EcoWatch – [Full article](#)

Territoires Palestiniens Occupés - Des enfants palestiniens font une rentrée précoce pour que leur école ne soit pas démolie

5 septembre 2018 - Si vous avez apprécié vos vacances d'été, ayez une pensée pour les enfants de l'école de Khan al Ahmar, en Cisjordanie occupée. Ils ont raccourci leurs vacances cette année, préférant faire leur rentrée à l'avance pour éviter que l'armée israélienne ne détruise leur école.

Amnistie Internationale – [Article complet](#)

World Humanitarian Day 2018 - Statement by Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari. WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

August 19, 2018 - The Eastern Mediterranean Region is witnessing an unprecedented number, magnitude and severity of emergencies, culminating in a major humanitarian tragedy. More than 70 million people need health aid, including 16 million people displaced within their countries, and 32 million people who are food insecure.

WHO – [Full article](#)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conference – “Education systems and turnout inequality in a cross-national perspective”

Les inégalités en matière d'éducation augmentent, ce qui a des répercussions importantes sur la représentation politique et le choix des politiques. Une compréhension approfondie du lien éducation-participation est donc d'autant plus importante. Cependant, les recherches existantes se caractérisent par une négligence des différences institutionnelles dans les systèmes éducatifs. En combinant la littérature sur la participation avec la recherche sur les systèmes éducatifs en science politique comparée, la sociologie et l'économie, Suzanne Garritzmann soutient que la structure institutionnelle des systèmes éducatifs nationaux modère le lien entre l'éducation et la participation.

Location: Université de Montréal, Salle C-4019, Pavillon Lionel-Groulx

Date: mardi 13 novembre 2018 12:00 - 13:00

[For more information](#) (Département de Science Politique, Chaire de recherche en études électorale)

Consultation– “Sub-regional Consultation for the United Nations Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty”

Esta consulta es organizada por el Gobierno de Uruguay en colaboración con Defensa de Niñas y Niños Internacional – Uruguay (DNI - Uruguay), el Instituto del Niño y Adolescente del Uruguay (INAU), el Instituto Nacional de Inclusión Social Adolescente (INISA), la Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo de Uruguay, UNICEF, la Oficina del Alto Comisionado para los Derechos Humanos (ACNUDH) y el Instituto Interamericano del Niño, la Niña y Adolescentes (IIN). Se promoverá la participación de representantes de gobiernos, organizaciones internacionales, expertos académicos, INDDHH y de la sociedad civil (incluyendo niños –a confirmar).

Location: Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo, General Artigas Street 1532, 11600, Montevideo, Uruguay

Date: October 25-26, 2018

[For more information](#) (UN)



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Forum – International Volunteer Cooperation Organisations - IVCO 2018

The IVCO brings together leaders of international volunteering agencies from around the globe in a unique dialogue focusing on the challenges and opportunities currently facing international development volunteering – longstanding, and newly emerging. IVCO allows its participants to learn, exchange ideas and practice innovation, build supportive peer networks, and participate in shaping sectorial policy and advocacy initiatives. The conference's three days of activities – including 3 panels, 19 dialogue sessions and many networking opportunities – aim to offer stakeholders innovative tools to engage in volunteerism more effectively moving forward.

By showcasing volunteer voices from all over the world IVCO 2018 will provide a collaborative space to reflect on the current state of the inclusion of women and youth in volunteering for development and share best practice.

Location: Montréal

Date: October 28-31, 2018

[For more information](#) (Oxfam-Québec, SUCO and Forum)

Forum – “2nd Forum of National Child Rights Protection Systems”

La Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño aprobada en 1989 (en adelante CDN), trajo importantes cambios en la forma en cómo los adultos perciben a los niños, niñas y adolescentes y dice que son “sujetos de derechos”; es decir que tienen el mismo valor que los adultos. Con su aprobación y firma por parte de casi la totalidad de Estados, la CDN se convirtió en el máximo referente a nivel internacional de sus derechos.

Es así, que sus opiniones cuentan y son tenidas en cuenta por los adultos, para mejorar la forma en que viven y se relacionan en las familias, en los lugares de estudio y en la sociedad, guiando el trabajo de los gobiernos para garantizar y promover sus derechos.

El 2° Foro de Sistemas Nacionales de Protección Integral de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes se propone generar un espacio de diálogo e intercambio entre los Estados Soberanos para potencializar dichos Sistemas con enfoque de derechos.

Location: Four Point Hotel – Ejido street 1275, Montevideo-Uruguay

Date: October 22-23, 2018

[For more information](#) (Instituto del Niño y Adolescente del Uruguay)



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Meeting on Child Participation – How can professionals Foster Real and Effective Child Participation?

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child, with the support of the City of Geneva, organizes a colloquium that will present the different experiences by the States, cantons and non-governmental organisations working on the issue of child participation. Special attention will be given to children in vulnerable situations, given that children's rights are the rights enjoyed by all children. During the meeting, children will be given the opportunity to express themselves on how participation in projects has impacted their lives.

Location: Centre international de conférences de Genève (CICG) Rue de Varembe 17, 1202 Geneva

Date: 13 -14 November 2018

[For more information](#) (Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant)

Seminar – “XVI Seminar on National Reality Public Policies on Children: from Discourse to Practice”

Este Seminario ha sido declarado de interés institucional por parte del Consejo Universitario de la Universidad Nacional dada la trascendencia para la niñez y adolescencia en nuestro país por estar relacionado con la política pública hacia esta población. Las políticas públicas son el conjunto de medidas que adopta el estado para atender determinadas necesidades sociales. En el caso de la población menor de edad, si se asume un enfoque de derechos, entonces las políticas públicas deberían convertirse en el conjunto de acciones a través de las cuales el estado busca cumplir los derechos de niños, niñas y adolescentes.

Location: Marco Tulio Salazar Auditorium, Center for Research and Teaching in Education (CIDE). Herediam, Costa Rica

Date: October 2-4, 2018

[For more information](#) (Universidad Nacional)



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3. Subregional and Country Updates – Sub-Saharan Africa

Africa – Armed conflict and child mortality in Africa: a geospatial Analysis

August 30, 2018 - A substantial portion of child deaths in Africa take place in countries with recent history of armed conflict and political instability. However, the extent to which armed conflict is an important cause of child mortality, especially in Africa, remains unknown.

The Lancet - [Full article](#)

Africa – Child marriage in Africa persists

25 September 2018 - THREE out of four girls in Niger are married before they are 18, giving this poor west African country the world's highest rate of child marriage. The World Bank says it is one of only a very small number to have seen no reduction in recent years; the rate has even risen slightly.

The Economist - [Full article](#)

Burundi - Human Rights Council holds interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi.

September 17, 2018 - The Human Rights Council held an interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi. The Council also heard an address by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom, and concluded its general debate on the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development.

Relief Web – [Article complet](#)

Cameroun – Au Cameroun, une rentrée des classes sans manuels scolaires

3 septembre 2018 - A cause d'un agrément tardif des ouvrages et d'un bras de fer entre libraires et éditeurs, de nombreux livres sont indisponibles.

Le Monde – [Article complet](#)

Ghana – Letter from Africa: Should Ghanaian women be limited to three babies?

30 August 2018 - In our series of letters from African journalists, Elizabeth Ohene considers the controversial proposal to limit women to having three babies in Ghana. Among the Ga, the people who are indigenous to Ghana's capital, Accra, a woman is entitled to a live sheep on the delivery of her 10th child. The word for it is "nyongmato".

BBC - [Full article](#)



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Mali – La Coordonnatrice adjointe des secours d'urgence appelle à l'intensification de l'aide humanitaire pour répondre aux besoins croissants.

31 Août 2018 - La situation humanitaire s'est considérablement détériorée au cours de l'année écoulée en raison du conflit, de l'augmentation des affrontements intercommunautaires dans le nord et le centre et du déficit pluviométrique de 2017.

[Relief Web – Article complet](#)

Mauritanie - « Ils m'ont dit de garder le silence » Obstacles rencontrés par les survivantes d'agressions sexuelles pour obtenir justice et réparations en Mauritanie.

5 septembre 2018 - En Mauritanie, peu de survivantes d'agressions sexuelles osent s'exprimer. Celles qui, comme Rouhiya, les dénoncent aux autorités doivent se frayer un chemin dans un système dysfonctionnel qui décourage les victimes de porter plainte. Ce rapport fait état des obstacles institutionnels, juridiques et sociaux que rencontrent les survivantes lorsqu'elles veulent rapporter à la police des incidents d'agressions sexuelles, amener les coupables devant la justice et obtenir un soutien médical et psychosocial.

[Human Right Watch – Article complet](#)

Niger – Niger: Malaria and malnutrition causing unprecedented mortality rates in children under five

25 september 2018 - An average of ten children per day died last month in the hospital in Magaria in southern Niger, an alarming mortality rate mostly due to malnutrition and malaria in children under five, said the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) on Tuesday. MSF, in collaboration with Niger's Ministry of Health (MOH) is currently treating 730 children who are admitted to the hospital, including 208 who are critically ill and crowded into the pediatric intensive care unit.

[ReliefWeb – Full article](#)

Nigeria – First Person: Want to thwart human traffickers? Just add water

September 10, 2018 - Human trafficking in northeastern Nigeria is a topic I've written extensively about, but I didn't know how frequently traffickers targeted internally displaced persons camps until one day in January when I got a note about two girls who were setting off for Italy. Nor did I know that their story would prompt a seemingly simple move to decrease the risks of trafficking for IDP camp residents: providing more water.

[IRIN – Full article](#)

Report - Somewhere, every five seconds, a child under-15 dies

September 17, 2018 - Around 6.3 million children under the age of 15, died from mostly preventable causes last year, the equivalent to 1 child dying every 5 seconds, according to a new



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report compiled by a group of United Nations agencies. Children from Sub-Saharan African are disproportionately affected, with half all deaths of under-fives, taking place in the region.

UN News – [Full article](#)

Sierra Leone - Sierra Leone Makes Schools Free but Scraps University Subsidies

August 24, 2018 - Sierra Leone has launched a public awareness campaign to inform people about its free education program due to start in September. More than two million primary and secondary school children will be exempt from paying fees.

All Africa – [Article complet](#)

South Sudan - 'Children's crisis' in South Sudan must be addressed, says top UN official calling for real accountability

September 7, 2018 - Virginia Gamba, the United Nations Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, called for much greater accountability and effort, to prevent grave violations against children across the world's youngest nation, South Sudan.

UN News – [Full article](#)

Uganda – Uganda Launches new Education Response Plan for Africa's biggest refugee crisis

September 14, 2018 - The Government of Uganda, Partners in Development, UN agencies and NGOs, today launch a new Plan that if funded will provide quality education for hundreds of thousands of refugee and host community children in Uganda.

Relief Web – [Article complet](#)

Zimbabwe – From a dream to a blossoming school eco-system in an arid stretch of Zimbabwe

September 18, 2018 - A rural school in one of the driest parts of Zimbabwe has transformed itself into a model sustainable eco-school with orchards, herbal plant garden and piggery.

The change at Sihlengeni Primary School in the Esiphezini area of Gwanda, Zimbabwe, one of the winners of the 2017 [UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development \(ESD\)](#), started with an idea.

UNESCO – [Full article](#)