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I. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

Australie - Nauru migrants: Australia evacuates 11 children off detention island

October 23, 2018 - Some 11 children have been transferred to Australia from the Nauru detention centre to receive medical treatment.

BBC – [Full Article](#)

Canada - Vulnerable children don't have access to Canada Child Benefit, says advocacy group

October 14, 2018 - Thousands of Canada's most vulnerable children don't have access to hundreds of dollars a month in federal aid because of red tape, according to a non-profit organization.

CBC – [Full Article](#)

Canada - How Canada barred adoptions from Muslim countries and used Shariah law to do it

October 29, 2018 - At the Pakistani orphanage where he was abandoned at birth, little Imran packed his things and said goodbye to the children who weren't so lucky. At four years old, Imran believed he would finally have a family. "Say goodbye to me," he said. "My mom is coming to take me to Canada." That was two years ago. He never made it — all because of a controversial policy that's kept hopeful Canadians separated from children they had created a space for in their hearts and their homes. But after a year-long investigation by *The Fifth Estate*, that may change. The federal government says it will review a decision going back to 2013 when Canada banned adoptions from Pakistan without warning.

CBC – [Full Article](#)

European Union - Combating child poverty: an issue of fundamental rights

October 2018 - Almost 25 million children under 18 are at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU. Poverty deprives children of educational opportunities, childcare, access to health care, adequate food and housing, family support and even protection from violence. This report outlines data and survey findings that highlight the magnitude of child poverty in the EU, but also presents tools available to counter this phenomenon and keep track of progress made.

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – [Full Article](#)



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France - Violences à l'école : des professeurs dénoncent sur Twitter le silence de

l'Éducation nationale

22 octobre 2018 - Ces réactions surviennent après l'affaire d'un élève filmé en train de braquer sa professeure avec une arme factice dans un lycée de Créteil (Val-de-Marne). Le lycéen a été mis en examen dimanche pour « violences aggravées ».

Le Monde – [Article complet](#)

Global - Global Child Nutrition Forum celebrates 20th edition in Tunisia

October - The 20th annual Global Child Nutrition Forum is expected to gather 300 participants representing 50 countries to discuss the theme National School Meal Programs for Food and Nutrition Security and Multiple Social Benefits. The Forum is the largest annual international conference on school feeding in the world, and this year it will take place in Tunis, Tunisia, from 21 to 25 October.

World Food Programme – [Full Article](#)

Global - 90% of world's children are breathing toxic air, WHO study finds

October 29, 2018 - Poisonous air is having a devastating impact on billions of children around the world, damaging their intelligence and leading to hundreds of thousands of deaths, according to a report from the [World Health Organization](#).

The Guardian - [Full Article](#)

Global - How children learn to recognize faces

October 29, 2018 - "I'm very, very good at recognizing faces," said Kang Lee, a professor of applied psychology and human development at the University of Toronto, who studies the development of facial recognition skills in children. If he has met a person once, he said, he will recognize that person two or three years later. "One encounter for me is sufficient, my brain has encoded it."

New York Times - [Full Article](#)

Global - Investing in knowledge for ending child marriage

October 2018 - The UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage is turning commitments into tangible action for children. It promotes the right of girls to delay marriage, addresses the conditions that keep the practice in place and cares for girls already in union. The Global Programme is being implemented in 12 countries with high prevalence and/or high burden of child marriage: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

Reliefweb – [Full Article](#)



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Indonesia - Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami: One month on from the disaster, thousands of children still homeless, out-of-school and in need of humanitarian support

October 4, 2018 - Almost a month after a deadly earthquake and tsunami struck Palu and the surrounding areas of the northwestern part of Sulawesi, Indonesia, an estimated 375,000 children remain in need of lifesaving supplies and services.

UNICEF – [Full Article](#)

Japan - Art classes can help boost your kids' creativity

October 7, 2018 - My two daughters are staring, eyes wide open, bodies motionless and completely oblivious to me calling their names. The object of their fascination? A studio full of adults silently sketching in a still life art class — more precisely, the pencil outline of an apple coming to life, as drawn on an easel by a 30-something man.

Japan Times – [Full Article](#)

Slovenia - Slovenia adopts a declaration on the creation of a Children's House for child victims of sexual abuse

October 10, 2018 - Representatives of Slovenian authorities have signed and adopted the [Declaration](#) on the creation of a Barnahus (Children's House) for child victims of sexual abuse in Slovenia.

Council of Europe - [Full Article](#)

Sweden - Child bride refugees spur Sweden to tighten marriage law

October 24, 2018 - Among the tens of thousands of child refugees who have fled to Sweden from war-torn countries is a group of young girls who have presented the Nordic country with a major dilemma - they are married.

Thomson Reuters Foundation – [Full Article](#)

United Kingdom - Children spend twice as long looking at screens than playing outside, study finds

October 26, 2018 - Young children spend twice as long looking at screens as they do playing outside, a study has found. By the time they reach the age of seven, children will have been looking at screens for the equivalent of 456 days – an average of four hours every day. But just 182 days, or an average of just over an hour and a half a day, will have been spent playing outdoors.

Independent – [Full Article](#)



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United States - USA: Facts and figures on illegal pushbacks, arbitrary detention and ill treatment of asylum-seekers in the United States

October 22, 2018 - Amnesty International's view on US authorities' family separation numbers: There has still not been a proper reckoning of the scale of abuse by US authorities in the family separations scandal. The US Congress must act immediately to publicly investigate and establish an exhaustive record of family separations by US authorities, and pass legislation prohibiting the separation and indefinite detention of children and families. US authorities must reveal their full statistics on family separations for public scrutiny, ensure that all those families are reunited, and guarantee this never happens again.

Amnesty International – [Full Article](#)

II. Conferences, courses and events

Projection de courts-métrages – Les droits des enfants autochtones

La Journée mondiale de l'enfance est célébrée chaque année le 20 novembre afin de promouvoir les droits de l'enfant. En collaboration avec Wapikoni Mobile, les enfants autochtones seront mis à l'honneur au travers une sélection d'œuvres cinématographiques et de discussions sur les thèmes de l'identité culturelle, la participation active des enfants au sein de leur communauté et l'autonomisation des peuples autochtones.

Les projections et les discussions seront suivies d'un cocktail pendant lequel vous pourrez échanger avec les expertes et experts présents, sur les défis qu'il reste à relever sur les droits de l'enfant d'ici et d'ailleurs, en particulier les enfants autochtones. Le Bureau international des droits des enfants (IBCR) est très heureux de vous convier à cette soirée courts-métrages, qui s'annonce riche en émotions et en partages.

IBCR – [En savoir plus](#)

Festival de films documentaires – Enfances dans le monde

Le festival Enfances dans le monde a lieu tous les ans à Paris, au cinéma Les 7 Parnassiens (Paris XIVe). Il est organisé par le Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance (BICE) à l'occasion de la journée mondiale des droits de l'enfant. Enfances dans le monde est le seul festival de cinéma de films documentaires sur l'enfance en France. Les documentaires projetés au festival Enfances dans le monde s'adressent à des adolescents comme à des adultes. Les séances du festival ont lieu à Paris au cinéma Les 7 Parnassiens.

BICE – [En savoir plus](#)



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Conference - AidEx 2018 : The global humanitarian and development aid event

AidEx is a two-days event, which encompasses a conference, exhibition, meeting areas, awards and workshops. Its fundamental aim is to engage the sector at every level and provide a forum for aid & development professionals to meet, source, supply and learn. AidEx was created to help the international aid and development community engage the private sector in a neutral setting, drive innovation and support the ever-growing need for emergency aid and development programmes.

AidEx – [More information](#)

Colloque étudiant – CERIU: “Efficaces, les organisations internationales ? »

Le CERIU organise cette année la 6e édition de son colloque étudiant intitulé : « Efficaces, les organisations internationales ? ». Pour cette nouvelle édition, le comité organisateur du colloque étudiant du cérium a décidé de mener des débats et des discussions sur l'efficacité des organisations internationales. Souvent critiquées, voire remises en cause, les organisations internationales font l'objet de questionnements quant à leur place dans un monde bousculé par plusieurs enjeux fondamentaux. Ainsi, nous élaborons trois thèmes qui nous semblent prioritaires dans leurs agendas. À 9h45, nos intervenant.e.s débattront sur la priorité du développement durable jusqu'à 11h30 sous forme de table ronde. À partir de 13h jusqu'à 15h, la question des femmes dans les organisations internationales sera discutée et débattue sous forme de table ronde. Enfin, de 15h à 17h, nous conclurons par une discussion autour de la place de la gouvernance mondiale et la légitimité des organisations internationales.

CERIU- [En savoir plus](#)

Lecture - Human Rights Limits to Privatization - Humphrey lecture with Philip Alston

Privatization is generally presented as a technical solution for managing resources and reducing fiscal deficits, but in fact, it is an integral part of an economic and social philosophy of governance. Key international actors such as the World Bank and the IMF now promote it aggressively without regard to its human rights implications or consequences, while most human rights bodies have either ignored the phenomenon or assumed that tweaking existing procedures provides an adequate response. The lecture will explore the ways in which human rights proponents need to fundamentally reconsider their approach to this issue

The Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism – [More information](#)



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III. Subregional and Country Updates – Sub-Saharan Africa

Afrique du Sud - Une nouvelle campagne contre la malnutrition infantile

18 octobre 2018 - Lancée le 17 octobre à Johannesburg avec la première dame du pays à sa tête, l'opération se propose de former et conseiller les Sud-Africains aux bonnes pratiques de nutrition chez l'enfant.

Agence d'information d'Afrique centrale – [Article complet](#)

Afrique - La pollution de l'air tue 600.000 enfants dans le monde par an

29 octobre 2018 - Chaque année, la pollution de l'air, qu'il soit atmosphérique ou intérieur, tue environ 600.000 enfants à travers le monde, selon un rapport publié lundi 29 octobre par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS). Premier continent touché, l'Afrique.

Journal de l'environnement – [Article complet](#)

Afrique - Mourir avant 15 ans, une tragédie très africaine

17 octobre 2018 - En 2017, près d'un million d'enfants et d'adolescents de 5 à 15 ans sont morts. Dans 55 % des cas, ces jeunes vivaient en Afrique subsaharienne.

Le Monde – [Article complet](#)

Afrique subsaharienne - « En Afrique subsaharienne, il y a 85 millions d'enfants sans identité »

11 octobre 2018 - En Afrique, il y a actuellement quelque 85 millions d'enfants qui ne sont pas inscrits à l'état-civil et n'ont pas d'acte de naissance. Ce sont « *Les enfants fantômes* », du nom de l'ouvrage publié il y a cinq ans chez Albin Michel par le notaire camerounais Abdoulaye Harissou et son collègue français Laurent Dejoie.

RFI – [Article complet](#)



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Botswana - Botswana Children's Hospital first of its kind

9 Octobre 2018 – Botswana shall not falter where the United Nations' Charter is concerned and if need be, she will go an extra mile to protect the world peoples against impunity, so said the President Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi in his maiden address to the General Assembly.

The Voice BW – [Full article](#)

Chad - Little Ripples programme has a big effect on young refugee children

17 October 2018 – Refugees in Chad are being trained as teachers to provide home learning to thousands of young children living in camps.

Relief Web – [Full article](#)

Côte d'Ivoire - « Je montre ces enfants “microbes” que la société ivoirienne ne veut pas voir »

29 octobre 2018 - Diffusée sur Canal+ Afrique, la série 100 % africaine décrypte l'ultraviolence des jeunes des rues d'Abidjan en suivant la vie d'une bande.

Le Monde – [Article complet](#)

Côte d'Ivoire - La Directrice régionale de l'UNICEF pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre en visite en Côte d'Ivoire

26 octobre 2018 - Marie-Pierre Poirier, Directrice régionale de l'UNICEF pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre, est en visite en Côte d'Ivoire cette semaine. Elle a salué les progrès importants qui ont été réalisés en Côte d'Ivoire et a souhaité les voir passer à l'échelle pour que les droits de chaque enfant soient respectés.

Digital Congo – [Article complet](#)

Ethiopia - Baby WASH: increasing communities' awareness through health extension workers

5 October 2018 - Nigist lives 20km north of Sekota town in the mountainous and remote northern part of Ethiopia. Together with her husband and two children she lives in a one-room rock-built house in the



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centre of the village. The village is surrounded by rocky crop fields, where the men plough with the help of two oxen.

UNICEF Ethiopia – [Full article](#)

Niger - 2 milliards FCFA pour dédommager des enfants de Tibiri

21 octobre 2018 - Le gouvernement du Niger a annoncé samedi qu'il va débloquer 2 milliards FCFA pour dédommager des enfants de Tibiri (centre-sud nigérien) victimes il y a 20 ans d'une eau polluée.

BBC – [Article complet](#)

South Sudan - UN accuses South Sudan troops of child killings, rapes

16 October 2018 - A woman takes part in a silent march with participants from more than forty South Sudanese women organisations to express the frustration and suffering that women and children face in Juba, South Sudan on December 9, 2017.

Daily Nation – [Full article](#)

Madagascar - Children amongst thousands held in life-threatening prison conditions

23 October 2018 - People - including children - who have not been found guilty of any crime are dying in Madagascar's prisons due to appalling conditions, Amnesty International said today, as it released a report highlighting how the Malagasy authorities' excessive use of pre-trial detention is harming the poorest people in society.

Amnesty International – [Full article](#)

Nigeria - Près de 9 000 enfants enrôlés dans la milice civile ont été libérés en un an

12 octobre 2018 - Selon l'Unicef, 8 700 enfants ont été relâchés depuis l'an dernier par les différents groupes armés qui s'affrontent dans le pays.

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Tanzania - Why We Need Budget for Children

21 October 2018 - THREE days ago, a group of journalists from Kagera, Mwanza, Simiyu, Kigoma and Geita regions met in Mwanza for a workshop which discussed situation of children in Tanzania.

All Africa – [Full article](#)