

Key Issues for the Protection of Child Migrants and Refugees in Mexico

Expert Roundtable and Interdisciplinary Dialogue

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Hotel Fiesta Inn Centro Histórico, Mexico City

Time	Activity	Moderator/Speaker
9:00-9:30	Registration	IMUMI & IDC
9:30-10:00	Welcome and Meeting Objectives	SIPINNA, PFPNNA, INM, IDC & IMUMI
10:00-10:45	Session 1. Context, progress and current panorama for alternatives to detention (ATD) in Mexico Introduction and Moderator: Gisele Bonnici, IDC	
	<i>Progress in alternatives to detention for migrant and refugee youth in Mexico.</i>	Héctor Alemán, National Migration Institute (INM)
	<i>Progress in alternatives to detention for migrant and refugee youth in Mexico.</i>	Nelly Montealegre, Federal Child Rights Protection Office (PFPNNA)
	<i>What's Next for Mexico?</i>	Ricardo Bucio, National Child Rights Protection System (SIPINNA)
10:45-12:15	Session 2. The development of new roles and responsibilities: different models for evaluating the best interests of the child. Introduction and Moderator: Dora Giusti, UNICEF Mexico	
	<i>Best Interest Determinations in migration context</i>	Alejandro Morlachetti, Consultant at United Nations and Lecturer at Lanús University in Argentina
	<i>Progress and current challenges in Mexico</i>	Fernando Negrete, PFPNNA
	<i>Case study: United States – Office of Refugee Resettlement</i>	Tricia Swartz, U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement
	<i>Case study: United States – Model of the Young Center for Immigrant Children</i>	Gladis Molina, Young Center for Immigrant Children, United States
	<i>Group Discussion</i>	
12:15-12:30	Break	
12:30-13:45	Session 3. The development of new roles and responsibilities: guardianship, custody and independent legal representation of migrant and refugee children. Introduction and Moderator: Gretchen Kuhner, IMUMI	
	Importance and role of each concept	Elba Coria Alaide Foppa Legal Clinic for Refugees, Mexico
	Interpretation of the concepts in Mexico and their intersection with migration procedures	Margarita Griesbach, Oficina de Defensoría de los Derechos de la Infancia (ODI), Mexico
	Examples and learnings from the United States	Jennifer Podkul, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), United States
	<i>Group Discussion</i>	

13:45-15:15	Lunch	
15:15-17:00	Session 4. Referral Mechanisms and Case Management. Introduction and Moderator: Vanessa Martínez, IDC	
	COMAR's experiences with case management	Cinthia Pérez, Mexican Commission for Refugees (COMAR)
	Case Study: Zambia – Mechanisms for referral and case management.	Bertha Nguvulu, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Zambia
	Case Study: United Kingdom	Jerome Phelps, Detention Action, United Kingdom
	The Essentials of Case Management: Experiences from the US and Malaysia	Chak Ng, Volunteer Consultant with Suka Society, Malaysia
	<i>Group Discussion</i>	
17:00-17:45	Session 5. Reflections on the process of implementing non-custodial community-based alternatives to detention (ATD) Moderator: Gisele Bonnici, IDC	
	Situation in the U.S.: Background on the protection system for migrant and refugee children and the development of alternatives to detention.	Tricia Swartz, U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement
	Situation in Zambia: Development and implementation of the National Referral Mechanism for alternatives to detention.	Bertha Nguvulu, IOM Zambia
	Situation in the United Kingdom: Participation in the development and implementation of alternatives to detention.	Jerome Phelps, Detention Action, United Kingdom
17:45	Conclusions	Gretchen Kuhner, IMUMI