

Response to COVID-19 for Children in Fragile and Conflict Affected Settings: The Promise of Early Childhood Development

Saturday, 10th October 2020

4:30PM – 6:00PM

(Saudi Arabian Standard Time – UTC+03:00)

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About the Civil 20

The Civil 20 (C20) became an Official Engagement Group of the G20 in 2013 . Since then, the C20 has grown stronger every year, ensuring that world leaders listen not only to voices representing the government and business sectors, but also to the proposals and demands of civil society, with the aim of protecting the environment and promoting social and economic development, human rights and the principle of leaving no one behind. Our work is guided by our [principles](#) of inclusivity, transparency, independence, collaboration, human rights, gender equality and women empowerment. This year the C20 Engagement Group is joined by more than **800 members** from global Civil Society in **80 countries** all round the globe.

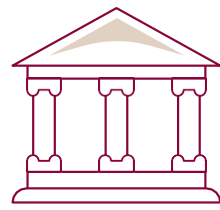
C20 activities throughout the G20 presidency year, include:

- ▶ Speaking at G20 official meetings to represent the demands of civil society and the communities we serve
- ▶ Influencing G20 outcome documents including the G20 Leaders' Communiqué
- ▶ Producing the [C20 Policy Pack](#) which details C20 positions in response to the G20 agenda of the year
- ▶ Issuing policy statements and open letters to G20 Ministers around G20 policy discussions
- ▶ Releasing the C20 Communiqué, which is Civil Society's political declaration to G20 Leaders

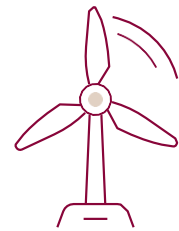
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Working Groups

Our 11 Working Groups worked tirelessly this year to create specific and actionable recommendations to deliver to the G20 leaders



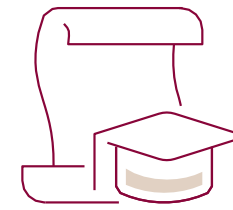
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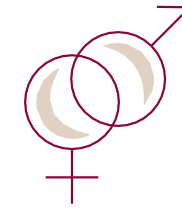
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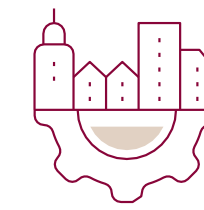
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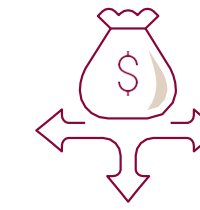
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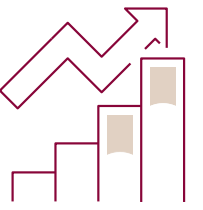
Infrastructure



International
Financial
Architecture



Local2Global



Trade &
Investment

These recommendations centered around 6 key themes:

01

COVID-19
Response &
Recovery

02

Economic and
Social Justice

03

Wellbeing
of People &
Planet

04

Citizen
Agency &
Empowerment

05

Accountability
& Transparency

06

Leaving No
One Behind

About the 2020 C20 Summit

6th to 10th of October

This year has demonstrated the need to listen to all voices without discrimination or proxy. We are determined to host the biggest virtual gathering of Civil Society Organizations in the history of the G20, to make sure that no voice is being left behind at this historical conjunction.

We are expecting 4,000+ attendees and participants; including the G20 Presidency and senior officials, G20 Ministers, leaders of International Organizations, Inter-governmental Organizations (IGOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), global experts, activists and influencers.

The Summit program was co-created in an inclusive manner with our members through session proposal submissions. The formats of our sessions will include:



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Format:

Panel Discussion

Date:

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Session Description:

Millions of children are trapped in situations of violent conflict, military occupation and displacement. The COVID-19 crisis is exacerbating their already dire situation, further violating their rights. Science shows that adversity has a detrimental effect on the physical and emotional development of young children. It, also, heralds a new era, asserting that Early Childhood Development is a vital opportunity to promote a culture of peace, building a strong foundation for resilience, social justice and social cohesion. Globally we must guarantee the right to child wellbeing, education and care, through the design and implementation of public policies that promote inclusive Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for all children, with special attention to those who are marginalized, to ensure children's long-term development, learning and health. The panel discussion will demonstrate by science and practice the vital importance of Early Childhood Development (ECD) strategies and services, to mitigate the immediate and long-term impact of the COVID-19 global crisis and its indirect consequences on the most vulnerable young children and families, and will assess global efforts towards achieving universal access to ECCE, and look at the actions needed to expand and guarantee access.

This session will advocate for the need to implement inclusive education policies and highlight key elements that would make it a sound policy. It will also explore the positive effects behind legislation that guarantees free and quality pre-primary ECCE. Guidelines for Child Protection Training for educators will be discussed and explored as this is an increasingly important element to include in any standard teacher development programs.

Session Participants

Moderator



Rima Salah

Chairperson
Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC)

Rima Salah, PhD, served as a Member of the United Nations High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (2014-15), and as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, U.N. Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT). In addition, Dr. Salah has had a distinguished career with UNICEF. Her service includes: Deputy Executive Director for UNICEF; Regional Director for West and Central Africa; and UNICEF Representative in Burkina Faso and Vietnam. As a highly effective advocate for the rights of children and women living in fragile contexts, Dr. Salah received many awards of distinction from governments and nongovernmental organizations including the French Legion of Honor. Since 2015, she chairs the Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC), a global movement which advocates investing in the Early Years of life as a powerful strategy for reducing violence, poverty, exclusion, and for building peaceful societies. Dr. Salah is at the Yale Child Study Center.



Speaker



Ana Tenorio

Global Technical Director
World Vision International

Ana Margarita Tenorio, PhD serves as Global Technical Director of Education at World Vision. She is an Early Childhood Development professional with over 20 years' experience in 38 countries globally. She is an experienced facilitator with thought leadership on Early Childhood Development and Early Literacy programmes. Ana is a Developmental Psychologist with expertise in designing, implementing and evaluating early learning and parenting programmes for young children. She holds two Master's Degrees, one in International Development Management and a second one in Public Policy Development. Ana started her career in development working with street kids in her native country Honduras. She has subsequently worked with the Inter-American Foundation, USAID, PLAN, Save the Children, and World Vision. Ana lives in Dakar, Senegal with her husband David, her daughter Fia, and her son Cian.



Session Participants

Speaker



Nada Elattar

Early Childhood Development Specialist

UNICEF

Nada W. Elattar, MPH is the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Specialist at UNICEF Headquarters in New York where she focuses on ECD in emergency contexts globally. With a background in education, public health and communications, Nada has lead teams that develop and implement large scale early childhood initiatives at several prestigious international organizations. These include: The International Social Impact at Sesame Workshop where she served as Senior Director of Educational Programs; the UN World Health Organization's - Mediterranean Center for Disaster Risk Reduction in Tunisia where she served as a communication and research advisor, English Language Instructor for the America Middle East Education and Training Services Inc. and writer/editor for the local UNICEF office in Tunis; the Johns Hopkins University's Center for Communication Program's - Communication for Healthy Living project in Cairo, Egypt where she served as Communications Advisor; and the UN's World Food Programme where she served as Communications Officer.



Speaker



Siobhan Fitzpatrick

Former Chief Executive
Early Years

Siobhán Fitzpatrick, CBE, MBA, MSSC, CQSW, BSc., has had a distinguished career in the early childhood sector for 40 years. She currently serves as Chairperson for The International Network on Peace Building with Young Children, which brings early years research on inclusion, respecting differences and peace building to global areas affected by conflict. For 30 years, she served as Chief Executive Officer of Early Years - The Organisation for Young Children, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Her other notable services include European representative to the World Forum Foundation for Early Years Care and Education, President of the International Step by Step Association for Eastern Europe and former CIS countries.



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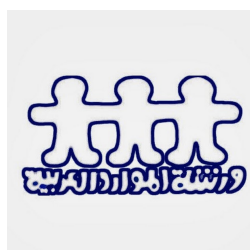


Ghassan Issa

Co-Founder & General Coordinator

Arab Resource Collective (ARC)

Ghassan Issa, MD is a Lebanese pediatrician graduate of the American University Medical center of Beirut in 1980. He is the General Coordinator of the Arab Network for Early Childhood Development (ANECD), and the Arab Resource Collective (ARC). Also, he is member of the Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN) executive board, regional advisor for the Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC), member of the World Health Organization (WHO) East Mediterranean Regional Certification Commission (RCC) of Poliomyelitis Eradication, WHO Advisor for the development group of Improving Early Childhood Development guidelines, WHO advisor for the Nurturing Care Framework (NCF), member of the Middle East and North Africa Health Policy Forum, advisor of the editorial board on Early Childhood Development of the Global platform "Apolitical," board member of the International Developmental Pediatrics Association (IDPA), and member of the International advisory board of the Palestine child institute of Al-Najah University-Palestine.



Speaker



James Leckman

Professor of Child Psychology

Yale School of Medicine

James F. Leckman, MD, PhD, has served on the faculty at Yale University since 1980. He has pursued an academic career in large part focused on Tourette syndrome and Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). His work on OCD led him to explore evolutionarily conserved obsessive-compulsive behaviors associated with parenting and romantic love. This in turn led him to explore the question whether strengthening families and enhancing child development can be a path to peace and violence prevention. His focus on the transformative power of early childhood development (ECD) led to the convening of the 15th Ernst Strüngmann Forum, "Pathways to Peace: The Transformative Power of Children and Families," as well as the formation of the Early Childhood Peace Consortium, currently being led by Rima Salah. At present, he is working on ECD projects with colleagues in Ireland, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Mali, Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Colombia and Brazil.



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