



30th Anniversary of the HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention 1993-2023

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Draft Programme

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The draft programme will be updated as further panellists and speakers are confirmed

Buenos Aires	Hong Kong	The Hague	
09:00	20:00	14:00	WELCOME Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General, HCCH
09:05	20:05	14:05	ROUND TABLE: LEARNING FROM THE PAST <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Luce de Bellefeuille, independent expert in international children's issues for the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec, Canada- Professor Yves Denéchère, Professor of Contemporary History - University of Angers, Director of TEMOS (<i>Temps, Mondes, Sociétés</i>), France- Ms Nirmalee Perera, Senior Probation Officer, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, Central Authority, Sri Lanka- Mr James Timmermans, Manager INEA (National Center for Expertise in Intercountry Adoption), Netherlands- Ms Carolina Von Schakmann Cables, Lawyer, <i>Mejor Niñez</i>, Central Authority, Chile
10:20	21:20	15:20	LIVED EXPERIENCES <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adopted persons- Birth parent- Adoptive parent
11:20	22:20	16:20	Break
11:30	22:30	16:30	ROUND TABLE: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Bernadette Abejo, Former Executive Director, National Authority for Child Care, Philippines (TBC)- Mr Antonio Ferrandis, Head of the Adoption Service, Central Authority, Madrid Region, Spain

- **Professor Benyam Dawit Mezmur**, Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow at the Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program, and member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- **Ms Markéta Kačerová Nováková**, Deputy Director, Office for International Legal Protection of Children, Central Authority, Czech Republic
- EurAdopt / Nordic Adoption Council (NAC) (TBC)

12:45	23:45	17:45	<p>LAUNCHING OF THE TOOLKIT FOR PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING ILLICIT PRACTICES IN INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION by Ms Carine Rosalia, Chair of the HCCH Working Group on Preventing and Addressing Illicit Practices, Attorney Advisor, Department of State, United States of America</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS by Ms Laura Martínez-Mora, Secretary (Lawyer), HCCH</p>
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13:00	00:00	18.00	END
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