

Sunday 3 August 2008

1200 – 1800 Registration

1300 – 1330 Introduction and Welcome

The Hon. Stuart Fowler AM  
Aboriginal Welcome to their Land.  
Dance Group

1330 – 1415 Opening

Chair: The Hon. Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC  
Speakers  
The Hon. Robert McClelland,  
Attorney General of Australia  
The Hon. Desley Boyle,  
Queensland Minister for Tourism,  
Regional Development and Industry.  
Member for Cairns  
Ms Val Schier, Mayor of Cairns

1415 – 1515  
Plenary 1: The Protection of All of Our Children

Chair: The Hon. Justice Stanley Jones AO  
Supreme Court of Queensland, Cairns  
Speaker  
The Hon. Ted Mullighan, A former Justice  
of the Supreme Court of South Australia  
Author 2008 Commission of Inquiry  
Reports dealing with abuse of children in  
care and indigenous children

1515 – 1545 AFTERNOON TEA

1545 - 1645  
Plenary 2: The End of child labour in our time:  
Next steps

Chair: Dr June Kane AM

Speakers  
Ms Michele Jankanish, Director  
International Programme on the  
Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), ILO

1645 - 1745  
Plenary 3: Children and their Rights

A presentation by children of their views  
Convenor  
Margaret Douglas  
CEO, Save the Children Australia

1800 – 2000 WELCOME RECEPTION

Hosted by the Cairns City Council

Monday 4 August 2008

0830 – 0930  
Plenary 4: Children and Labour:  
USDOL is a major contributor to the effort to  
minimise hazardous child labour and to ensure  
educational futures for working children

Chair: Ms Michele Jankanish

Speaker  
Under Secretary, US Department of Labor

Panel Discussion

Panellists  
John B Trew, Senior Technical Advisor  
Child Labour and Education, CARE USA  
Bill Jackson, CEO  
Children's Rights International  
Bill Bell, Head of Child Protection  
Save the Children UK  
Dr June Kane AM, Independent Expert

0930 – 1030  
Plenary 5: Constructive Corporate Engagement:  
A Strategy at work in the Cocoa Sector

Panellists from CARE USA and the  
International Cocoa Verification Board

1030-1100 MORNING TEA

1100 – 1230  
Plenary 6: Children and Labour; Further aspects

Chair: The Hon. Alastair Nicholson

Speakers  
Sharan Burrow, President  
Australian Council of Trade Unions and  
International Trade Union Confederation

*How can international trade unions assist in the  
fight against child labour and child exploitation?*

Professor Andrew Stewart, John Bray  
Professor of Law  
University of Adelaide

*A model framework for regulating the employ-  
ment of children in Australia, child labour laws  
in Australia and how they could be improved.*

Graeme Innes AM,  
Human Rights Commissioner and  
Commissioner responsible for Disability  
Discrimination

*Monitoring the Convention of the Rights of the  
Child in Australia*

1230 – 1330 LUNCH

1330 – 1500  
Plenary 7: Children and Labour;  
A Non Government Organisation Perspective

Chair: Judge Patrick Mahony  
Former Principal Family Court Judge,  
Family Court of New Zealand  
Speakers  
The Rev. Tim Costello, CEO World Vision

*Children and Chains: The fight to combat labour  
exploitation of children*

Bill Bell, Head of Protection  
Save the Children UK

*Child labour and children on the move*

Ramesh Puri,  
Country Program Director for Solomon  
Islands

*Children and young people in the Solomon Islands*

John B Trew, Senior Technical Advisor  
Child Labor and Education, CARE USA

*Evidence based solutions to combating child  
labour*

1500 – 1530 AFTERNOON TEA

1530 – 1630  
Plenary 8: HIV AIDS and Children:  
A South African perspective as to the  
effects on surviving children as breadwinners

Chair: Judge Patrick Mahony

Speakers  
Professor Eddie Mhlanga,  
Nelson Mandela School of Medicine  
University of Kwa-Zulu Natal

1630 – 1800 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1

Chair:  
Dr June Kane AM  
Accepted papers

Workshop 3

Chair:  
The Hon Alastair Nicholson  
The Lasallian Foundation  
experience with Children in  
Tamil Nadu, India

20 minute Film

Speakers:  
Brother Paul Smith  
James Sebastine  
Nanban

Workshop 2

Chair:  
Margaret Harrison  
Accepted papers

Workshop 4

Chair:  
The Hon.  
Justice Colleen Moore  
The importance of  
culture to indigenous  
children –  
the need to recognise  
Torres Strait Island  
traditional adoption  
practices.

Speakers:  
Steve Mam, Paul Ban,  
McRose Elu

Tuesday 5 August 2008

0800 – 0900

**Plenary 9: Exploitation of children**

Chair: The Hon. Justice Colleen Moore

Speakers

Bernadette McMennamin AO, CEO  
Child Wise Australia (ECPAT)

***The fight against sex tourism and child trafficking***

Julie Gale, Founder Kids Free 2BKids

***The sexualisation of children***

Brother Paul Smith, CEO  
Lasallian Foundation

***The exploitation of children in Asia and the Pacific Australian Federal Police***

0900 – 1000

**Plenary 10: Protection of Children, Part 1**

Chair: The Hon. Rodney Burr AM

Speakers

The Hon. Diana Bryant QC, Chief Justice  
Family Court of Australia

***A new approach to the litigation of cases involving children – reducing the tension***

Judge Rosemary Riddell  
Family Court of New Zealand

***A legislative approach to the protection of children of separating couples from family violence – the New Zealand experience***

Chief Federal Magistrate John Pascoe  
Federal Magistrate's Court of Australia

***Trafficking in Unborn Children***

1000 – 1030 MORNING TEA

1030 – 1130

**Plenary 11: Protection of Children, Part 2**

Chair: The Hon. Stuart Fowler AM

Speakers

Judge Patrick Mahony,  
Former Principal Family Court Judge  
Family Court of New Zealand  
Children's Rights and the United Nations  
Convention on the Rights of the Child  
(UNCROC)

Dr. John Tobin, Senior Lecturer in Law  
University of Melbourne

***Judging the judges: Do they adopt the Rights Approach in Matters Concerning Children?***

1130-1300

**Plenary 12: Indigenous Children**

Chair: The Hon. Philip Ruddock,  
former Attorney General of Australia

Speakers

Professor Mick Dodson AO  
National Centre for Indigenous Studies,  
Australian National University

Patricia Anderson, Co-author,  
Amke Akelyernemane, Meke Mekarle  
(Little Children are Sacred) Report

Brian Butler, Indigenous Leader and Elder

Commentary

The Hon. Ted Mullighan

1300 – 1400 LUNCH

1400 – 1530

**Plenary 13: Cyber Safety and Children**

Chair: Sally Nicholes, Solicitor  
Nicholes Family Lawyers

Speakers

Julie Inman Grant,  
Director of Internet Safety and Security  
Microsoft Asia Pacific

Dr Judith Slocombe, CEO

Alannah and Madeline Foundation,  
National Centre Against Bullying

Australian Federal Police

1530 – 1600 AFTERNOON TEA

1600 – 1700

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Workshop 5**

Chair: Dr June Kane AM

ILO-IPEC Greater Mekong  
sub regional project to  
combat trafficking in  
children and women:  
labour migration  
Child trafficking and  
– experiences and lessons  
learned.

Speakers

Sub region project  
workers

**Workshop 7**

Chair:

Margaret Harrison.  
Domestic violence and  
children's rights

**Workshop 6**

Chair: Sally Nicholes

What is best practice  
in the fight against  
child sex tourism and  
trafficking.

Speaker: Australian

Federal Police and  
Asia Pacific law  
Enforcement Agencies

**Workshop 8**

Chair:

Dr David Mc Callum.  
Accepted papers

1700 – 1730 CLOSING

Speakers

The Hon. Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC  
The Hon. Stuart Fowler AM

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