



The International Institute for the Rights of the Child (*Institut international des Droits de l'Enfant, IDE*) is a private Swiss Foundation. It is a competence centre for the rights of the child, and carries out its activities in Switzerland and abroad.

The IDE strives for a better application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by the following means:

- AWARENESS RAISING among all concerned persons, and among the general public,
- PROVIDING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TRAINING to professionals working with and for the children (trainings and programmes in Switzerland and abroad),
- ACTING by the development of instruments and methods for a better application of children's rights in the field.

Created in 1995, the IDE obtained ECOSOC status from the UN in 2003, which was renewed in 2009. The Institute opened a second office in Geneva in 2010.

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RAJO: means "hope" in Somali, is a non-profit organization based in Sion, Switzerland. It has been founded February 10th, 2010 and is active in Somalia in the fields of education, training and citizenship.

Its vision: The most vulnerable populations in the Center and the South of Somalia cover their needs and grow according to respectable conditions of human dignity, gender equality and inter-ethnic tolerance.

Its mission: Make available necessary tools (financial means, training, etc.) to reinforce the local competences and skills by an approach aimed at encouraging to act.

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Invitation

Thematic day / Child's rights in Somalia

Dear Madame, dear Sir,

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child (*Institut international des Droits de l'Enfant, IDE*) will organize with the support of RAJO a day of reflection dedicated to the theme of childhood in Somalia. This day is scheduled to take place on Monday November 7th, 2016, at the Kurt Bösch Institute, Bramois, VS, Switzerland.

This initiative is an answer to the ratification in January 2015 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the government of the Federal Republic of Somalia. This round table conference aims at promoting the meeting of various professionals from Somalia, active in the government of Somalia, in the UN or in the civil society. The purpose of this conference is to establish a dialogue in the framework of the promotion of children's rights.

We wish to invite the different protagonists of the day to make an assessment of the current situation of children in Somalia and to present or propose an action plan supporting the implementation of the aforesaid Convention.

We would be very honored by your presence and participation. We therefore kindly invite you to this event.


Please do not hesitate to request more details of this invitation, if needed. We hope, that this initiative may have your full attention.

Sincerely Yours

Paola Riva Capany
Deputy Director IDE



Pierre Darbellay
President RAJO



Program

Welcome speech and presentation of the participants by Mrs. Riva Capany, Deputy Director IDE and by Mr. Pierre Darbellay, President RAJO.

Lecture by Jean Zermatten, former President of the committee for children's rights of the UN
- The issues of the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Speech by the representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia - Situation in Somalia after the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by Somalia.

Standpoints of NGO's - Current situation and possible action roads.

Round table discussion dedicated to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Somalia.