

# AGENDA AND SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: FAMILIES NOT INSTITUTIONS – EU EXTERNAL ACTION CHAMPIONING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

**15 June 2018, 10:30–16:00**

European Commission, Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
<b>9:30–10:30</b>	<b>WELCOME COFFEE AND NETWORKING</b>	
10:30–10:55	Introduction and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irena ANDRASSY, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Mimica</li> <li>Youth representative, Emerging Global Leaders Summit</li> <li>Georgette MULHEIR, CEO, Lumos</li> </ul>
<b>10:55–11:00</b>	<b>ANIMATION: FAMILIES NOT ORPHANAGES</b>	
11:00–11:45	No Child Left Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Chair) Georgette MULHEIR, CEO, Lumos</li> <li>Neven MIMICA, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development</li> <li>Christos STYLIANIDES, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management</li> <li>J.K. ROWLING, Author, Founder and Life President, Lumos</li> </ul>
11:45–12:00	Joining forces to end institutionalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgette MULHEIR, CEO, Lumos</li> </ul>
<b>12:00–12:10</b>	<b>SHORT FILM HIGHLIGHTING REFORM AROUND THE WORLD</b>	
12:10–12:45	Strengthening child protection systems around the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Chair) Lotte KNUDSEN, Managing Director, Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service</li> <li>Zornitsa ROUSSINOVA, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria</li> <li>Dr. Claudine UWERA KANYAMANZA, Executive Secretary, National Commission for Children, Rwanda</li> <li>Aaron GREENBERG, Senior Regional Advisor for Europe and Central Asia, Child Protection, UNICEF</li> </ul>
<b>12:45–13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:30–13:55	The human and financial cost of institutionalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Chair) Sophie MORGAN, TV Presenter and Entrepreneur</li> <li>Prof. Charles ZEANA, Mary Sellars-Polchow Chair in Psychiatry; Vice Chair, Child &amp; Adolescent Psychiatry, Tulane University School of Medicine</li> <li>Prof. Manfred NOWAK, Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study Children Deprived of Liberty</li> <li>Mihaela IVANOVA, Self-advocate, Representative, Emerging Global Leaders Summit</li> </ul>
<b>13:55–14:05</b>	<b>SHORT FILM HIGHLIGHTING REFORM AROUND THE WORLD</b>	
14:05–14:30	Emerging responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Chair) Cécile KYENGE, MEP, Vice Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>HRH Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-HUSSEIN, President of the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD), Jordan</li> <li>Myria VASSILIADOU, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator</li> <li>Sophie MAGENNIS, Officer in Charge, UNHCR Regional Representation for EU Affairs</li> </ul>
14:30–15:00	Closing remarks and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Chair) Georgette MULHEIR, CEO, Lumos</li> <li>Neven MIMICA, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development</li> <li>J.K. ROWLING, Author, Founder and Life President, Lumos</li> <li>Elisabeth RIEDERER, Deputy Head PSC/POL Department, Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU</li> <li>Paul d'AUCHAMP, Deputy Regional Representative for Europe, OHCHR</li> <li>Youth rapporteur, Emerging Global Leaders Summit</li> </ul>
<b>15:00–16:00</b>	<b>NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>	



**Neven Mimica**  
**European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development**

Mr Neven Mimica is a Croatian politician and diplomat, currently holding the position of European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development (since November 2014).

After his diplomatic career, from 2000 he served as Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, Minister for European Integration, Chairman of the European Integration Committee and Deputy Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, and as Deputy Prime Minister responsible for Internal, Foreign and European policy. In July 2013, he was appointed European Commissioner for Consumer Policy.

Mr Mimica was born in 1953 in Split, Croatia. He is married, with two children. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Trade and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Zagreb.



**Christos Stylianides**  
**European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management**

Christos Stylianides has been the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 he was appointed as the EU Ebola Coordinator by the European Council.

He was elected Member of the European Parliament in the May 2014 European elections, where he served until October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. He was twice appointed Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus (2013–2014 and 1998–1999). He was responsible for the management of the Government's communication strategy and was head of the Government's centralised Press and Information Office.

During 2006–2013, he served as a Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives (elected in 2006 and 2011). During his tenure, he served as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2011–2013) and member of the Committee on European Affairs, the Committee of Internal Affairs and the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs (2006–2011). Between 2006–2011 he was a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and he was elected Member of its Bureau in 2012.



**J.K. Rowling**  
**Author, Founder and Life President, Lumos**

J.K. Rowling is the author of the record-breaking, multi-award-winning Harry Potter novels. Loved by fans around the world, the series has sold more than 500 million copies, been translated into over 80 different languages and made into eight blockbuster films.

In 2006, J.K. Rowling founded Lumos, an international non-profit organisation dedicated to ending the institutionalisation of children. Through her charitable trust, Volant, J.K. Rowling supports a number of other causes to do with social deprivation, particularly concerned with women, children and young people at risk. She continues to fund research and treatment of Multiple Sclerosis and other neurological conditions through the Anne Rowling Clinic at Edinburgh University.

As well as receiving an OBE and Companion of Honour for services to children's literature and philanthropy, J.K. Rowling has received many other awards and honours, including Légion d'Honneur and Denmark's Hans Christian Andersen Award.



**HRH Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein**  
**President of the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD), Jordan**

His Royal Highness Prince Mired R. Z. Al-Hussein earned his BA degree from Tufts University in 1987, and then his MA degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1995. He continued his education at Cambridge University, England, where he received an M.Phil. degree in 1998. In addition, HRH Prince Mired attended the British Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1990 and served for several years in the Jordanian Armed Forces.

HRH Prince Mired is the Chairman of the National Committee for Demining & Rehabilitation and the President of the Hashemite Commission for Disabled Soldiers. From 2007–2008 he served as the President of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), and since 2009 he has been (alongside Princess Astrid of Belgium) the 'Special Envoy' of the APMBC.

Prince Mired was appointed by Royal Decree in 2014 as the President of the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and, since July 2017, he also serves as President of the Jordan Paralympic Committee.



**Irena Andrassy**  
**Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Mimica**

Ms Andrassy is a Deputy Head of the Cabinet of Commissioner Neven Mimica, responsible for International Cooperation and Development. She was also Deputy Head of Cabinet in his previous mandate as Commissioner for Consumer Policy. In the current Cabinet, she is responsible, inter alia, for human and children's rights as well as youth in development cooperation.

She joined the Commission in July 2013 from the Croatian Mission to the EU, where she had a function as the Croatian representative to COREPER I. Prior to that, she worked as a diplomat in the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs/Croatian Mission to the EU. This included various functions during Croatia's EU accession process, as Chief Legal Advisor and as Negotiator responsible for legal issues and the Accession Treaty preparations.

Ms Andrassy has a Law Degree from the Zagreb Faculty of Law and Master of Science Degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



**Georgette Mulheir**  
**CEO, Lumos**

For more than two decades, Lumos CEO Georgette Mulheir has worked in 29 countries around the world, leading large-scale programmes to transform (and at times save) the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged children. She pioneered a model of 'deinstitutionalisation' now followed by many governments, preventing the separation of children from families, returning children from institutions and so-called 'orphanages' to families, and shifting finances from harmful institutions to community services that support children in families. She provides advice to colleagues at the European Commission on using EU funds for reforming children's services, and has published four books on children's and women's rights.

In 2014, she was named in the US as 'one of the world's 30 most influential social workers' by socialworkdegreeguide.com. In 2015, also in the US, she was honoured in the prestigious 6<sup>th</sup> Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards for her work.



**Zornitsa Roussinova**  
**Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria**

Zornitsa Roussinova has served as Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria since May 2017. She is responsible for EU funds, European affairs and international cooperation, and preparation for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2018.

Zornitsa Roussinova served as Minister of Labour and Social Policy from May 2016 to January 2017. She held the position of Deputy Minister during March 2012–March 2013 and November 2014–January 2016, in charge of labour market policy, international relations, labour and social law, incomes and demographic policies, and international and European funding programmes.

Since 2010, she has been actively involved in the development and implementation of deinstitutionalisation (DI) policy in Bulgaria. She has a Masters degree in international economic relations from the University for National and World Economy and Masters degrees in Bulgarian and English from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. She is fluent in English and Russian.



**Dr. Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza**  
**Executive Secretary, National Commission for Children, Rwanda**

Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza has been the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Children (NCC) since August 2015. The mission of the NCC is to enhance child rights through coordinating, implementing, overseeing and monitoring the child protection system in Rwanda.

By profession, she is a psychologist and psychotherapist; and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Rwanda.

She graduated from the National University of Rwanda in Psychology in 1999, and did a Masters in Clinical Psychotherapeutics at Brussels Independent University in 2005. She has also finished her PhD studies in Psychology and Education Sciences at the Catholic University of Louvain in 2012. Her thesis concerned child-headed households: *Ménages d'enfants et enfants chefs de ménage dans l'après génocide au Rwanda. (Re) création d'appartenances*.



**Aaron Greenberg**  
**Senior Regional Advisor for Europe and Central Asia, Child Protection, UNICEF**

Aaron Greenberg joined the UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia as Senior Child Protection Regional Advisor in July 2017. Prior to this, Aaron served for nearly a decade as chief of child protection in Georgia and then in Myanmar where he directed UNICEF's support to government and NGO partners around social welfare, child care and justice reforms. Aaron has also worked in the Strategic Planning Unit of the United Nations Office of the Secretary General; at Columbia University's Center for International Organization and Security; and for local government in his hometown of New York City in the US.

He has an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia's School of International and Public Administration, and a B.A. in English Literature from Union College.





**Sophie Morgan**  
**TV Presenter and Entrepreneur**

Sophie Morgan is a British television presenter, artist and entrepreneur. Morgan suffered a T6 spinal cord injury in a road traffic accident in 2003, resulting in paralysis from the chest down. In 2016, she was a lead presenter for Channel 4's TV coverage of the Summer Paralympics in Rio.

Sophie is also an award-winning campaigner, Patron of Scope, Ambassador for Aira Wheels and Batec mobility and was voted in the top 100 most influential people with a disability two years running.



**Professor Charles Zeanah**  
**Mary Sellars-Polchow Chair in Psychiatry; Vice Chair, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Tulane University School of Medicine**

Charles H. Zeanah, M.D., is the Mary Peters Sellars-Polchow Chair in Psychiatry, Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, and Vice-Chair for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He also directs the Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health at Tulane.

Throughout his career, he has studied the effects of adverse early experiences on development. He also has studied interventions designed to enhance recovery following exposure to adverse experience and published widely on these topics. He is the editor of four editions of the Handbook of Infant Mental Health, and with Charles Nelson and Nathan Fox, the co-author of Romania's Abandoned Children: Deprivation, Brain Development and the Struggle for Recovery. He is a distinguished life fellow of both the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association.



**Professor Manfred Nowak**  
**Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty**

Manfred Nowak is the Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, a function he carries out in close cooperation with the European InterUniversity Center for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) in Venice, of which he is Secretary General, the partner universities of the Global Campus of Human Rights, and the Austrian Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, which he founded and co-directs. Manfred Nowak also has a part-time Professorship of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna and has been Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various prestigious universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

He served for many years in various expert functions in inter-governmental organisations, most importantly as UN Expert on Enforced Disappearances (1993 to 2006), as one of eight international judges in the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo (1996 to 2003), and as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (2004 to 2010).



**Mihaela Ivanova**  
**Self-advocate, Representative, Global Youth Leaders Summit**

Mihaela is a passionate self-advocate and emerging leader in the deinstitutionalisation movement. She was a founding member of Lumos' self-advocacy groups, taking a lead role in the EU-funded project Turning Words into Action: Enabling the Rights and Inclusion of Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Europe (2012).

In 2015, Mihaela became Lumos' first professional young self-advocate, joining the Bulgaria team as a member of staff. She assists child participation activities, national and international advocacy campaigns and events, and has spoken at numerous international arenas including the United Nations, UNESCO Global Youth Forum, EU Self-Advocacy Assembly and the European Parliament.

Mihaela has personal experience of both spending time in an institution and growing up with her family. She uses this experience and her empathy for others to advocate for children's rights to family-based care, inclusive education and youth participation. Through passionately speaking out she has influenced policy makers, professionals and NGOs.

Mihaela is a Bulgarian national and won two gold medals at the 2011 Special Olympics.



**Cécile Kyenge**  
**MEP, Vice Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

Cécile Kyenge, former Italian Minister for Integration, has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2014. As an MEP, she is a member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and of the Committee on Development (DEVE). She is also Vice-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly ACP-EU and member of the delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament.

She is co-President of the European Parliament "Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup" (ARDI). She was the co-rapporteur for the European Parliament's report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration. In 2015 and 2016 she was appointed Chief Observer of the EU election observation missions in Burkina Faso and Zambia. She was also part of the EU Parliament's delegation for the EU election observation missions in Nigeria, Haiti, Gabon and Gambia.



**Myria Vassiliadou**  
**EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator**

The EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Dr Myria Vassiliadou, is responsible for improving coordination and coherence among EU institutions, EU agencies, Member States and international actors and developing existing and new EU policies to address trafficking in human beings. The position of EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator is based on the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU.

Dr. Vassiliadou has monitored the implementation of EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings. She holds a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Kent at Canterbury and has worked as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Nicosia, at the European Commission in the Directorate General for Research, as Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby, and, as director of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies.



**Sophie Magennis**  
**Officer in Charge, UNHCR Regional Representation for EU Affairs**

Sophie Magennis is Officer in Charge at UNHCR's Regional Representation for EU Affairs in Brussels. Prior to her appointment in Brussels, she was UNHCR's Head of Office in Ireland. Previously, she was Head of Policy and Legislation at the Irish Ombudsman for Children's Office and administrator of the Irish Human Rights Commission. She co-founded "Human Rights Consultants" in 2000. Prior to that, she served as Deputy to the Irish Ambassador to the Council of Europe. She has worked with the Council of Europe as a Legal Consultant for the Monitoring Unit of the Secretary General and as a Legal Expert at the Council of Europe's Section for equality between women and men.

She is an Attorney and Counsellor at Law at the New York State Bar and holds a European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from the European Inter-University Centre in Venice, Italy.



**Elisabeth Riederer**  
**Deputy Head PSC/POL Department, Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU**

Elisabeth Riederer is the Deputy Head of the PSC/POL Department at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU and will be chairing the RELEX Working Party during the incoming Austrian Presidency of the Council. After joining the Austrian Foreign Service she worked in the UN and Human Rights Departments in the Austrian Foreign Ministry. She served at the Austrian Mission to the UN in Geneva and the Austrian Embassies in Budapest, The Hague and Copenhagen before moving to Brussels in 2015.

Elisabeth Riederer graduated from the University of Vienna and completed her studies in international relations at the University of Oxford.



**Paul d'Auchamp**  
**Deputy Regional Representative for Europe, OHCHR**

A political scientist by training, Paul d'Auchamp began his career in the City of Copenhagen, working on integration issues and inter-ethnic relations. He joined the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2000, initially working at HQ in Geneva on the rights of indigenous people and victims of torture. In 2003, he joined the OHCHR Africa Branch, where he covered the DRC, Somalia, and the Portuguese-speaking African countries. In 2009, he moved to Dakar, Senegal, as OHCHR's Deputy Representative for West Africa. Since 2012, he has been based in Brussels, as OHCHR Deputy Representative for Europe.

Paul, who is a national of Brazil and Denmark, was born in Santos, Brazil. He has also lived in Indonesia, Romania and Spain. He is married to Marie Lemaître-d'Auchamp, a French human rights lawyer and anthropologist, and they have two daughters – Sarah, 14, and Eva, 11.



**Pavel, Martina, Ilove, Michael, Ruth, Alice, Shalyce, Maicol, Antonio, Veliko, Mihaela and Nujeen**  
**Emerging Global Leaders Summit**

Listening to children and young people directly affected by institutionalisation is vital when developing solutions. As part of this conference, a group of self-advocates from Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa have come together to share their experiences of growing up and leaving orphanages and other institutions. In the two days prior to this conference, they have worked together to develop a set of recommendations to present.