

Call for Papers

World Summit on Exploitative Child Labour

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The World Summit on Exploitative Child Labour will evaluate the success or failure of domestic and international efforts to control and eradicate the worst forms of child labour. It will do so by focussing discussion on the roles of both national and international organisations representing employers and workers, non-government organisations and governments. It will engage the corporate sector, so that the extent to which responsible corporate citizenship is being practiced in both developing and developed countries can be tested.

The Summit will also consider whether and how international companies and organisations are addressing the worst forms of exploitation in their labour obligations and in attempting to set higher standards. Where efforts are considered to be unsatisfactory or non-existent the need for new approaches to protect children's rights will be discussed.

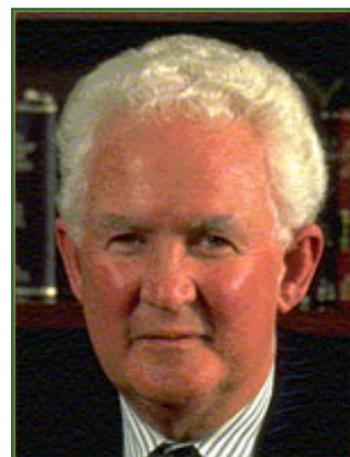
The voices of children will also be heard, as their wants and needs are often overlooked.

The Summit will concentrate on *exploitative* child labour, because we recognise that in certain circumstances there is little alternative to some involvement of children in the labour market. However, where this occurs, the need to set basic minimum standards for the adequate protection of children's interests is of central importance.

An international summit provides an opportunity to take a fresh look at this issue from these perspectives. Holding it in an affluent country such as Australia highlights the contribution its citizens are making to the problems we seek to identify and address, and focuses attention on the need for change.

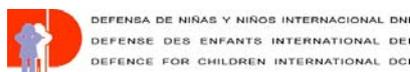


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We are calling for papers on topics relevant to the following four broad themes:

- 1. Economic, Social Cultural and Health issues.**
- 2. Legal and Political measures.**
- 3. Commercial and Corporate responses.**
- 4. Public Awareness and Education initiatives.**



The ILO estimates in 2006 that there are 218 million children in child labour.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words are invited on the following sub-themes:

- Corporate social responsibility for the protection of children from exploitation,
- The role of non government organisations in protecting children from exploitation,
- Enforcement and regional cooperation to avoid the exploitation of children in cyberspace,
- The exploitative involvement of children in armed conflict,
- Sexual exploitation, violence and bullying towards children in the workplace,
- The economic and sexual exploitation of Indigenous children,
- The rehabilitation of children who have been the victims of exploitative child labour,
- Measures to protect children's conditions of work and payment in the course of their employment,
- What do children want?
- The implementation of legislative sanctions against employers who negligently, carelessly or intentionally exploit the children they employ,
- The exploitation of children by labour as prostitutes,
- Cross-border and international cooperation in the protection of children from economic exploitation,
- Domestic enforcement of children's rights and UN processes,
- Public education and fulfilment of the UNCROC ideals,
- Development of social, political and economic rights of children in order to prevent their economic exploitation,
- The role of Children's Commissioners and Ombudsmen,
- Constitutional protection of children's rights,
- Women's rights and children's workplace rights in both western and developing countries,

We aim to produce outcomes directed at (inter alia):

- Actions by Governments, including legislation directed at controlling imports that have been produced by child labour,
- The trafficking of children for work, sexual exploitation and gain,
- The development of legal models and more effective enforcement of laws for the protection of children from all forms of exploitation,
- Model Treaties to control the export of goods produced by child labour,
- Corporate codes of conduct by multinationals and importers that are transparent and enforceable,
- Promoting the concept of corporate social responsibility as a positive factor in creating economic opportunities,
- Independent monitoring, particularly in Western countries that are major consumers of the products of exploitative child labour,
- Public education of the nature, extent and evils associated with exploitative child labour,
- The strengthening of institutions to create good governance in the area of child labour,
- Domestic legal issues concerning the use of the services of children, the need for legislation to control it, and the protection of children where family breakdown has left them vulnerable to exploitation.

We have identified the following possible themes for **Plenary Sessions**:

Exploitation of Children in Western Democracies – Model legislation and Legal Remedies and the Role of Government,

The Role of National and Multi-National Corporations in the Promotion or Prevention of Child Exploitation,

Incorporation and Enforcement of Human Rights Legislation and Laws Protecting Children from Economic Exploitation in all Countries,

The Development of Enhanced Public Awareness of the Extent and Existence of the Economic and Sexual Exploitation of Children in Western and Developing Countries,

The Role of the International Trade Union Movement in the Eradication of exploitative- hazardous child labour,

Models for the Minimum Legal Protection of Children in Work,

The Exploitation of Children involving Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking and Servitude– the new technologies, the Globalised World and the movement of economic refugees across international borders,

The Rehabilitation of Children who have been the Victims of Exploitation.

The Organising Committee of the World Summit on Exploitative Child Labour invites abstracts on these and related topics to be directed to the Director of Studies, The Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC through the on line submission process at www.amlink.com.au/secure/html/wcfl07.htm

All abstracts MUST be submitted electronically. They will be reviewed by a panel and presenters will be notified in April 2007. Preferred paper presenters should be aware that they will be required to register in the normal way for the Congress and pay the advertised registration fees. The printed registration brochure will be distributed in November 2006 and those presenters who have registered by this time will have their name, organisation and topic included in the program.

Selected papers presented at the World Summit will be published in mainstream academic and legal journals and accreditation will soon be available.

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