



Permanent Mission
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Office of the United Nations and
to the other International Organizations
Geneva



SIDE EVENT



At the 16th Session of The Human Rights Council, Plan International invites you to an interactive panel session with experts on children working and/or living on the street with the participation of Youth from Bangladesh and Cameroon. We will also launch Plan's "Because I am a Girl report" and a thematic study.

Children working and/or living on the street

Prevention and protection – Girls migrate to cities because of different factors and are in need for protection in the cities.

Participation - Challenges on the streets and voices on how two youth working and/or living on the street from Bangladesh and West Africa wish to be treated and supported

Because I am a Girl – Launch of Plan's campaign, Girls' report and research on children working and/or living on the street

"One day I will have my own home and will have children. I will love them and give them what I was never given.",
Girl working and/or living on the street

Date: March 9th, 2011 Time: 13.00 to 15.00

Location: Palais des Nations, Room: XXI

Because
**I am a
Girl**

Because I am a Girl is Plan's campaign to fight gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls out of poverty. Every year from 2007 to 2015 Plan will produce a report that looks at the different ways girls around the world are affected by discrimination.

Join us!

Listen to us – we have rights, too!

The Rights of Children working and/or living on the street have to be respected, protected and fulfilled

13.00 – 13.15

Sandwiches and drinks

Light lunch at the courtesy of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany

13.15 – 13.20

Short film from Bangladesh

13.20 – 13.25

Opening

Welcome address and presentation of the panellists.
Moderator: Reinhard Schweppe, H.E. Ambassador of Germany

13.25 – 13.45

Girls on the street – We have rights (20 min)

- Introducing Plans campaign “Because I am a girl” and the Report
- Short introduction on the results of Plan’s research on children working and/or living on the street
- Plan’s 8 point Call to Action of Girls- Rights in the City

Sharon Goulds, Editor/Project lead for the State of the World’s Girls Report
Ruth Santisteban, Senior Advisor, Development and Human Rights, Plan Finland

13.45 – 14.10

“We have a Say: What Can be Done” (25 min)

Tania A. (14), Bangladesh, Wilfried E. (15), Cameroon



14.10 – 14.20

Violence on the streets - how to ensure protection to children working and/or living on the street from the OHCHR perspective (10min)

Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children

14.20 – 14.30

The African Children’s Charter and street children in Africa: ‘Better to dry the swamp than to fight the alligators’ (10 min)

Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Member and Vice-Chairperson (2nd) of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

14.30 - 14.45

Girls’ migration to cities – causes and prevention (15min)

Eva Biaudet, Finland, Ombudsman for Minorities

14.45 – 14.55

Discussions; questions and answers (10 min)

14.55 – 15.00

Closing remarks

Reinhard Schweppe, H. E. Ambassador of Germany

