



Joint Side Event  
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13.00 -15.00 - Palais des Nations, Room XXVII

# PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARMFUL PRACTICES

WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHILD MARRIAGE AND THE  
INTERRELATEDNESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

**Moderator:** H.E. Ambassador Pedro Comissário Afonso  
Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the UN

The panel will include the participation of:

- Patricia Schulz  
CEDAW Committee
- Marta Santos Pais  
Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General  
on Violence against Children
- Peter Newell  
International NGO Council  
on Violence against Children
- Stuart Halford  
Centre for Reproductive Rights  
and Sexual Rights Initiative
- Selina Amin  
Plan Country Project Manager, Bangladesh

Launch of two reports:

1. Protecting children from harmful practices in plural legal systems with a special emphasis on Africa
2. Violating children's rights: harmful practices based on tradition, culture, religion or superstition

