

**AGENDA**

**CHILDREN'S FORUM**  
MEETING OF UNDER 18 DELEGATES  
TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN  
5-7 May, 2002

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**DAY 1: Sunday, 5 May (09:30 - 18:00)**

**Venue: Conference Room 4, United Nations Secretariat,  
1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017,**

- 09:30 - 10:30      **Opening Ceremony** - Conference Room 4  
(Public Session: open to media, invited guests and performers)
- 10:30 - 10:40      **Short break**  
(The session becomes a 'Closed Session': media and guests will be invited to leave)
- 10:40 - 11:10      **Plenary I:** - Conference Room 4  
Introductory Session  
(Ice breaker, agenda for Day 1, working modalities and announcements for setting up of various committees)
- 11:10 - 11:40      **Home Groups<sup>1</sup>:** - Conference Room 4  
Working on Expectations for participating in the Children's Forum and SSOC/ Ground Rules
- 11.40 - 12.30      Plenary - Conference Room 4  
Share expectations and establishment of ground rules, followed by announcements
- 12:30 - 14:00      **LUNCH/ Guided UN Tours** - Large UN Cafeteria  
(During the lunch break, each home group will go on a guided tour of the UN building. This will help you to become familiar with the building in which the Special Session will take place and will tell you some of the history of the United Nations)
- 14:00 - 16:20      **Plenary II:** - Conference Room 4  
**Outcome Document and the Special Session on Children**

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<sup>1</sup> The home groups will be your 'community' for the three days of the Forum and throughout the Special Session. It will be a small group (15 to 25 participants) grouped together according to regions

14.00 - 14.45	Learning more on priority areas of Outcome Document, 'A World Fit for Children'
14.45 - 15.30	Becoming familiar with the rules and procedures of the Special Session on Children
15.30- 15.45	Break
15.45- 16.15	Sharing of experiences of children's participation in the 'Say YES for Children' Campaign and the Global Movement for Children
16.15- 16.30	<b>Media Orientation</b>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Announcements</b> - logistics Programme for Day 2 Conclusions
17.00 - 18.00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of various committees</b> (e.g. evaluation committee, closing ceremony committee, media committee, logistic committee)

**DAY 2: Monday, 6 May (08:30 - 21:00)**

**Venue: Manhattan Centre, 311 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, New York.**

*08:00 - Buses leave for Manhattan Centre (location: In front of the United Nations – trip approximately 20 minutes).*

8.30 - 8.45	<b>Ice-breakers</b>
8.45 - 09.15	<b>Home Groups Meeting</b> Selecting spokespersons and members of the Drafting Committee
09:15 - 09:45	<b>Plenary III:</b> <b>Establishment of Working Groups</b> <b><u>Proposed Themes</u></b> <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate every child</li> <li>• Protect children from wars</li> <li>• Promote children's participation and partnerships</li> <li>• Protect children from Exploitation, abuse and violence</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> *Based on expectation sent by participants in the registration forms and Voices of Youth. Other themes may be added based on expectations from Day 1's Home Groups Meeting*

- Fight HIV/AIDS
  - Fight poverty
  - Promoting healthy lives and care for children
- 09.45 - 11:00      **Group work:**
- Discussion on key matters and concerns related to the theme selected by each participant
  - Identify the problems and possible solutions
- 11.00 - 11.30      Break
- 11.30 - 12.30      **Group work:**
- Suggest concrete actions to be carried out by decision makers to address children's concerns
- 12:30 - 13:45      LUNCH & Entertainment  
(1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Drafting Committee and other committees meet as required)
- 13:45 - 15:00      **Group work:**
- Roles and responsibilities of children and young people in ensuring future action
  - Follow up and networking
- 15:00 - 15:30      Break
- 15:30 - 16:30      **Group work:**  
Working on key messages for the Special Session
- 16:30 - 17:30      **Plenary IV::**  
Reports of the Working Groups
- 17:30 - 17:40      **Announcements** - logistics  
Programme for Day 3  
Conclusions  
(2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Drafting Committee)
- 18:00 - 21:00      **CELEBRATION**  
(Buffet and music) with Special Guests

*21:15 Buses leave to return to the UN (expected arrival time 21:45 to 22:00)*

**DAY 3: Tuesday, 7 May (08:30 - 18:00)**

**Venue: Manhattan Centre, 311 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, New York.**

*08:00 - Buses leave for Manhattan Centre (location: In front of the United Nations - trip approximately 20 minutes).*

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| 8.30 - 8.45   | <b>Ice-breakers</b>   |
| 8.45 - 10.00  | <b>Plenary V:</b><br><b>Feedback from Drafting Committee</b><br>(Followed by General Discussion)  |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | <b>Home Groups Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on opportunities for children's participation in the Special Session</li><li>• Selection of children representatives in various events</li></ul> |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Break   |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | <b>Group work</b><br>Preparing for participation in the Special Session (e.g. Regional Intergenerational Dialogues, Parliamentarians Forum, U18TF Feedback from the Children's Forum)   |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | LUNCH & Entertainment<br>(the Drafting Committee and other committees meet as required)   |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Group work continues  |
| 15:30 - 16:30 | <b>Plenary VI:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from drafting committee and adoption of children's forum statement</li><li>• Rehearsal for the closing ceremony</li></ul>                                   |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | Break   |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | <b>Closing ceremony</b><br>(‘Public Session’: open to media, invited guests and performers)   |
| 17.35 - 18.00 | Presentation of 'Say Yes for Children' pledges  |
| 18.00 - 18.15 | Press Briefing  |

*18:15 - Buses leave to return to the UN (expected arrival: 18:20 – 19:00)*