



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

Developing a protective environment for South Asian children: The role of Parliamentarians in the protection of children in the Juvenile Justice System

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by Parliament of Pakistan and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Islamabad, 27-29 June 2007



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

27 June

9.00 - 9.30

Opening ceremony

Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan
IPU and UNICEF Representatives

9.30 -10.45

General introduction to child protection

Presenting the Human Rights-based Approach to Legislative Reform and the Child Rights-based Approach

- Presenting What is child protection?
- International standards on child protection
- What is a protective environment for children?
- The role of parliaments in insuring child protection

Debate

10.45 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.30

Legislating for child protection

- Implementing international instruments;
- Reviewing and developing national legislation for children

All presentations will include practical case studies and best practices

Debate

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Overseeing government's action for child protection

Parliamentary mechanisms

- The role of parliamentary committees
- Ombudspersons

Debate

15.30 - 15.45:

Break

15.45 - 16.45

Budgeting for child protection legislation – Case study from South Africa

Debate

20.00:

Hosted dinner

28 June

9.00 -10.30: **Justice for Children: a general introduction**
- Scope, Definitions and International standards -
- Trends and challenges around justice for children from a
Parliamentarian's perspective

10.30 - 10.45	<i>Break</i>
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10.45 - 13.00 **Juvenile Justice in South Asia**
1- overview of legislation
2- best practices

Debate

13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
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14.30 – 16h30 **Global Juvenile Justice indicators**

20.00:	<i>Hosted dinner</i>
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June 29

9.00 - 10. 30 **The Role of Parliamentarians in working towards protective environment for children in conflict with the law**
Case study: ... (Country case study highlighting the positive role parliament can play or has played)
Monitoring and oversight
- Legislation
- Awareness-raising
- Allocation of resources

10.30 – 10h45	<i>Break</i>
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11:00 – 12:00 **Wrap-up session:**
Parliaments' role in building a protective environment for children
Parliaments' role in developing an efficient juvenile justice system
Capacity Building
Challenges and recommendations

12h00 - 12.45 Conclusions and recommendations
Closing ceremony

13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
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15:00 – 17:00 Field Visit (tentative)