

**CHILDREN'S PREPARATORY FORUM FOR THE SOUTH  
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WORLD CONGRESS III AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION  
OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS  
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*When a child is forced or lured by an adult to get involved in sexual activities, prostitution, pornography, child sex tourism in exchange of money or gifts is known as the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.*

*- Definition of CSEC by participants of the Children's Preparatory Forum*

**Theme 1: Recommendations from the Children on forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and its new dimensions:**

1. Governments should enact laws against Child Pornography, Child Sex Tourism and Child Marriage, ensure their effective implementation and include children and youth in raising awareness on these issues.
2. Governments should provide free education, educational materials and incorporate information on CSEC into academic curricula, as well as support child and youth-led peer support programmes in schools.
3. Government should conduct research on CSEC to collect data on the number of children involved and other relevant information, involving children where appropriate. Follow-up actions should be taken by governments based on the research findings.
4. Government should work in partnership with non-governmental organizations to provide comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs, with the involvement of children and youth.
5. The quality of care at existing rehabilitation homes/centers should be improved and new homes/centers should be established where they do not exist.
6. Children and youth should participate in committees supervising care and protection services.

**Cross-Cutting Recommendations**

1. People working with and for children should be aware of and trained in Child Rights issues and Child Friendly Behaviors.
2. Child Participation should be integrated in all policies and program and budgetary allocations should be ensured by governments and international agencies to secure sustainability.

## **Theme 2: Recommendations from the Children on Legal Framework, Accountability and Law Enforcement relating to Sexual Exploitation:**

1. Governments should enact laws against Child Pornography, Child Sex Tourism and Child Marriage, ensure their effective implementation and include children and youth in raising awareness on these issues.
2. Legislation should include strict punishment for traffickers.
3. Government should enact policies and interventions to encourage families to accept rescued children, as well as provide incentives for families to ensure that children remain with their families.
  - a. Government should encourage local communities to form vigilance committees in all villages.
4. Government should consult children and youth in all matters that affect them, including formulating legal frameworks for prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration and support youth advocacy groups.
  - a. Child pornography and obscenity should be prohibited from television, movies and all forms of media.
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7. Government should mobilize media to ensure birth and marriage registration.

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## **Theme 4: Recommendations from the Children on Strategies and Goals for Regional and International Cooperation:**

1. The media should be informed and educated on the importance of depicting positive stories of survivors.
2. Government should work with local communities and children to increase anti-trafficking vigilance activities in border areas.
3. Children and youth, including survivors, should work with police at border check point to identify traffickers.
4. SAARC Governments should work in partnership with non-governmental organizations to provide comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs, with the involvement of children and youth.
5. SAARC Governments should encourage media to produce IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials based on success stories of CSEC Survivors in order to enable and encourage survivors to regain their self confidence and reintegrate into societies and to raise public awareness on the issue.

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