The World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents follows on from the two previous World Congresses that took place in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1996, and in Yokohama, Japan, in 2001 that set a world agenda for combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation against Children.

The World Congress III will take place in Rio Centro Conference Centre, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, from November 25th to 28th, with expected attendance of some 130 country delegations and around 3000 participants (including 300 adolescents).

The Congress seeks to mobilize and better coordinate the actions of governments, civil society, experts and adolescents to generate better understanding of new challenges, share strategies and set goals for action against the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.
Mobilization

- Representatives of governments and non-governmental organizations, relevant duty bearers within child rights protection systems, academics, opinion formers and adolescents leaders

- Preparatory events (up until 15 October): are the responsibility of local organizations
  - National, Regional and Thematic Consultations should be structured according to guidance (available on the site)
  - the schedule of events will be kept up to date on the site
Consideration of recommendations coming from these preparatory events will follow the following stages

- Request to the Central Organizing Committee for recognition of the event in the official preparatory calendar (up until 30 September)
  - Principle recommendations to be sent to the Committee (up until 20 October)
  - Analysis of recommendations by specialists drafting thematic papers (continuous)
  - Analysis of recommendations by the Expert Reference Group with a view to the Congress Program and the Outcome Document (continuous)
  - Analysis of the recommendations by the Congress Rapporteur for the Outcome Document (continuous)
Goals

International mobilization in order to guarantee the rights of children and adolescents and their protection against sexual exploitation, aiming to:

1- Assess new challenges and dimensions of current sexual exploitation;

2- Identify advances and gaps in the legal framework and in implementation and accountability mechanisms;

3- Promote holistic inter-sectoral and inter-agency approaches to combating against sexual exploitation of children and adolescents;

4- Broaden partnerships including within the private sector;

5- Define strategies and goals for international cooperation in this field.
Expected Results

• A more pragmatic Congress “less resolutions, more solution” that sets time-bound goals for the implementation of the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

• Exchange of experience on “what works” and greater articulation between participants

• Development of strategies to confront sexual exploitation, that are rights-based and holistic, within the context of systems to guarantee child rights.

• Innovations in the Congress format: Workshops as a group space for furthering strategies in the different themes (as opposed to presenting papers), and Dialogues as a moment for furthering joint agreements and cooperation (as opposed to government pronouncements).

• Greater Adolescent Participation
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• Adolescent participation based on: commitment of supporting organization to support the preparatory process for that adolescents’ participation

• Adolescents 12-18 in adolescent category, and further definition in relation to other age groups

• Representation on the Central Organizing Committee and the National Committee in order to guarantee participation of adolescents in panels, workshops and drafting of the outcome document;

• Differentiated logistics to meet adolescents needs and rights;

• Media coverage/ vehicles “by and for” adolescents
Thematic

Guiding theme – Guaranteeing children and adolescents rights and their protection from sexual exploitation: for a systemic approach

Main themes:

1 – Forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and its new dimensions
2 – Legal Frameworks, accountability and law enforcement
3 – Holistic integrated Inter-sectoral Policies
4 – Social Responsibility and Accountability of the Private Sector
5 – Strategies and goals for international cooperation
Publications

• Thematic Papers
• Country information
• Government Statements
• Outcome Document
• Annals
• With information accessible on Congress Web-Site
## Basic schedule of the World Congress III

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Organization

- Central Organizing Committee:
  - Brazilian Government:
  - (Special Secretariat for Human Rights of the Presidency, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
  - ECPAT
  - NGO Group
  - UNICEF
  - Permanent advisors: Governments of Sweden and Japan
Organization

- **Commissions connected to the Central Committee**
  - **Expert Reference Group**: advises Central Organizing Committee on overall direction of Congress and revises thematic Congress documents.
  - **Consultants Group**: develop basic thematic papers.
  - **Mobilization Group**: to mobilize civil society, governments and youth;
  - **National Working Group**: to take care of communication and logistics.
  - **Rapporteur**: Jaap Doek
Executive Secretariat

- Installed within the Presidency of the Republic,
- in the Special Secretariat for Human Rights,
- coordinated by the Office for the Promotion of the Rights of Children and Adolescents;
- It will be staffed by full-time professionals and adolescent representation hired to provide technical and logistical support, advice on children and adolescents’ participation, communications, foreign relations, among other demands arising in the preparatory process and in the realization of the event.
- A specific events organization company is being hired.
Timetable

• Integrated budget : March
• Invitations to governments: April
• Invitations to Expert Reference Group: March
• Selection of Rapporteur : March
• Specialists selection: April
• Launching of Congress Web-site and explanatory materials : May
• First version of draft basic thematic documents : May-June
• Preparatory events : up to 20 October
• Recommendations can be sent : up to 20 October
• Distribution of basic thematic texts : November
• Registration for workshops and dialogues (to be defined at April COC meeting)
• Dissemination of final program (to be defined at April COC meeting)
• Registration for the Congress : up to end of October.
Logistics

- Free registration
- Suggestions of hotel packages (near Congress location and elsewhere), and transport, at participants cost
- Logistics and suggestions for visits, and tourism, at participants cost
- Restaurants and cafeteria facilities at Rio Centro, at participants cost
- Exhibition Stands, Committee to decide on distribution criteria
- Simultaneous translation in three languages (Portuguese, Spanish & English)
- Communication Plan:
  - Tri-lingual official site, fed by information from local organizations
  - Information materials (logo, leaflets, posters) available on the site
  - Special youth media
  - Live transmission on Web and TV Brasil
Official Launch

- 15 May: Press conference for national and international media, Rio de Janeiro

- 16 May: International launch in Rio de Janeiro with the participation of the First Lady, Sra. Marisa Letícia, Congress Honorary President, as part of the week of 18 May (Regular National day of Mobilization to end Sexual Violence against Children and Adolescents).

- Launching of Congress Site and explanatory materials.
Access to information until Official Site Launched on 16 May

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