

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to join a High Level Meeting at the United Nations:

Solutions to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for Children

Time: September 16th, 2016; 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

On September 16th, in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Madeleine of Sweden, an exceptional group of global leaders will convene at the United Nations to discuss the unprecedented opportunity that new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework provides to focus on the world's most vulnerable children. These leaders will include representatives of governments, United Nations agencies (Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO and Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA), artist Maestro Andrea Bocelli, actor Forest Whitaker, Ambassador Dho Young shim and Professor Jeffrey Sachs (the SDG Advocates of the UN Secretary General), civil society and private sector leaders (including Kees Kruythoff of Unilever and Paul Sistare of Atlantica Hotels International).

Children are one third of the global population. It is only by investing in their wellbeing (SDG3), education (SDG4) and protection (SDG16) we can generate the best returns for society at large and a more peaceful and sustainable future. We need to make the SDG 16.2: *End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children*, everyone's priority. The objective of the High-level meeting will be to conceptualize solutions that would contribute to the achievement of the SDGs for the global benefit of children. CNN anchor, Robyn Curnow, will moderate this discussion on the role of new partnerships (including The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children), collective actions, and emerging new multi-sectorial approaches to achieve the SDG goals. This discourse from diverse sectors of society will illustrate the power of working together to address the world's basic needs.

The event will include a performance by "Voices of Haiti" children's choir from Haiti, a project supported by the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

RSVP: We ask you to confirm your intention to attend the event by registering [here](#) by **Friday, September 9th**. Those *without* a UN Pass should indicate it in their RSVP. We will provide special UN Passes for the event at the Visitors' Entrance on 46th Street and 1st Avenue, 30 minutes prior to the event.

This event is co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations and World Childhood Foundation USA, in collaboration with the Andrea Bocelli Foundation and its partner in Haiti, St. Luke Foundation.

