

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE
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Niels Baas



Niels Baas (29) is founder of the organization 'Cyberpesten de Baas'. He is communication researcher and teacher at the University of Twente (The Netherlands). Niels' research is aimed at children/adolescents and online risk behaviour. In his studies he focuses on cyber bullying, sexting and grooming. The connecting link is that in all his studies he treats children/adolescents as the experts in their own world. Niels' aim is to teach adults to embrace the online world and together with children start collaborating in this new environment. In September Niels' first book will be released named: *Samen de online wereld verkennen* (freely translated: Together discovering the online world). This book is aimed at parents and teachers and provides them with practical exercises and skills. Since 2011 Niels is providing educational evenings, workshops, training sessions etc. to parents, teachers, educational workers, police and government. In the Netherlands Niels has closely collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. For more information visit: www.cyberpestendebaas.nl

Alicia Dela Rosa Bala



Prior to assuming the Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) since September 2012, Mrs Bala was the Undersecretary at the Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines. She has been working in the field of social welfare for over thirty years. She was appointed by the President Benigno S. Aquino III as the Philippines' Representative for Children Rights to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) in 2010. As an expert in the social welfare, community development, and social protection, she has served as the chair/alternate chair to various councils and committee on social protection issues in the Philippines. These are, among others, the Council for the Welfare of Children, National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), Inter-country Adoption Board, Sub-Committee on Social Protection, and Inter-Agency Council on Violence against Women and their Children. She was the Project Director of the National Sector Support for Social Welfare and Development Reform Project and the Project Director of National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction and the Chair of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council. Regionally, she was the Philippines' Representative to the Senior Officials Committee for the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community (SOCA) and ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD). She was instrumental in the establishment of the ASEAN Children's Forum, a venue for children's participation at the regional level. She was the Chair of the 1st Session of the Commission on Social Development, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 2008. She is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. A dynamic

public service person, Mrs Bala is a Career Executive Service Officer of the Philippines' civil service and was awarded as one of the Outstanding Career Service Officers in 2012. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the Centro Escolar University in 1972 and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of the Philippines in 1978.

Mánus de Barra

Prior to taking up his position as a Child Protection Specialist at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children, Mánus de Barra acted as the Head of Policy and Legislation at the Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Ireland. During this period, he had primary responsibility for assisting the Ombudsman with advising Government and Parliament on law and policy affecting children at a national level. He also contributed to the Office's direct engagement with children and its outreach work. Mánus worked previously in the Human Rights Unit of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs.

Mánus holds a BA in European Studies and an MPhil in International Peace Studies from Trinity College Dublin, as well as an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of London.

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni



For the past two and a half years, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni has served as the Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General. She is the first person to have held the post under its revised mandate, which gives the role a strong operational remit. As such she has been responsible for implementing the concrete, day-to-day measures needed to support the Secretary General's far-reaching reform agenda, in line with the decisions and priorities of the Committee of Ministers.

With the aim of creating a Council of Europe that is more streamlined, focused on clearer priorities and which guarantees its member States better value for money, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni has worked hard to set the Programme and Budget on a rigorous and sustainable path. She has also introduced new checks to ensure that all spending is properly scrutinised and has successfully overseen reform of the contractual policy for staff to enable greater flexibility.

Before being elected Mrs Battaini-Dragoni held a number of positions within the Organisation. In each of these she has embraced innovation with one clear goal in mind: the strengthening of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

In 2011, at the request of the Secretary General, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was asked to set up the Directorate General of Programmes (ODG-PROG) – a major step in the internal reform of the Organisation. This enabled her to give a new strategic orientation to the intergovernmental activities, to implement the new policy of decentralisation to the field and to develop a dynamic overall extra-budgetary resource mobilisation.

Between 2004-2011, as Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni took the Council of Europe's work into new terrain by introducing programmes on democratic citizenship and human rights to schools, youth projects and other cultural spaces.

In the same period she served as the Council of Europe's Co-ordinator for Intercultural Dialogue, where she oversaw the delivery of the "White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue" – the first document of its kind at international level. The White Paper advocated the development of intercultural skills through formal and non-formal education and was launched at Ministerial level in 2008. It has been translated into sixteen languages, including Arabic and Hebrew, and its insights continue to inform the Council of Europe's work, not least in response to the current problems of radicalisation and violent extremism.

As the Director General of Social Cohesion between 2001-2004, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was able to reorient the Organisation's work to place greater emphasis on social rights as a basis for inclusive and well-functioning societies. Publishing widely on this and related issues, she has been successful in promoting the efforts and achievements of the Organisation.

Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was also the first ever female Director General in the Council of Europe.

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio



Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio (the Netherlands) was appointed Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography on 8 May 2014. Between 2002 and 2012, she served as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the first woman elected for this post.

She joined the Council of Europe in 1969 and worked in different capacities in the human rights protection mechanism set up under the European Convention on Human Rights. In 1998, she was elected Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights.

Throughout her mandates, she has focused her work on the fight against discrimination and violence, and the promotion of the rights of the most vulnerable groups, especially children. She launched the Council of Europe programme "Building a Europe for and with children",

advocating for a holistic and integrated approach towards the issue of eliminating all forms of violence against children and respect for children's rights. She has spearheaded the development and adoption of three key Council of Europe Conventions, namely, the Convention on action against trafficking in human beings, the Convention on the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, and the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

She is President of the European Federation for Missing and Exploited Children ("Missing Children Europe"), and continues to dedicate herself to ending abuse and neglect of children.

Mrs de Boer-Buquicchio studied French language and literature, followed by law at Leiden University, the Netherlands, specialising in labour law and international organisations. She is fluent in Dutch, English, French, Italian and German.

Gordana Buljan Flander



Gordana Buljan Flander is a psychologist and psychotherapist, currently working as a Director of the Child Protection Center of Zagreb. She has been working with children for thirty years and was among the first professionals in Croatia who recognized the importance of the issue of child abuse and neglect. In 1997 she founded the Brave Phone, help-line for abused and neglected children, and in 2002 initiated foundation of the Child Protection Center of Zagreb. She was rewarded many times for her work, but the most significant reward is that of ISPCAN for Centre's multidisciplinary team in 2008. Alongside to her direct work with children and families, she is also continuously active in the scientific field.

She wrote 7 books and many scientific papers regarding child development, parenting and child trauma. She also works as a lecturer at University of Zagreb and Osijek, and is court expert for psychology, interested in sharing her experiences with other professionals in Croatia and worldwide.

Claire Cody



Claire Cody is Research Fellow at the International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking at the University of Bedfordshire. She joined the University of Bedfordshire in 2013. Claire coordinates the 'Our Voices' project which promotes the involvement of children and young people in sexual violence prevention efforts in Europe. Activities include: working with Youth Advisors to understand their views and ideas on prevention; the exchange of learning; and developing a network to promote safe, ethical participatory engagement and action with children and young people. Claire's previous role as Oak Fellow, focused on the responses to children affected by sexual exploitation and related trafficking, establishing a global hub (www.childrecovery.info). Prior to this, Claire worked as a researcher at Plan's International Headquarters. Claire has a BSc in Psychology (Exeter), MSc in Social Anthropology (Oxon) and is currently doing doctoral research exploring how young people affected by child sexual exploitation experience group arts-based interventions.

Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen



Corinne Dettmeijer was appointed as Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings on October 1st, 2006. In 2009 her mandate as rapporteur was extended to include child pornography, which was replaced and broadened in 2012 to include the whole area of sexual violence against children. Corinne Dettmeijer has for many years been a judge at the district court of The Hague, from 1995 until 2014 she served as vice president of the court. As a judge, she handled cases in juvenile, criminal, family and migration law. She has been a member of several (international) professional bodies and advisory committees in the field of juvenile law. After finishing her law degree at Leiden University, she started her career as a public prosecutor in Rotterdam. The Dutch magazine *Opzij* elected Ms Dettmeijer in 2014 as one of the most powerful women in the Netherlands working on justice and public policy.

Verónica Donoso



Verónica Donoso is INHOPE Executive Director since April 2015. She is also a research fellow at ICRI/CIR (iMinds, KU Leuven) at the Faculty of Law of the KU Leuven. Verónica obtained a PhD in social sciences with a dissertation entitled 'Adolescents and the Internet: implications for home, school and social life' at KU Leuven (2007). Since then she has held positions as Senior Researcher at the Centre for User Experience Research (iMinds-KU Leuven) and as post-doctoral researcher at the Media & ICT in

Organizations & Society (MIOS), University of Antwerp. In 2010-2011 Verónica was appointed by the EC as the Research Coordinator of the assessment of the Safer Social Networking Principles for the EU. Since 2006 Verónica has been a member of the EU Kids Online network and since 2011 she has been invited to act as independent reviewer of the EU Pledge monitoring, a self-regulatory initiative to foster responsible advertising of food and beverage towards young children in the EU.

Jorge Freyre



Dr Jorge Freyre is Regional Advocacy Director at Save the Children in the LAC region. He is medical doctor and has a diploma in “Design and Management of Social Policies and Programmes”, Washington D.C., USA, Interamerican Development Bank, IDB/INDES. He is graduate from XX Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights, “Education in Human Rights,” Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, San José de Costa Rica. He is also postgraduate in Social Management, University of Uruguay, Faculty of Economy. He has served as General Coordinator of the Latin-American and Caribbean network for the defence of the Rights of the Child (REDLAMYC), Area Coordinator, Child Rights Programmes, NGO Gurises Unidos, and International Senior Consultant in the Area of the Rights of the Child. He is currently member of the board of Child Rights Connect as well as member of the board of the Latin American and Caribbean Movement for Children (MMI-LAC).

Milena Grillo



Milena Grillo is the Executive Director to Fundación Paniamor, a Costa Rican organization whose special focus is on the prevention of violence and the overcoming of social exclusion affecting the underage population. Milena has acted as consultant and/or program leading officer for governmental and non-governmental bodies and international cooperation agencies working in the field of public policy and law reform, interpersonal and social violence prevention, and children and adolescents rights. Milena is a recipient of the 1992 Leadership Award granted by the Child Assault Prevention Program of the United States. In 2005, she was awarded the Latin Trade Bravo Award as Humanitarian of the Year for the Latin American Region, in recognition to her work in the field of political and social incidence. Since 2012, she acts as the Latin America Representative to the International NGO Council on Violence against Children that accompanies the mandate of the U.N. Special Representative on Violence against Children in follow-up to the 2006 UN Global Study on the matter. Mrs Grillo is a Law graduate specialized in children and adolescent rights with a Master’s Degree in Social and Family Violence. She has worked for various organizations, including Save the Children Sweden and Save the Children International, ECPAT International, and Plan International. Within the UN System, the International Labour Office for Central America and the Caribbean; UNICEF TACRO and Costa

Rica; UNDP Costa Rica; the Pan American Health Organization, UNICRI, and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Mrs Grillo has also published and lectured on these topics across regions and acted as keynote speaker and presenter at international conferences worldwide.

Steven Grocki



Steven Grocki is currently the Deputy Chief for Litigation at the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) in Washington, DC. CEOS leads the Department of Justice in its endeavour to continuously improve the enforcement of federal child exploitation laws and prevent the exploitation of children and families. In his capacity as Deputy Chief, Mr Grocki supervises CEOS' 15 trial attorneys. CEOS' team of attorneys actively prosecute all federal crimes relating to the exploitation of children, lead large national and international child exploitation investigations, provide advice and training to federal prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and Department of Justice officials, develop prosecution policies, legislation, government practices and agency regulations, and participate in national and international meetings on training and policy development. Mr Grocki has worked for CEOS since July 2004 and since that time he has prosecuted child exploitation cases involving child pornography, online child enticement and traveller cases, child prostitution, and international sex tourism.

Bragi Guðbrandsson



Bragi Guðbrandsson is the Director General of the Government Agency for Child Protection Iceland. He has been actively involved nationally and internationally in children's rights, child abuse and neglect issues for two decades. Mr Guðbrandsson has worked extensively within the framework of the Council of Europe. Currently he serves as the Chair of the Lanzarote Committee. He is the author of the Council of Europe publication on "Children at Risk and in Care" (2006) and co-author of the publication "Protecting Children from Sexual Violence" (2010). Mr Guðbrandsson is a member of the Expert Group on "Children at Risk" within the Council of the Baltic Sea States since 2002.

Turid Heiberg



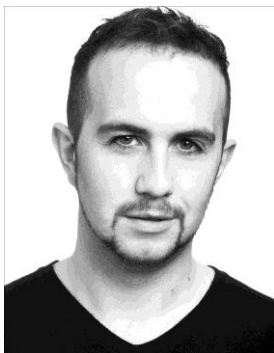
Turid Heiberg has since September 2013 worked as the Head of the Children's Unit in the Council of Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS). The Baltic Sea Region covers Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden. Turid has been working with human rights issues for more than 30 years. She has worked for Save the Children since 1993 including as Regional Director for Save the Children Sweden in South Asia. The aim of the work in the Baltic Sea Region is to ensure comprehensive and sustainable child protection to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children. Presently, Turid is facilitating projects, cooperation and networking to promote child rights, early intervention and prevention, protecting children from sexual abuse & exploitation, protecting migrant children and child victims of trafficking, and ensuring the rights of children in alternative care.

Regína Jensdóttir



Regína Jensdóttir is the Council of Europe Co-ordinator on Children's Rights and the Head of the Children's Rights Division in the Council of Europe. She is of Icelandic nationality and holds a law degree from the University of Iceland where she specialised in Human Rights and a post graduate degree (D.E.A.) from the University of Strasbourg in international public law. She has been working for the Council of Europe in many areas including protecting and promoting minority languages, developing legal norms in the area of public and private law, including the guidelines on child friendly justice.

Matthew McVarish



Dr Matthew McVarish, Scottish activist, actor, writer and survivor of childhood sexual abuse, recently completed his award winning initiative, the 'Road to Change' project. During a 10,000 mile (16,000km) walk McVarish visited every EU capital on foot to raise awareness of child sexual abuse and encourage governments across Europe to discuss abolishment of the Statute of Limitations on survivors reporting their abuse. In some nations, he became the first male survivor to speak publically about being abused as his walk was broadcast to millions on television, radio and newspaper in thirty languages. He now contributes to Scottish government discussions of various reforms, including police practice, procedures within the judicial system and advocating for Scotland to adopt the Council of Europe's '1 in 5' campaign.

Benyam Dawit Mezmur

Benyam Dawit Mezmur, from Ethiopia, is an academician who specializes on children's rights law. He is the Chairperson of United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, and 1st Vice-Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) of the African Union. He previously served as the Chairperson of the ACERWC (Nov 2012- Dec 2014). Benyam is an Associate Professor of Law at the Community Law Centre of the University of the Western Cape in South Africa where he is the Head of the Children's Rights Project. At the Faculty of Law, he lectures post-graduate students on international protection of human rights and children's rights, and supervises both LLM and PhD/LLD candidates. He has also been invited to lecture in a number of academic institutions in Africa and Europe. Previously, he has worked as a Legal Officer for The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), and undertook work for some intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Benyam received his Bachelor's degree from the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, and holds a Masters' degree and a Doctorate in Law (LLD) from the University of Pretoria (Centre for Human Rights) and the University of Western Cape respectively.

Théophane Nikyèma



Théophane Nikyèma is the Executive Director of the African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), an independent, pan-African institution for policy research and dialogue on the rights and wellbeing of children in Africa. Moving forward with the ACPF's 2014 African Report on Violence against Children, he is leading his organisation's advocacy for the protection of children in Africa against violence in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Nikyèma has broad experience in child rights, international development and African affairs for over 20 years. Prior to joining ACPF he served in leadership positions within the United Nations as the UNICEF Representative to Mali (2012), UNDP Resident Representative, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator to Uganda (2006-2012), UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for West and Central Africa (2003-2006) and UNICEF Representative to Rwanda (2000-2003).

He earned a Master's of Business Administration from the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management, Claremont Graduate University, USA and a Bachelor Degree in Economics from the Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal.

Erik Planken



Erik Planken is working in the Law Enforcement Department of the Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands as an expert on cybercrime and on the approach towards child sexual abuse since 2008. Erik Planken also represents the ministry in international meetings on these topics. Currently he is chair to the Council of Europe's committee of parties to the Cybercrime Convention and member of the Committee of Parties to the Lanzarote Convention.

Janice Richardson



Janice Richardson shares her time between advisory work in Africa (at ACOPEA, African Child Online Protection, Education, Awareness) and Europe (as Senior Advisor to European Schoolnet, a consortium of 30 Education Ministries). Her aim is the development of 21st century literacy skills and cyber wellbeing for children and young people. This includes coordination of the EC-funded ENABLE project (European Network Against Bullying in Learning and Leisure environments) - tackling bullying through the development of social and emotional literacy. She spent the previous decade (since 2004) setting up and coordinating the network to promote responsible internet and mobile usage by children, parents and educators, and creating the now global Safer Internet Day. Lecturer, researcher and author, Janice has lived and worked in Australia, France, Luxembourg and Belgium.

Dorothy Rozga



Dorothy Rozga is the Executive Director of ECPAT International. She joined ECPAT in 2013 after serving as the interim Executive Director of the African Child Policy Forum based in Ethiopia. Between 1981-2012 Dorothy served UNICEF in a range of capacities. For ten years, she served in Africa as UNICEF's Representative to Tanzania, as Deputy Regional Director of UNICEF's Regional Office for East and Southern Africa located in Kenya, and as Representative to Ghana. For five years she was the Sr. Programme Officer responsible globally for the incorporation of a Human Rights Based Approach to UNICEF's Programming. She also headed UNICEF's Offices in Calcutta, India and Belize and served the organisation in various

capacities in Guatemala and Honduras. Prior to joining UNICEF, Dorothy was a Peace Corp Volunteer in Jamaica (1977-79) and Belize (1979-81). Between 1973-1977 she was the Executive Director of Volunteer Services of Greater Kalamazoo in the USA.

Snežana Samardžić-Marković



Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković is since 2012 Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe, in charge of the Organisation's action promoting democratic innovation, governance, participation and diversity. Her responsibilities include the policy areas of education and youth, local democracy, cultural policies, election assistance, the protection of human dignity, gender equality, children's rights, and the rights of minorities, societal defences against discrimination, democratic citizenship, social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and democratic responses to crisis situations. Previously, Snežana has held numerous positions in the Serbian Government including as Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Neighbouring Countries; Assistant Minister of Defence (2005-2007) and Co-President of the Serbia-NATO Defence Reform Group; member of the Foundation Board of WADA, Minister of Youth and Sports (2007-2012) and President of the Fund for Young Talents.

Marta Santos Pais



Marta Santos Pais was appointed as Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Violence against Children as the first SRSG on Violence against Children on May 1st, 2009, and took her position on September 1st, 2009. As a high level global independent advocate, Marta Santos Pais promotes the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against children in the justice setting, in the home, in institutional care, in schools, in the workplace and in the community. She acts as a bridge builder in all regions, and across sectors and settings where violence against children may occur. Since her appointment, she has been strongly committed to mobilizing action and political support to maintain momentum around this agenda and to achieve steady progress across the world. Marta Santos Pais has more than 30 years' experience on human rights issues, engagement in United Nations and intergovernmental processes. She is the author of a large number of publications on human rights and children's rights. Before her appointment as SRSG on Violence against Children, Marta Santos Pais was the Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, a position she held since 2001. She joined UNICEF in 1997 as Director of Evaluation, Policy and Planning. Previously, she was the Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and Vice-Chair of the Coordinating Committee on Childhood Policies of the Council of Europe. She was a Special Adviser to the UN Study on Violence against Children and to the Machel Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. She was also a member of the UN Drafting Group of the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child and of its Optional

Protocols and participated in the development of other key international human rights standards.

Howard A. Schmidt



Howard A. Schmidt currently serves as a partner in the strategic advisory firm, Ridge-Schmidt Cyber, assisting leaders in business and government navigate the increasing demands of cyber security.

He most recently served as Special Assistant to President Barack Obama and the Cyber security Coordinator for the United States. His former White House appointments include Cyber Advisor to President George W. Bush.

Previously, Mr Schmidt held positions as Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer and Chief Security Strategist for eBay, and formerly operated as the Chief Security Officer for Microsoft.

Mr Schmidt has over 26 years of military and law enforcement service. Beginning active duty with the Air Force, he later joined the Arizona Air National Guard. He finished his last 12 years as an Army Reserve Special Agent with Criminal Investigation Division's (CID) Computer Crime Unit, all while serving over a decade as a police officer with the Chandler Police Department.

Robert Shilling



Robert Shilling is the Coordinator of Crimes against Children at the Interpol General Secretariat in Lyon, France. He is a seconded police officer from the Seattle Police Department in Washington State. He has been a police officer for 42 years; 21 years in the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit with 17 of those years as the head of the Sex and Kidnapping Offender Detail. He specializes in managing high risk sex offenders, sex offender registration and community notification.

Mr Shilling oversees all activities related to crimes against children at INTERPOL, including the International Child Sexual Exploitation database and victim identification.

In April 2014 he was the recipient of the "2014 International Jurists Award" for his work in protecting children. He was the first law enforcement officer to ever receive this award. In May of 2015 he was the recipient of the "2015 Wired Cop Award" for his work in protecting children. He is seconded to Interpol through March of 2016.

Clara Sommarin



Clara Sommarin is a Child Protection Specialist on Exploitation and Violence at UNICEF Headquarters in New York. She has over 17 years of experience within the field of child protection and child rights. At UNICEF, Ms Sommarin provides technical support and guidance to UNICEF field offices and partners on effective policies and programmes to address violence, sexual abuse and exploitation of children, including through information and communication technologies. Prior to joining UNICEF Headquarters in 2009, Ms Sommarin worked for UNICEF in the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office in Panama from 2001-2008. Before joining UNICEF, she worked at Save the Children Sweden where she coordinated child rights projects and supported NGO reporting to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Ms Sommarin holds degrees in International Humanitarian Assistance and Political Science, with specialization in international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

Geronimo Sy



Mr Geronimo L. Sy is an Assistant Secretary at the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Head of the Office of Cybercrime (OOC) of the Philippines. He serves as Chief Information Officer and is a member of the Supreme Court Committee on the Revision of the Rules of Court and E-Commerce. He successfully prosecuted the first cybercrime cases in the country. He established the e-Government Task Force on Cybercrime and Cyber-security in 2007. The leading Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 was the result of Mr Sy's advocacy. His publications on the subject include "Justice Online: Issues and Solutions" (World Crime Forum, 2013) and "E-Commerce Act of the Philippines" (Rex Publishing House, 2001).

Ksenija Turković



Ksenija Turković has been a judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2013. She has previously served as Observing member of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, President of the Board of the Croatian Centre for Human Rights, President of the Expert Committee drafting new Croatian Criminal Code, Vice-president of the Group of Specialists on Child Friendly Justice of the Council of Europe, and Vice-president of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. She has also been a member of the New York State Bar and worked

as a legal counsel before ICTY for Hunton & Williams. She has held various academic positions, such as Vice-Rector, Full Professor of Criminal Law and Head of Criminal Law Department at the University of Zagreb, Croatia. She holds LL.M and J.S.D. degrees from Yale Law School.