

# Children's Rights and Family

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# CALL FOR PAPERS





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The International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) defines a “child” as a person below the age of 18, and urges all governments to increase the level of protection for all children under 18 -regardless of their race, religion, or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from. Governments should ensure that no child is discriminated on any basis, by taking all necessary steps to ensure that the minimum standards set by the Convention are being met. These necessary steps also include helping families protect children’s rights and create an environment where they can grow and reach their potential (Articles 1-4).

According to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, “all people, irrespective of sex, age, race, ethnicity, and persons with disabilities, migrants, indigenous peoples, children and youth, especially those in vulnerable situations, should have access to life-long learning opportunities that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to exploit opportunities and to participate fully in society.” In relation to that, the document promises “to provide children and youth with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their rights and capabilities, helping our countries to reap the demographic dividend including through safe schools and cohesive communities and families.”

In order to open the ground for an academic discussion of this “nurturing environment of children for the full realization of their rights and capabilities”, in partnership with the Ufuk Dialog Foundation and Arigatou International/Prayer and Action for Children, the Journalists and Writers Foundation organizes the 4th International Family Conference with a focus on children and family. The conference, titled “Children’s Rights and Family” will be held on 19-20 November, 2016 in Abuja, Nigeria, with an aim of promoting a proactive and universal child rights approach to family.

International Family Conference is a biennial international academic conference which is organized by the Women’s Platform of the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), which holds General Consultative Status at UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its aim is to stimulate interdisciplinary and cross-national collaboration and approach to various family issues.

Conference prioritizes policy-oriented articles together with academic and descriptive ones. This call for papers is an invitation for all academics from any disciplines of social science, experts and activists paying attention to the issue of family and children.





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## Conference Themes

Authors are solicited to contribute to the conference by submitting articles in the following areas, but not limited to:

- best interest of the child
- positive parenting
- parental guidance
- parental responsibilities and state assistance
- family counseling services
- separation from parents
- children deprived from family environment
- adoption and foster care
- education and training of the child
- gender divisions in childcare and education
- ethics education
- freedom of religion and belief
- freedom of expression
- child privacy
- preservation of identity of child
- children of minorities / indigenous groups
- child / day care services
- maternal and children's health
- adequate standard of living of child
- children with disabilities
- physical and mental needs of child
- domestic violence and child abuse
- corporal punishment
- prevention and early intervention of child abuse
- sexual exploitation
- early and forced marriages
- kidnapping and child trafficking
- children involved in criminal activity
- children and drug abuse
- child labor and family poverty
- family and children in war and conflict
- child soldiers
- juvenile inmates
- child migrants and refugees





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## Submission and Publication Guidelines

Authors should submit an abstract (250-400 words, in English) and their curriculum vitae by **June 15, 2016** via online submission system. Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection will be sent on **July 15, 2016**. The authors of the accepted proposals should submit their full papers (of high academic quality, min. 4000 max. 8000 words without bibliography; in English), a photo and a short bio (approximately 150 words, in English) for the conference booklet to the conference coordinator by **October 20, 2016**. The editorial board will evaluate and ask authors to revise their papers (if needed) and resubmit camera ready copies by **November 05, 2016**.

The accepted papers will be published on the conference webpage and in hard copy.

## Venue, Travel, And Accommodation

Conference will be held in Abuja, Nigeria. See the conference website for the details on lodging, travel and venues: <http://jwffamilyconference.org> Travel and accommodation expenses of the accepted presenters will be arranged and covered by the organizers. (Maximum coverage of travel fees is 1000 USD)

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## Organization



**The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF)**, was established by a group of distinguished writers, scholars and journalists in 1994. The Foundation aims to promote coexistence and dialogue by bringing together civic leaders, journalists, experts, and decision makers from all cultural, religious, ethnic, ideological and professional backgrounds. Its mission is to look for ways of building a common living space based on reconciliation and mutual respect. Committed to universal democratic principles, the Foundation aims to foster peace and understanding among all peoples by promoting these core values by means of intellectual platforms, research and publications. In 2012, the Journalists and Writers Foundation was accredited to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as the first, and so far only, NGO from Turkey with a General Consultative Status.



**The Women's Platform** was founded in 2009 and aims to promote dialogue and peacebuilding at the local and global scale, by providing democratic arenas for the free and fair discussion of prevailing problems, including the disintegration of the family, gender-based discrimination in various areas, the humanitarian crisis in conflict zones, and highlighting the role of women in peace building, as well as in maintaining and improving peace.

## Partners



The advent of the **African Union (AU)** can be described as an event of great magnitude in the institutional evolution of the continent. On 9.9.1999, the Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity issued a Declaration (the Sirte Declaration) calling for the establishment of an African Union, with a view, inter alia, to accelerating the process of integration in the continent to enable it play its rightful role in the global economy while addressing multifaceted social, economic and political problems compounded as they are by certain negative aspects of globalisation.



**Ufuk Dialogue** was founded in FCT Abuja, Nigeria, to promote dialogue, culture of coexistence, mutual understanding and to establish a common platform aiming information and opinion exchange. Ufuk Dialogue focuses on dialogue and peace activities in academic and intellectual levels for the education of the different members of the society. This is achieved through conferences, seminars, panels, scholarship, publications, meetings, intercultural trips and several other activities. Ufuk Dialogue serves to stand by societal peace, love, respect and compassion in support of human dignity and the greater good by striving to preserve the common values of humanity; values such as respect, love and tolerance, peaceful coexistence, knowledge and mutual understanding. Ufuk Dialogue ([www.ufukfoundation.org](http://www.ufukfoundation.org)) involves the participation of hundreds of local and global individuals who seek to promote peace and dialogue in the world.



**Arigatou International/Prayer and Action for Children** is an international faith-based, not for profit NGO, committed to building a better world for all children with offices in New York. Arigatou's overall mission is to promote a social movement by engaging leaders of diverse religious traditions in all regions of the world towards addressing the challenges affecting children and youth in their own communities. Arigatou has established four initiatives to achieve its mission: the Global Network of Religions for Children, Prayer and Action for Children, Ethics Education and End Child Poverty with offices in Nairobi, New York, Geneva and Tokyo. Through its four initiatives the organization seeks to provide a global platform for interreligious cooperation to foster children's well-being and ensure their rights are respected and protected. Arigatou has special consultative status with ECOSOC and UNICEF and works jointly with United Nations agencies and other child focused international NGOs, as well as builds partnerships with faith-based organizations and religious leaders at the national level.

