
First Regional Seminar:

Creating Networks that Advance Capacity-Building on Child Rights and Public Policy

UN House Building 128, Panama City

September 23-24,2010

WHAT: *The seminar: “Creating a Network to Advance Capacity-Building on Child Rights and Public Policy “ will focus on collaborations across Latin America. Themes to be emphasized include impacting the public and social policy agenda for children and adolescents through the creation and dissemination of knowledge. Participants will discuss academic offerings and training experiences offered throughout Latin America on related topics. Participating universities and organizations are: FLACSO –México; Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas – UNAM, México; Universidad Externado de Colombia; Red CLACSO –Latinoamérica; CINDE – Universidad de Manizales –Colombia; Movimiento Interamericano de los Derechos del Niño –MINDI- Latinoamérica; and sponsors UNDP, UNICEF and www.equityforchildren.org*

WHY: Academia and public policy institutes demand increased connectivity and interdisciplinary approaches to address the 21st century’s complex social contexts and inequalities associated with childhood. In Latin America, it is especially important to promote dialogue among stakeholders such as thinkers and teachers -- those who originate and disseminate knowledge. They can improve the impact of public policy and the social agenda for children and adolescents with increased communication and collaboration.

Following the September 23-24 meeting, the “Creating a Network Project” will continue to expand upon this regional focus with meetings and outreach. Academic trendsetters and developing collaborations throughout the region will convene and exchange platforms that link graduate students, teachers and other experts in the field.

WHO: This initiative is part of a joint effort between Equity for Children, the United Nations Program for Development - UNDP and the United Nations Children's Fund - UNICEF.

The Equity for Children/Equidad para la Infancia Program and Website are integrated with The New School’s Graduate Program in International Affairs (GPIA) and the Observatory on Latin America (OLA) in partnership with Fordham University and in alliance with ARCOR Foundation and Institute. With an emphasis on Child Poverty and Equity in Development, the program and website engage students, scholars, practitioners, governmental/non-profit organizations and the media. They promote awareness and increased knowledge, and they advocate action about issues affecting equity for children and the realization of their rights worldwide.

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