



## Side Event Proposal: VI Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour - February 11 to 13, 2026, Morocco

- **Event Title** -Hear from Children and Youth: A Panel Discussion and Participation Session
- **Thematic Focus** - Children's participation
- **Geographical Coverage** - Global
- **Proposed Modality** - In person only
- **Time Duration** - 90-120 minutes
  - **Hear from Children and Youth Panel Discussion and Participation Session:** For the panel discussion (12th February, 16:30), some children and youth will speak, perform or present on stage, as part of a facilitated panel discussion. This will be followed by an audience participation activity. To accommodate the participants (youth delegates, chaperons, adult moderators, and panel attendees) a big hall with platform and chairs on stage for 5 panelists is requested. Ideally, a round table set up for attendees is required. Audio video facilities and space to display creatives needed.
  - **'Youth-led Global Call to Action' submission:** If possible, an opportunity to present or hand over the Declaration to Conference hosts.

All participants need to follow safeguarding and communication ethics protocols. For safeguarding children and ensuring the identities of participating children are not made public, this will be an in-person session only. No video or hybrid broadcast will be possible. Attendees will be requested to comply with safeguarding guidelines for the session and refrain from taking pictures or video of the young participants on the panel.

- **Organization Name(s)\*** - Terre des Hommes Netherlands and Global March Against Child Labour, SOS Children's Villages International and GoodWeave International.
- **Total youth representatives and panelist** - 8-9
  - Youth rep from the Phillipinnes, Southeast Asia (TdH NL)
  - Youth rep from India, South Asia (TdH NL)
  - Youth rep from Kenya, East Africa (TdH NL)
  - Youth rep from Nepal (Goodweave International)
  - Youth rep from Latin America (Global March)
  - Youth rep from Ghana (SOS Children's Villages)
  - Youth rep from Uganda (Global March)

- **Session description -**

**Panel discussion with children and youth representatives from around the world:** A facilitated discussion with children and youth. Hear why young people argue that those with lived experience of child labour are critical stakeholders in shaping policy. In addition to sharing examples of child and youth action to shape policy at national and regional levels, key recommendations from young people will be shared. The audience will gain practical insight into how to meaningfully engage children in accelerating action to stop child labour.

**Audience Interaction:** Using creative, digital and 'postcard and pen' methods, attendees will engage with young people on practical policy recommendations for accelerating action to eliminate child labour.

- **Expected objectives / Key messages\*** - List 1–5 key objective(s) of the session and the key message(s) you aim to convey.
  - a. To facilitate meaningful child participation by collaborating with children and youth to plan and deliver a participatory panel discussion session.
  - b. To integrate the voices of children and youth directly into the development and implementation of global policy spaces, resulting in more effective, rights-based strategies for the elimination of child labour.
  - c. To synthesise and share a 'Youth-led Global Call to Action'
- **Expected outcomes or deliverables of the proposed event**
  - a. Attendees gain insights based on lived experience of child labour from cross-regional action with children.
  - b. Attendees have gain a refreshing opportunity to hear from children and youth and experience the power of meaningful child participation on the topic of child labour.
  - c. Children and youth have a platform to learn and share, strengthen leadership and cross-regional networks.
  - d. 'Youth-led Global Call to Action' is submitted as a key policy pathway document for the VI Global conference.

#### PRE SESSION PREPERATION

- **Warm-up and preparation workshop:** Half-day workshop with all the child and youth delegates before the panel discussion (11th February). This will help them to meet each other and prepare for the session with Conference attendees.