

## **ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

### **SUB GROUP ON INDIGENOUS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **1. MISSION**

Embedded in the distinct cultures and languages of Indigenous Peoples, the sub group will work towards the recognition of, respect for, and implementation of the rights of Indigenous children and young people taking into account the specific role of their families and communities.

The sub group will achieve the mission by, inter alia:

- 1) Seeking and promoting the active participation of Indigenous children, young people, families, and communities.
- 2) Cooperating proactively on an international level with Indigenous knowledge holders, professionals, academics and their associated institutions; Indigenous young people and their institutions, UN bodies, NGO's, and State Parties on the inclusion, interpretation, observance, and monitoring of the evolving human rights and Indigenous rights instruments and discourse affecting Indigenous children, young people and their families.

#### **2. CONVENOR AND CO-CONVENOR**

Roy Laifungbam:  
Centre for Organisation Research and Education

Cindy Blackstock:  
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada

#### **3. MEMBERS**

Stuart Hart- IPSA  
Alison Blaiklock- Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa New Zealand.

#### **4. OBSERVERS (Interim and evolving list)**

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(NICWA), John George (CWLA), Jocelyn Formsmma, Muriel Bamblett (SNAICC), Lesley Du Toit, Lucia Teran Maigua (Fundacion Pueblo –INDIO), Rodrigo Teran Maigua (Fundacion San Agustin), Bill Gillespie (FNCFCS), Dawn Wallam (SNAICC), Sandy White Hawk (First Nations Orphan Association), Debra Foxcroft (Tseshah First Nation), Kenn Richard (Native Child and Family of Toronto).

## **5. NUMBER/RHYTHM OF MEETINGS PER YEAR**

### **There will be two meetings per year:**

In keeping with the commitment of the sub group to the active inclusion of Indigenous peoples, there will be one in person meeting per year and whenever possible this meeting will be attached to Indigenous peoples meetings such as:

- ~ The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- ~ The UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations

Additionally, the sub group will mobilize different forms of communication to conduct one additional meeting per year using means such as internet, video conferencing, and conference calls.

## **6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In its recommendations arising from the Day of General Discussion on the Rights of Indigenous Children, the Committee on the Rights of the Child confirmed previous observations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues that Indigenous children experienced disproportionate rights violations and thus there is a pressing need for more disaggregated research on the observance and monitoring of Indigenous child rights. Additionally, increased coordinated information sharing and action amongst UN bodies, NGOs and State Parties is encouraged. Currently there is no international NGO that specifically works in the area of Indigenous child rights and thus the Indigenous Sub Group on Children and Young People was established in 2005 to provide a foundation for the further development of the infrastructure, relationships and knowledge needed to advance Indigenous child rights worldwide.

## 7. WORKPLAN

Overall Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Partners
Establishment of Sub Group in accordance with NGO Group on the CRC on the Rights of the Child Procedures	Ensure all relevant Indigenous and non Indigenous UN structures, NGO's, and other key stakeholders are informed of the aims and workplan of the subgroup. Expand membership of sub group and encourage membership in NGO Group on the CRC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Side Event held at the UN PFII in May 2005</li> <li>2. Meeting to be held in Toronto on October 24, 2005 with Indigenous and NGO stakeholders to discuss draft aims and work plan of the sub group</li> <li>3. Finalize sub group work plan and submit for final approval to NGO Group on the CRC</li> <li>4. Establish the working methods of the sub group and roles of the Convenor, Co-Convenor and members</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</li> <li>2. Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and Native Child and Family of Toronto to co-host October meeting.</li> <li>3. NGO Group on the CRC</li> </ol>
Development of a five year operational plan for the sub group	In consultation with key stakeholders, the sub group will develop a detailed operational plan detailing activities, timeframes, partners and projected funding sources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation with key stakeholders</li> <li>2. Development of draft plan for review of key stakeholders and NGO Group for the CRC.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sub Group members and observers, NGO Group on the CRC, key stakeholders</li> </ol>
Identification and organization of knowledge on the rights of Indigenous children and young people pursuant to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.	Identification of existing databases and information sources on the rights of Indigenous children and young people.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leverage membership knowledge to identify existing resources.</li> <li>2. Develop a framework for the documenting and reporting of existing resources.</li> <li>3. EU proposal pending to gather information at a grass roots and</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sub group members and observers</li> <li>2. NGO Group on the CRC</li> <li>3. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</li> <li>4. UN bodies</li> <li>5. Key stakeholders</li> </ol>

		regional level	
Develop implementation plan for EU proposal if accepted to delineate partner roles and responsibilities	Clarify and coordinate partner roles and responsibilities in the management and implementation of the project	1. If the proposal is accepted, an in person meeting of project partners in Geneva will be held to clarify roles and responsibilities and to further develop the operational plan.	1. Sub group members and observers. 2. NGO Group on the CRC 3. CORE 4. DoCip 5. Key stakeholders

## 8. CONTRIBUTIONS

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Financial Resource</b>	<b>Human Resource</b>
CORE		
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society	3000 EURO for participation in the UN PFII side event and the meeting in October, 2005	3000 EURO for annual participation on sub group
Toronto Native Child and Family, Canada	1000 EURO for meeting in October, 2005	1000 EURO for meeting in October
European Union (proposal submitted and under review)	200,000 EURO per annum for three years to support worldwide state of knowledge review and compilation of resources respecting Indigenous child rights. Additional aims of the proposal include public education and networking	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4000 EURO Confirmed 200000 applied for	4000 EURO

## 9. Work plan adopted by the Subgroup at its meeting held on the 24 day of October, 2005 in Toronto, in the country of Canada