



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention 1993-2023

Wednesday 31 May 2023

### Draft Programme

(version of 18 April 2023)

The draft programme will be updated as further panellists and speakers are confirmed

Buenos Aires	Hong Kong	The Hague	
09:00	20:00	14:00	<b>WELCOME</b> Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General, HCCH
09:05	20:05	14:05	<b>ROUND TABLE 1: LEARNING FROM THE PAST</b> <i>Moderated by Ms Laura Martínez-Mora, Secretary (Lawyer), Permanent Bureau, HCCH</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms Luce de Bellefeuille</b>, independent expert in international children's issues for the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec, Canada</li><li>- <b>Professor Yves Denéchère</b>, Professor of Contemporary History - University of Angers, Director of TEMOS (<i>Temps, Mondes, Sociétés</i>), France</li><li>- <b>Ms Nirmalee Perera</b>, Senior Probation Officer, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, Central Authority, Sri Lanka</li><li>- <b>Mr James Timmermans</b>, Manager INEA (National Center for Expertise in Intercountry Adoption), Netherlands</li><li>- <b>Ms Carolina Von Schakmann Cabrales</b>, Lawyer, <i>Mejor Niñez</i>, Central Authority, Chile</li></ul>
10:20	21:20	15:20	<b>ROUND TABLE 2: LIVED EXPERIENCES</b> <i>Moderated by Ms Karabo Ozah, Director, Centre for Child Law, South Africa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms Claudia González</b>, adopted person (Romania - Spain)</li><li>- <b>Ms Marie Marre</b>, adopted person (Mali - France)</li><li>- <b>Ms Janeth Osorio</b>, birth mother (Colombia)</li><li>- <b>Ms Micaela Piscitelli</b>, adoptive mother (Italy)</li></ul>
11:20	22:20	16:20	<b>Break</b>

11:30	22:30	16:30	<b>ROUND TABLE 3: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE</b> <i>Moderated by Ms Capucine Page, Legal Officer, Permanent Bureau, HCCH</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms Bernadette Abejo</b>, independent expert, Former Executive Director of Intercountry Adoption Board, Philippines</li> <li>- <b>Mr Antonio Ferrandis</b>, Head of the Adoption Service, Central Authority, Madrid Region, Spain</li> <li>- <b>Professor Benyam Dawit Mezmur</b>, Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow at the Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program, and member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</li> <li>- <b>Ms Markéta Kačerová Nováková</b>, Deputy Director, Office for International Legal Protection of Children, Central Authority, Czech Republic</li> <li>- <b>Ms Charlotte Luthander</b>, Social Worker, Adoptionscentrum, (Member of EurAdopt and Nordic Adoption Council (NAC))</li> </ul>
12:45	23:45	17:45	<b>LAUNCHING OF THE TOOLKIT FOR PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING ILLICIT PRACTICES IN INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION</b> by Ms Carine Rosalia, Chair of the HCCH Working Group on Preventing and Addressing Illicit Practices, Attorney Advisor, Department of State, United States of America  <b>CONCLUSIONS</b> by Ms Laura Martínez-Mora, Secretary (Lawyer), HCCH
13:00	00:00	18.00	<b>END</b>