

# ISPCAN Melbourne Congress — Rise Up Policy Forum

## August 27th, 2026

Time	Program
8:30 - 9:00 am	Coffee
9:00 - 10:00 am	<p><b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Opening Plenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to the Rise Up community of practice and knowledge: interactive peer-to-peer exchange for collaborative deep learning and progress</li> <li>• Building capacity and investment in prevention and public health-orientated child protection systems in order to achieve our commitments to end child abuse and neglect</li> </ul>
10:00 - 11:00 am	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p><b>Effective governance and multisectoral coordination</b></p> <p><b>What Australia is learning about stronger online protections for children and young people: the evidence on social media age restrictions, privacy, digital duty of care and more</b> <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Building a preventative and coordinated child protection system in Kiribati</b> <i>Ministry of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs, Government of Kiribati</i> <i>Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p> <p><b>The cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and SOS Childrens Villages Armenia in the development of alternative care</b> <i>SOS Children's Villages Armenia • Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Government of Armenia</i> <i>Primary Pillar(s): Child, survivor and community participation</i></p> <p><b>From silos to a system: Kenyas cross-sector coordination and collaboration model on access to justice with children</b> <i>National Council on the Administration of Justice, Government of Kenya</i> <i>Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p> <p><b>From Fragmentation to Coherence: How Education-Centred Cross-Sector Practice Can Prevent Child Harm</b> <i>NorthAble Matapuna Hauora • Ministry of Education, Government of Aotearoa New Zealand</i> <i>Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p> <p><b>Beyond the Kantian Barrier: A Tasil (Authentic Rooting) Approach to Decolonizing Social Work and Sustaining Care for Adverse Childhood Experiences Survivors in Brunei Darussalam</b> <i>Ministry Of Health, Government of Brunei Darussalam • Suri Seri Begawan Hospital</i> <i>Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p>
11:00 - 11:30 am	Coffee

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<p><b>11:30 - 12:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>A costed and funded national action plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</b></p> <p><b>What Is the Child, in the Eyes of the System?</b>  <i>Impact Initiative • Department of Social Services, Government of Australia • Australian Human Rights Commission</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Artificial intelligence in child and family services: measuring impact and strengthening early intervention systems</b>  <i>Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare • Anglicare Victoria • Today</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence</i></p> <p><b>Making Practice Visible: How Aotearoa New Zealand Uses a National Practice Framework and Public-Facing Practice Centre to Build Trust and Strengthen Child Protection Systems</b>  <i>Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children, Government of Aotearoa New Zealand</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p> <p><b>Multisectoral Briefing: Developing a National Strategic Plan (NSP) on preventing and mitigating the harmful effects of Adolescent Pregnancy in South Africa</b>  <i>Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Government of South Africa • Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ): Violence Prevention for Peaceful and Inclusive Communities Programme (VPIC).</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation, Governance and multi-sectoral coordination , A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p> <p><b>Interactive lab for funding child protection: Mobilizing Funding: Translating investment case evidence into effective budget advocacy Turning numbers into decisions: costing tools for child protection and social service systems.</b>  <i>Cornerstone • Maestral</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p> <p><b>Addressing the crisis of youth aging out of care in Canada</b>  <i>National Council Of Youth In Care Advocates (NCYICA)</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p>
<p><b>12:30 - 1:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

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<p><b>1:30 - 2:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Data-driven and evidence-based solutions</b></p> <p><b>From Policy to Practice: A Benchmarking Workshop on Universal Parenting Support to Prevent Violence Against Children</b>  <i>UNICEF • Parenting for Lifelong Health</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence, Policy and legislation, Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p> <p><b>Strengthening Legal and Policy Frameworks to Combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Lessons from practice-based knowledge (PbK) in Kenya and the Philippines</b>  <i>Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) • National Council on the Administration of Justice, Government of Kenya • The Safer Futures Hub • Bidlisiw Foundation</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation, Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p> <p><b>Mobilizing Faith Leaders to Support Government Priorities in Ending Family Violence Against Children: Evidence and Opportunities from Ghana, Kenya and Zimbabwe</b>  <i>Fuller Seminary • World Vision Kenya • The Violence Against Children Committee (VACC), Department of Childrens Services, Government of Kenya</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence</i></p> <p><b>From Rights on Paper to Change in Practice: Using GlobalChild Indicators for System Strengthening and Data Driven Child Protection</b>  <i>University of New Brunswick • GlobalChild</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Data and evidence</i></p> <p><b>Safeguarding 5.0: Data-Driven Prevention and Human-Centered Resilience Building in Child Protection Across Families, Communities, and Institutions</b>  <i>Department of Social Welfare, Government of Malaysia</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A continuum of prevention and response services, Child, survivor and community participation</i></p>
<p><b>2:45 - 3:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Policy and legislation</b></p> <p><b>Strengthening system responses to harmful sexual behaviours across ASEAN member states co-creating guidance to address harmful sexual behaviours in a digital age</b>  <i>UNICEF Child Protection Centre of Excellence</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Caring for the Carers: The Case for a Cross-Sector Approach to Kinship Care</b>  <i>Family for Every Child • Lumos • Voice of Children</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Hubbing Our Way Out of Crisis: Rethinking Child Protection Through Upstream Support</b>  <i>Murdoch Children's Research Institute • International Association of Family Support Network • Australian Human Rights Commission • National Child and Family Hubs Network</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Child Protection in a Borderless Digital World: Co-Designing Child-Centred Privacy Policy</b>  <i>ChildFund Australia • Reset.Tech • ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children • University of Canberra</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p> <p><b>Child Welfare in a Changing America National Policy and Local Impact</b>  <i>Child Welfare League of America • Fairfax County (Virginia) Department of Family Services, United States of America</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Policy and legislation</i></p>

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3:45 - 4:00 pm	Coffee
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<p><b>A continuum of child protection prevention and response services</b></p> <p><b>Innovative approaches to funding child protection: principles and country case studies for improving efficiency and expanding the funding base</b>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A National Action Plan, capacity building and scaled solutions</i></p> <p><b>Redesigning Intervention Pathways for Infants and Young Parents at risk of child protection reports.</b>  <i>Brave Foundation • Impact initiative • Victoria State Government, Australia</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A continuum of prevention and response services</i></p> <p><b>Bridging Childrens Care Reform and Violence Prevention: Putting political commitments into practice</b>  <i>Maestral International • The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom • Transforming Children's Care Collaborative</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): A continuum of prevention and response services</i></p> <p><b>Rising up for children in war: strengthening governance and multi sectoral coordination for child protection in Sudan</b>  <i>Rural Community Development Organization (RCDO), Sudan • Ministry of Health, Government of Sudan</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<p><b>Child, survivor and community participation in solutions</b></p> <p><b>Breaking the Silence: Advancing Legislative Protections and Community-Led Advocacy for Child Safety in Benin</b>  <i>Women Empowered-Benin</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Child, survivor and community participation</i></p> <p><b>Integrating Religious Authority into Formal National Child Protection Systems</b>  <i>State Department for Children Services, Government of Kenya • UNICEF • Inter-Religious Council of Kenya</i>  <i>Primary Pillar(s): Governance and multi-sectoral coordination</i></p>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p><b>Closing Plenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflecting on the forum: Implications for research, policy and practice: Three perspectives on the path forward</li> <li>• Highlights, connections, implications, solutions, actions</li> </ul>