



ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED ADOPTION ORGANISATIONS

Programme 23 – 24 April 2014

“ADOPTION FOR THE RIGHT REASONS; an option for permanency”

English will be the working language.

Wednesday 23rd April: (half day)

- 11.45 hrs: Registration and lunch for participants
- 13.00 hrs: Maria Doré, Executive Board Member, EurAdopt: Welcome remarks from EurAdopt
- 13.05 hrs: Opening of Conference
- 13.15 hrs: Nigel Cantwell: International consultant on child protection policies: **Intercountry adoption for the right children and the right reasons: the elusive paramountcy of children’s best interests**
- 13.45 hrs: Laura Martinez-Mora, Principal Legal Officer, HCCH Permanent Bureau, Netherlands: **The Hague Adoption Convention celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2013. Is it an effective tool in implementing an ethical and transparent intercountry adoption system? What are the challenges today?**
- 14.15 hrs: Gonzalo Gutierrez Lleras, Director, Fundación CRAN, Colombia: **Practical experiences of working for the best interest of the child under the Hague Convention**
- 14.45 hrs: Coffee Break
- 15.15 hrs: Judy Ndung’u, Senior Assistant Director; Children’s Services; Ministry of Labour Social Security & Services, Kenya: **Transformation of adoption practices**
- 15.45 hrs: Øystein Gudim, Director, Adopsjonsforum, Norway: **Co-operation for better ethics in adoption**
- 16.15 hrs: Panel Debate
- 17.00 hrs: End of day one
- 19.00 hrs: Dinner at the Stockholm City Hall for participants registered in advance. This dinner is sponsored by the City of Stockholm.

Thursday 24th April: (full day)

08.00 hrs: Opening of day 2

08.10 hrs: Lovisa Kim, Senior Administrative Officer and Social Worker, Swedish Intercountry Adoptions Authority (MIA), CA Sweden: **Post Adoption Services in Sweden**

08.30 hrs: Hermann Sæmundsson, Director of Department of Human Rights and Local Government, Icelandic Central Authority – Ministry of the Interior, Iceland: **Short overview of the structure of the adoption system/procedure in Iceland** and Kristinn Ingvarsson, Executive Director, The Icelandic Adoption Society: **Post Adoption Services in Iceland**

09.00 hrs: Mary Juseela, journalist and author, Sweden: **The Great Homeland Tour**

09.20 hrs: Coffee Break

09.50 hrs: Bitte Markstedt, Family Therapist and Anita Fryklund, Family Therapist, Duvnäs Parental Support Centre, Sweden: **The Adoptive Family; Challenges and Needs**

10.10 hrs: Rosanna Tampoia, Area Director Latin America, CIAI, Italy: **Post Adoption Support Provided by Adoption Organisations in Italy**

10.30 hrs: Panel Debate

11.30 hrs: Nyanja Nzabamwita Brodin, Founder of ISHAMI Advocacy for Children, Rwanda: **The importance of permanency**

12.00 hrs: Lunch

13.00 hrs: Maria Larsson, Minister for Children and the Elderly, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden: **Childrens right to grow up in good conditions**

13.20 hrs: Nina Stenbom, Family Law Secretary, Social Welfare Committee, Danderyd, Sweden: **A practitioner's reflections**

13.40 hrs: Elsbeth Neil, Senior Lecturer and Director of Research, University of East Anglia, UK: **Adoption as a permanency plan for children in care: some experiences from the UK**

14.00 hrs: Anders Hjern: Professor of Paediatric Epidemiology Centre for Health and Equity Studies, Sweden: **Health and social adjustment of international adoptees- what can we learn from Swedish national registers**

14.20 hrs: Crystal Theron, Director, Le-Shika Development and Training Consulting, South Africa: **10 years after the introduction of Long Term Foster Care in South Africa**

14.40 hrs: Heli Reinikainen, Project Coordinator, Social Worker Encounters Project, Save the Children, Finland: **Open adoption – a new opportunity in Finland**

15.00 hrs: Coffee Break

15.30 hrs: Jesús Palacios, Professor of Developmental Psychology, University of Seville, Spain: **Domestic adoption versus long term foster care: so similar, so different**

15.50 hrs: Panel Discussion

16:50 hrs: Angelo Moretto, Chairperson EurAdopt: Closing remarks

The conference will end at 17.00 hrs