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## **Global Campus International Conference 2022: Mental Health - Children's Perspectives on the Challenges and Ways Forward**



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# **Mental Health: Children's Perspectives on the Challenges and Ways Forward**

31 January 2022 – 01 February 2022

The principal objectives of the 2022 Global Campus International Conference, which will take place on **31 January and 1 February 2022** in Kathmandu, Nepal are to maximise meaningful child participation,

promote intergenerational dialogue and stimulate research on children's rights. In this light, between the months of September 2021 and January 2022, the Global Campus of Human Rights embarked on child-led consultations with children from all over the world with the main aim of identifying what they think are general and specific problems that affect children. At the conference children will be discussing their findings, as well as adopting a plan of action for the future.

In all, 7 languages were used to consult in 17 sessions with 111 children who come from 9 countries spread across 5 regions, notably Africa (South Africa), the Arab World (Lebanon), Asia (Nepal and India), Caucasus (Armenia), Europe (Italy), and Latin America (Brazil, Chile and Ecuador). The children then chose 17 among themselves to form the "Global Campus – Children Leadership Team", who went into further action, assembling ideas, selecting the theme and planning activities for the international conference.

Each day of the conference has been divided into two sessions: on 31 January the children will discuss among themselves what they identified as the most contemporary issue affecting them - the mental health of Children; while on 1 February they will adopt a Plan of Action to follow up on the issues discussed.

The **experts** invited to attend the conference include: the UN Special Rapporteurs on the Rights to Education (Senegal), the UN Special Rapporteur for Mental and Physical Health (South Africa), the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, a right Livelihood Laureate and children's rights activist, a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, mental health experts and human rights defenders.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the child-led element of the Global Campus International Conference will be held exclusively **online and live-streamed** on the social media channels of the partners of the Global Campus.

Register by 25 January 2022 [here](#).

This international conference is coordinated by the [Kathmandu School of Law](#) and is supported by UNICEF South Asia, UNICEF Nepal, the National Child Rights Council of the Government of Nepal (NCRC) as well as the NCPA (National Child Protection Alliance, Nepal).

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