

Chair of UNCRC Policy Center

Information Pack

Thank you for your interest in establishing a Chair of UNCRC Policy Centre at your University / Research Center. The following information regards the establishment of a Chair, which includes the Chair's aims, governance and activities. Since the Chair is a new and exciting initiative, this information pack is subject to change as the network establishes itself and new members are recruited.

About the Chair of UNCRC Policy Centre (Chair of UNCRPC)

The Chair is designed for Universities / Research Centers' work towards the protection and promotion of Children's Rights. It is initiated by "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center (HFC).

The Chair will act as an agent of knowledge on children's rights within the academic community through policy and practice, by teaching, conducting research and providing services to the community.

The Chair holder will offer courses on children's rights to master students in the fields of law, political and social sciences, and medicine. The Chair should also offer training to professionals and volunteers. The Chair will co-organize a bi-annual interdisciplinary international course in children's rights, which should attract professionals in children's rights from all over the world.

The Chair should establish its own research programme, and actively stimulate a children's rights component in other research programmes. In its own research programme, emphasis should be put on conceptual issues (in particular on the mutual reinforcement and enrichment of the children's rights and the general human rights framework), and on economic, social and cultural rights of children. Particular attention should also be paid to children's rights in development and international cooperation.

The Chair should lend its expertise to the Children's Rights Commissioner, NGOs, Ministries and other International and European Agencies, amongst others. Most importantly, it will seek to support advocacy and policy efforts as well as children's rights educational work of "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Centre.



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The Chair will, in all of its activities, nurture cooperation and collaborative action between organisations around the world. This is in the hope and expectation that working together will help us to uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) more effectively. With joint voices we can have a larger influence on official international policy and with collective action from different corners of the globe we can practically impact positively children's lives.

How to establish a Chair?

A Chair can be established as a new teaching and research unit at a University or other institution of higher education and/or research recognised by the State for an initial period of four years.

Such a unit should:

- Have a Chair holder should be an academic;
- Have a team composed of lecturers and researchers from the host institution and from other institutions, both in the country concerned and in other countries, who are associated with the activities of the Chair;
- Have students and researchers from the host country and from other countries who are pursuing postgraduate studies or high-level training and research under the Chair;
- Write or participate in supplementary report on UNCRC in your member state
- Provide supplementary report on Universal Periodic Review to the committee on the rights of the Child.
- Participate in EU or other international proposals to acquire funding
- Submit once a year an activity report of its performance to the Director-General of HFC

An agreement is concluded between the Director-General of "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center and the Rector or President of the University/Research Centre.

Chairs are not usually named after individuals, except when they are intended to commemorate an outstanding and universally acknowledged contribution made to the field of study by an individual.

Procedure for submission of the proposal

Interested institutions should prepare and submit to the Director-General of "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center – under the signature of the executive head of the institution – a detailed proposal through the registration form outlined in the Annex.

Assessment and approval of the proposal

Once the organisation receives the proposal, a process of review and analysis is undertaken. When the registration form has completed its cycle for evaluation, the Policy and Advocacy Division of the organization informs the institution of the results. If the organisation evaluates the project positively, then the relevant agreement is drawn up and signed by the Director-General of the organisation and the representative of the host institution (Rector or President). The agreement signed by the host institution must be received by the organisation within 90 days of the date of its signature by the Director-General of "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center in order to acquire validity.