

Preparatory Thematic Expert Meeting on Child Abuse Images
and Sexual Exploitation of Children Online
For the
World Congress III on Sexual Exploitation of Children and
Adolescents

14-15 August, 2008
Novotel Siam, Bangkok, Thailand

Objectives:

- Share analysis on current research and work addressing child abuse images and sexual exploitation of children online
- Explore the more challenging questions and issues impacting on the guarantee of the child's right to protection in the virtual realm through deliberation on key elements:
 - Understanding dynamics and impact of social interaction in virtual settings and their impact on child protection
 - Manifestation of vulnerability & resilience in children's online interactions: social interventions and therapeutic responses
 - Legal and law enforcement responses for child protection online
 - The role of the ICT industry in addressing trade in abuse images and sexual exploitation online
- Propose priority actions and mechanisms to guarantee the right to protection for children in virtual spaces and combat the making and trade of child abuse images for the World Congress III and its follow up action.

Thursday, August 14, 2008

9.00 am - 9.30 am	Registration of participants
9.00 am - 9.30 am	Welcome and Opening remarks
9.30 am - 10.30 am	Panel 1: Problematic engagement of youth through ICTs; social construction of meaning, understanding and response in virtual interactions and its impact on child protection <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to and examination of key issues in relation to sexual exploitation of children through new ICTs and the changes that have taken place since the Second World Congress.• Analysis of the nature of social interaction in virtual settings and its impact on children.• Analysis of the harms posed by the new ICTs to enable a more differentiated understanding of sexually abusive practices towards children.• Education and awareness as means to empower children and youth for self protection in virtual interactions.
10.30 am - 10.45 am <i>Coffee Break</i>	
10.45 am - 11.30 am	
11.30 am - 1.00 pm	Workgroups: <i>methodology and guidelines to follow</i>
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Panel 2 : Vulnerability and Resilience, Therapeutic Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A critical examination of the opportunities afforded by ICTs for self-generation of material by young people that may cause harm (role of camera phones and the mobile Internet) and evidence of impact on children.• A critical discussion of notions of vulnerability and resilience: what factors serve to protect or to provide a context for harm in virtual settings.• An exploration of the factors related to children who engage in sexually aggressive behaviour online with other children and measures for prevention and treatment.• Psycho-social approaches to treatment and recovery in relation to harms experienced and perpetrated online. Models for best practice that consider developmental needs and cultural specificities.
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm <i>Coffee Break</i>	
3.45 pm - 4.30 pm	
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Workgroups: <i>methodology and guidelines to follow</i>

Friday, August 15, 2008

<p>9.30 am - 10.30 am</p> <p>10.30 am - 10.45 am <i>Coffee Break</i></p> <p>10.45 am - 11.30 am</p>	<p>Panel 3: Legal and Law Enforcement Responses and Obstacles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A critical examination of developments in enactment of relevant laws and procedures, international harmonization of laws and the tensions between the language of illegality and harm.• A discussion of demographics, the role of databases and the problem of the world's invisible children which child abuse images reveal.• Examination of mechanisms of co-ordination among and across key agencies and actors to enhance law enforcement and victim identification.• Analysis of the procedural, legal and practical difficulties of gathering meaningful data about, convictions involving Internet related crime, youth entering the criminal justice system and child protection services due to victimization or offending.• Ways forward in intelligence analysis that help a more discriminating understanding of the offending process and the implications of online and offline abusive practices in relation to children.
<p>11.30 am - 1.00 pm</p>	<p>Workgroups: <i>methodology and guidelines to follow</i></p>
<p>1.00 pm - 2.30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>2.30 pm - 3.30 pm</p> <p>3.30 pm - 3.45 pm <i>Coffee Break</i></p> <p>3.45 pm - 4.30 pm</p>	<p>Panel 4 : Role of Private Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of media, ICT and the entertainment industry on child sexual exploitation: responses and gaps.• A critical examination of inter-sector collaboration models for tackling child abuse images.• Expanding prevention and counteractive measures for child protection within the ICT industry - both fixed and mobile providers.• Analysis of policy level initiatives for child protection, e.g. policy frameworks that enable uniform responses across large corporate bodies such as IT or financial institutions whose services impact on child protection.
<p>4.30 pm - 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Workgroups: <i>methodology and guidelines to follow</i></p>

