

**"The need for international standards
for children without parental care"**

Thursday, 15th September from 13.00 to 17.00.

Room Mahatma Gandhi, Rez-de-chaussée

Maison des Associations, 15 rue des Savoises, Geneva

The aims of this meeting, organised by the working group on children without parental care from the NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, are:

- to highlight the need for international standards for the protection of children without parental care;
- to facilitate the exchange of information and good practice between NGOs working with, and for, children without parental care and;
- to identify issues of common interest and possible next steps to address them.

13.00-14.00 Launch of the first paper of the 'First Resort' series (David Tolfree, Save the Children UK) and presentation of the Quality4Children project (www.quality4children.info)

Sandwiches and drinks will be served.

14.00-15.30 Panel discussion on the need of international standards for children without parental care.

Chair: Chris Gardiner, IFCO (International Foster Care Organisation)

Monika Niederle, FICE (on behalf of the Quality4Children project), Criteria for the admission of children in out-of-home care_ Quality4Children

Zeina Allouche, SOS Children's Villages Lebanon, Preventing separation

Bill Bell, Save the Children UK, Piloting practice standards for the out-of-home care of children

Sylvain Vité, ISS/SSI, Reintegration of the child in his/her family

15.30-17.00 Market place

NGOs and networks wishing to present their work with and for children without parental care can use this space. They should register in advance with Véronique Lerch, SOS-Kinderdorf International: veronique.lerch@sos-kd.org