

EVENT PROGRAMME

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Children's rights or the right to a child? Conference on Intercountry Adoption

in Berlin from November 29, 2010, 14:00, to November 30, 2010, 16:00

Venue: Best Western Grand City Hotel Berlin Mitte
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Draft Agenda

Monday, 29.11.2010	
14:00 – 14:30	Opening of the conference, introduction
14:30 – 15:30	Children's rights or the right to a child? Miriam Groß , vice leader of the FDP (Free Democratic Party) Parliamentary Party in the German Bundestag
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Haiti: "Expediting" intercountry adoptions in the aftermath of a natural disaster ... preventing future harm Hervé Boechat , International Reference Centre for the rights of children deprived of their family, Geneva

Tuesday, 30.11.2010	
9:00 – 11:00	The preparation of children for adoption Verônica Petersen Chaves , psychologist of the Children and Youth Court of Porto Alegre, invited
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	A principle approach to the subsidiarity principle in intercountry adoption Dr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur , University of the Western Cape, South Africa
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 15:45	Surrogate: Children's rights or the right to a child? Parents for children or children for parents Andrea Fischer , Federal Minister of Health (retd.), Berlin Legal situation of surrogate motherhood in Europe Isabelle Lammerant , international consultant and trainer - Children's Rights, Family Law and Adoption, Geneva, and lecturer at Fribourg University, Switzerland First experiences of the ZABB (Central Adoption Agency of Berlin-Brandenburg) between the poles of surrogate motherhood and adoption Frank Licht , formerly at ZABB
15:45 – 16:00	Closing of the conference