



JOIN AND BE CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT

NETWORK CONCEPT

Introducción

Este *Network Concept* describe el objetivo y funcionamiento de Child Rights Connect. Fortalece la identidad de Child Rights Connect como red global y maximiza su potencial con el fin de mejorar el respeto por los derechos del niño. Busca aclarar asuntos sistémicos dentro de la red para maximizar la participación de los miembros, la cooperación y el éxito de Child Rights Connect.

El *Network Concept* se desarrolló con la colaboración de los miembros de Child Rights Connect en 2016. Se rige por el Estatuto y la misión de Child Rights Connect. El documento fue redactado por la Secretaría y el Comité Ejecutivo.

Así como la evolución de la red en sí, este es un documento vivo. El *Network Concept* se irá profundizando y adaptando de acuerdo con el ciclo de planificación estratégica de Child Rights Connect.

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1. Antecedentes

En sus más de 30 años de existencia, Child Rights Connect ha vivido varios cambios y desarrollos. En un principio, el objetivo principal de la red consistía en facilitar la comunicación con el Comité de los Derechos del Niño de las Naciones Unidas, el cual se había establecido hacía poco tiempo. Miembros de Child Rights Connect contribuyeron a ello mediante apoyo a nivel técnico y económico.

Si bien esta meta inicial sigue siendo un elemento muy importante del trabajo de Child Rights Connect, la organización y sus programas se fueron desarrollando a lo largo del tiempo. Se unieron nuevos miembros con distintas expectativas; se creó una Secretaría; cambió la demanda de trabajo en relación con el Comité de los Derechos del Niño de las Naciones Unidas en desarrollo y la creación del Consejo de Derechos Humanos; y a medida que los procesos se afianzaron, se agregaron nuevas áreas al programa.

Se tomaron decisiones estratégicas para permitir que la organización cumpliera con estas nuevas oportunidades y desafíos. Entre esos cambios, se encontraba la mejora de las comunicaciones públicas y el cambio de nombre de “Grupo de ONG para la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño” a Child Rights Connect en 2013. Como consecuencia, se produjo un cambio gradual en el objetivo de Child Rights Connect.

Durante el primer año del Plan Estratégico 2015-2019, evaluaciones internas y una evaluación externa confirmaron que Child Rights Connect necesitaba aclarar su identidad y funcionamiento como red para fortalecer la organización y alcanzar su máximo potencial como red global en pro del respeto de los derechos del niño.

Este documento representa un hito en el fortalecimiento de la red. Child Rights Connect ahora tiene una nueva visión sobre el objetivo y el funcionamiento de su red: **La red es, por definición, Child Rights Connect.**

2. Visión, misión y objetivo de Child Rights Connect

Child Rights Connect es una red global que trabaja por el respeto de los derechos del niño.

El fundamento general para la crear la red se encuentra en la **Visión** de Child Rights Connect: *“Child Rights Connect concibe un mundo en el que todos los niños gozan de sus derechos, tal como están definidos en la Convención de los Derechos del Niño”* y en su **Misión**: *“El respeto de los derechos del niño mediante el sistema de derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas.”*

El objetivo de la red se detalla en el [Estatuto, Artículo 3](#), [p. 13] aprobado por la Asamblea General en 2016.

3. Naturaleza de la red

Child Rights Connect comprende cerca de 100 organizaciones independientes. Es única por su alcance global y diversidad, y constituye una voz global fuerte y creíble sobre los derechos del niño.

Child Rights Connect se guía por los siguientes valores:



4. Membresía

La membresía de Child Rights Connect se encuentra abierta a “organizaciones de la sociedad civil y redes de ONG comprometidas con la visión de Child Rights Connect y el objetivo...” ([Estatuto, Artículo 4](#) [p.14]). Se incentiva a miembros de coaliciones u organizaciones coordinadoras a trabajar con Child Rights Connect a través de su organización central.

Los miembros forman parte de la red y participan en ella, pero conservan su autonomía. Colaboran con la red y se benefician de ella.

Al unirse a la red, las organizaciones declaran que comparten la visión común y los objetivos estratégicos de Child Rights Connect, y que aceptan las normas comunes detalladas en este *Network Concept* y sus [ANEXOS: Organisational policies and rules](#) [p.13]

El personal de las organizaciones que son miembros representa a sus organizaciones en Child Rights Connect. A través de acciones conjuntas en la red, también representan a Child Rights Connect ante colaboradores estratégicos y el público general (ver [Directrices de imagen de la organización para miembros](#) [p.26]).

Aportes de los miembros

Los miembros contribuyen con la red mediante sus fortalezas, experiencia, conocimientos y alcance programático (ver [Aportes de los miembros](#) [p.21])



Sin dejar de ser miembros, las organizaciones miembros también pueden influir en los objetivos estratégicos de Child Rights Connect y las políticas de la red generales a través de la participación en consultas de los miembros y la votación en la Asamblea General.

Las actividades de la red son implementadas por miembros, grupos de miembros, la Secretaría, o por la Secretaría junto con miembros individuales o grupos de miembros.

Las actividades de los *Working Groups* (grupos de trabajo) y las actividades con participación de la Secretaría son actividades de la red, pero no todas las actividades de los miembros son actividades de la red. Las actividades de los miembros pueden convertirse en actividades de la red si se implementan dentro del Plan Estratégico acordado y los planes de trabajo anual, o en colaboración con la Secretaría.

Beneficios de los miembros

Los miembros se benefician por estar asociados con una red global que goza de un gran reconocimiento y es un asociado confiable de los órganos de derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas (ver en detalle [Beneficios de los miembros](#) [p.20])



Responsabilidades de los miembros

Los miembros de Child Rights Connect tienen la obligación de cumplir con ciertas responsabilidades básicas (ver en detalle [Responsabilidades de los miembros](#) [p.21]):



Puede obtener más información sobre este tema consultando [Cómo solicitar ser miembro](#) [p.22] y [Cancelación de la membresía](#) [p.22] en las [Directrices de membresía](#) [p.20].

Funcionamiento de la red

Gestión de la red

Con el fin de garantizar la administración, la coordinación y el desarrollo profesional de la red, la Secretaría:

- Administra la membresía
- Garantiza la preparación y coordinación de los eventos de la red
- Facilita la comunicación con los miembros con herramientas, plataformas y directrices, lo cual incluye:
 - Compartir información de los miembros con la red en general.
 - Recoger información sobre el desarrollo de los derechos del niño en la ONU y compartirla con la red.
 - Desarrollar y mantener distintas herramientas de comunicación para garantizar una comunicación efectiva en la red. Dichas herramientas incluyen noticias de los miembros, el sitio web y redes sociales.

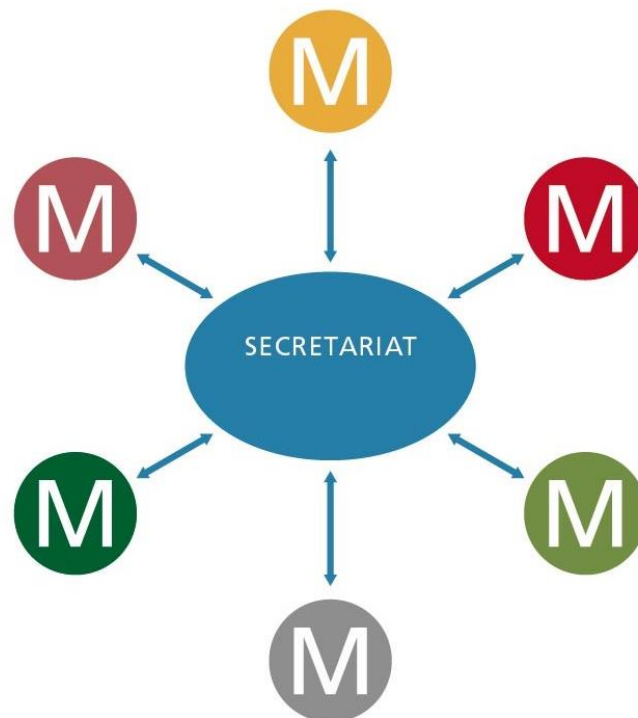


Diagrama 1: Gestión de la red

Implementación del programa

La Secretaría conduce el desarrollo, revisión, planificación e implementación del Plan Estratégico con la colaboración de los miembros. Implementa ciertas áreas de trabajo en forma directa y asegura la coordinación de las mismas. Además, colabora en otras áreas de trabajo dirigidas por los miembros. Cada área de trabajo está definida en un plan de trabajo detallado.

Se hace una división de tareas para asegurar la eficiencia y evitar la superposición. Esto se logra a través de la comunicación entre los miembros y la Secretaría, que luego comparte esta información con toda la red.

Los Task Forces

La Secretaría puede crear un *Task Force* (equipo de tareas) para coordinar el trabajo de los miembros interesados en un proyecto o una actividad que gestione la Secretaría. La Secretaría maneja y coordina los *Task Forces*.

Los miembros que se comprometen a cooperar en un *Task Force* proporcionan recursos humanos suficientes como para poner en marcha el trabajo tal como se acordó en el *Task Force* de manera conjunta. Los *Task Forces* tienen la responsabilidad de preparar, implementar y hacer un seguimiento de la información y la participación de toda la red en el área en cuestión.

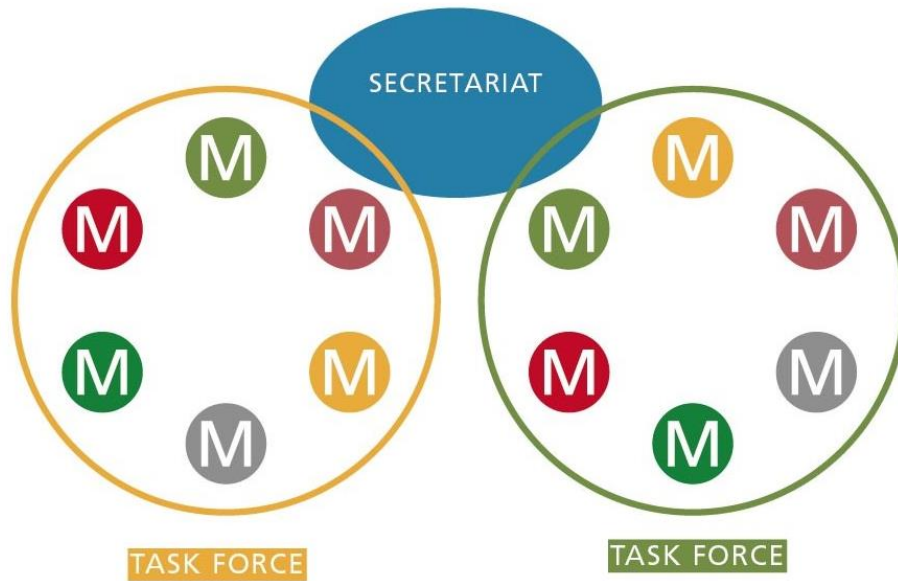


Diagrama 2: Task Forces de Child Rights Connect

Los Working Groups

Los *Working Groups* (grupos de trabajo) se crean y se comienzan a desempeñar sus funciones por iniciativa de por lo menos tres miembros de Child Rights Connect, conforme al [Estatuto, Artículo 4](#) [p.14] y las [Working Groups Guidelines](#) [p.23]. Los miembros pueden proponerse una tarea, un objetivo o un proyecto específico de manera conjunta.

Los *Working Groups* son una parte fundamental de la red de Child Rights Connect. Al trabajar en uno de estos grupos, los miembros representan tanto a su propia organización como a Child Rights Connect, y por lo tanto se comprometen a respetar las normas y políticas de Child Rights Connect. Los asuntos específicos de los *Working Groups* reflejan las prioridades principales de la red, complementando así los objetivos estratégicos generales en función de lo definido en el Plan Estratégico.

La Secretaría canaliza la información y unifica los procesos de planificación de los *Working Groups* con el fin de maximizar las sinergias, conservando a la vez la autonomía de los *Working Groups* para definir sus prioridades.

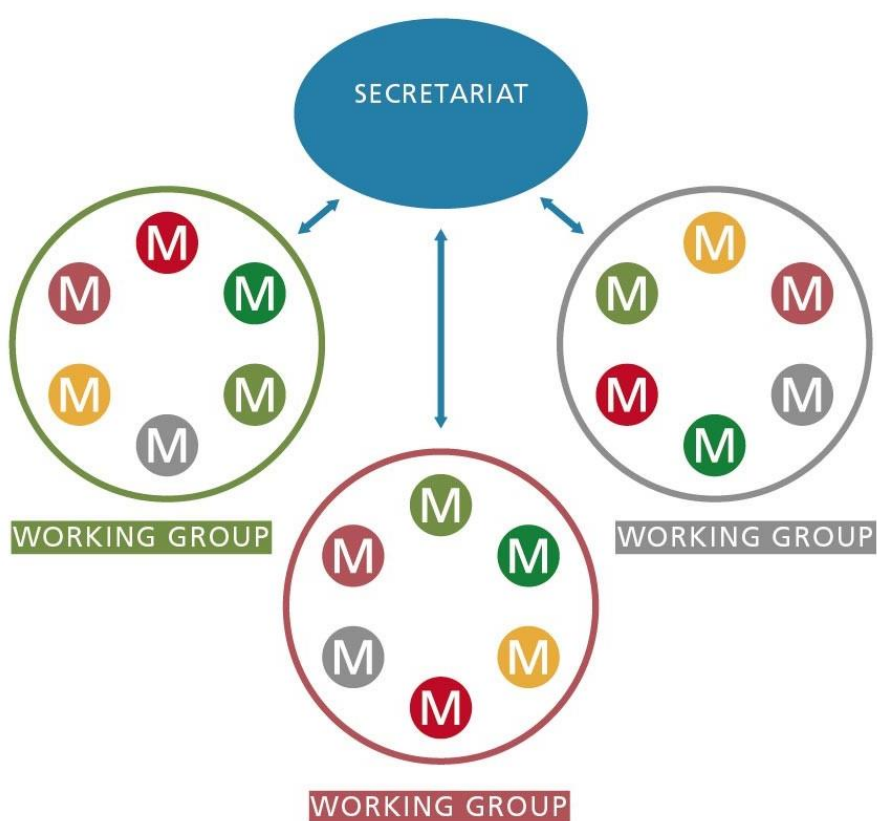


Diagrama 3: Woking Groups de Child Rights Connect

Coordinación a nivel nacional y regional

Actuando en consonancia con las prioridades de Child Rights Connect y poniendo el énfasis en las metas explícitas de la red, esta última expande su alcance y crea vínculos a nivel nacional, regional e internacional.

Se alienta a los miembros a actuar como centros nacionales o regionales, y a apoyar la cooperación, el aprendizaje y la coordinación nacional y regional, según corresponda.

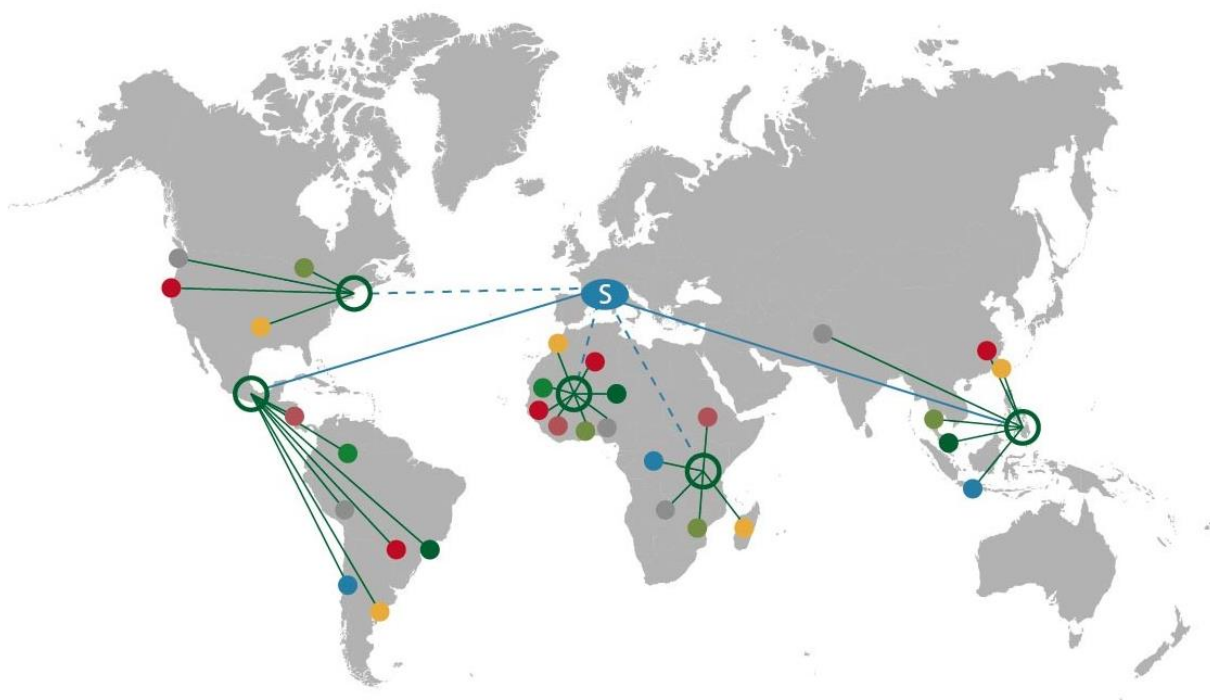


Diagrama 4: Coordinación regional de Child Rights Connect

Comunidad de práctica y de diálogo e intercambio de información *ad hoc*.

Se alienta a los miembros de Child Rights Connect a interactuar e intercambiar información con otros miembros y con la Secretaría de otros modos que ayuden a promover los objetivos de Child Rights Connect.

Se pueden crear comunidades de intercambio cuando surja la necesidad de manera espontánea. Los miembros de esos grupos se unen en forma voluntaria para compartir y desarrollar sus conocimientos, resolver problemas comunes y brindarse apoyo mutuo para encontrar respuestas. Ejemplos de estas situaciones son: la recaudación de fondos, el fomento de la comunicación o la gestión de la red.



ANNEXES: Organisational Policies and Rules

Statutes

PREAMBLE

Child Rights Connect began its activities as an informal group under the name of “Ad Hoc NGO Group for the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child” in 1983. At the Founding Assembly on October 23, 1998, the General Assembly formed as “NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child” by adopting its statutes under articles 60-79 of the Swiss Civil Code referring to associations. The statutes were revised and adopted by the General Assembly on November 23, 2007. Amendments of articles 14 and 20 were approved by the General Assembly on June 29, 2010. The amendment of the statutes replacing “NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child” with the new name “Child Rights Connect” was approved by the General Assembly on March 11, 2013.

A general revision of the statutes was undertaken by the Executive Committee starting in June 2014 and the present statutes were adopted by the General Assembly on March 4, 2016.

I NAME, HEADQUARTERS, DURATION AND PURPOSE

Article 1

Child Rights Connect is a non-profit association of NGOs governed by the present statutes and by Articles 60-79 of the Swiss Civil Code. It is politically neutral and non-denominational.

Article 2

The headquarters of Child Rights Connect is in the Canton of Geneva (Switzerland).

The duration of Child Rights Connect is unlimited.

Article 3

The purpose of Child Rights Connect is to advocate for and support the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols for the realisation of children’s rights worldwide. Child Rights Connect does this by convening and engaging with civil society and other relevant actors, by fostering cooperation, and by empowering children’s rights defenders, including children, to meaningfully participate in global advocacy for children’s rights at different levels.

II MEMBERSHIP

Article 4

Membership of Child Rights Connect is open to civil society organisations and networks of NGOs, which are committed to the vision of Child Rights Connect and the purpose as stated in article 3.

Article 5

Member organisations are obliged to fully adhere to the statutes, organisational policies and rules of Child Rights Connect and to pay the membership fees.

Member organisations are expected to actively participate in the activities of Child Rights Connect.

Article 6

Requests to become a member organisation must be addressed to the Executive Committee of Child Rights Connect in writing. The Executive Committee recommends applicants complying with the Child Rights Connect membership criteria to the General Assembly. The General Assembly approves the admission of new member organisations by a simple majority vote.

Article 7

Member organisations can terminate their membership through a written resignation, notifying the Executive Committee at least six months before the end of the financial year of Child Rights Connect.

Membership may be terminated by the General Assembly by a simple majority vote upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee for good cause.

In all cases of termination of membership, the membership fee for the year of termination remains due.

III FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Article 8

The financial resources of Child Rights Connect are derived from

- Membership fees
- Donations and legacies
- Public and private grants
- Revenue from events conducted by Child Rights Connect
- Any other resources authorised by the law.

Article 9

Only the assets of Child Rights Connect can be used for obligations and commitments contracted in its name. Members have no personal liability.

Members of the Executive Committee are also personally liable for their illicit acts.

IV GOVERNANCE ORGANS

Article 10

Child Rights Connect includes the following organs:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Executive Committee
3. The Secretariat.

V GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 11

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of Child Rights Connect. It consists of all members of the association.

Article 12

The General Assembly has the authority and duty to:

- Approve and amend the statutes
- Admit and terminate membership
- Elect the members of the Executive Committee and the president
- Appoint a Statutory Auditor for the accounts
- Grant discharge to the Executive Committee
- Approve the formation and dissolution of Working Groups
- Approve the strategic plan
- Approve the annual reports and financial statements
- Validate the annual plans and budgets
- Set the annual membership fees
- Decide to dissolve Child Rights Connect.

Article 13

The General Assembly holds its ordinary meeting once a year. Member organisations are expected to attend and actively participate in General Assembly meetings.

It may hold extraordinary meetings when necessary by the request of the Executive Committee or by the written request of minimum of one fifth of the member organisations of Child Rights Connect.

Meetings can be held physically or at distance, and votes can be conducted virtually.

The president shall inform the members of the date and the draft agenda of the General Assembly in writing at least eight weeks in advance.

Member organisations can propose additional agenda points for the agenda minimum six weeks prior to the meeting. The president includes these agenda points in the final agenda.

The members shall register to attend or to vote by proxy at the General Assembly four weeks prior to the meeting.

The detailed information, including enclosures, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 14

The General Assembly meeting is chaired by the president of Child Rights Connect. If the president is not available, the General Assembly is chaired by the vice president, the secretary, or the treasurer.

Article 15

The General Assembly meeting is considered valid, if a minimum of one third of the voting member organisations are represented either physically or by proxy.

If the quorum is not reached, a renewed General Assembly meeting – conducted with physical presence or remote participation - is organised one month later, which is valid, irrespective of the number of members represented.

Article 16

Decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority vote of the member organisations represented (physically or by proxy).

Decisions concerning the amendment of the statutes or the dissolution of Child Rights Connect require the approval of a two-thirds majority of the member organisations represented (physically or by proxy) at the General Assembly meeting.

Article 17

Every member organisation has one vote in the General Assembly, if the membership fee for the previous year has been paid according to the regulations for membership fees.

Any voting member organisation that is unable to attend the General Assembly may appoint another voting member organisation to vote on their behalf (voting by proxy). Voting by proxy has to be announced to the Secretariat in writing a minimum of seven days prior to each General Assembly meeting.

Any nominated proxy organisation may only vote on behalf of a maximum of two other member organisations.

Votes are by show of voting cards and show of proxy cards.

Voting can take place by secret ballot, if at least one member organisation requests it.

Article 18

The General Assembly can admit observers from other NGOs, international or governmental organisations. Observers can participate in the General Assembly with an advisory role. They have no vote.

VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 19

The Executive Committee is mandated by the General Assembly to provide strategic guidance, as well as managerial and fiduciary oversight, to the secretariat of Child Rights Connect and to represent Child Rights Connect externally.

The Executive Committee has the authority and responsibilities as specified in the Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee, approved by the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee is accountable to the General Assembly.

Article 20

Members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly from among individuals from member organisations by a simple majority vote.

Candidates for the Executive Committee have to be nominated by a member organisation and seconded by at least one additional member organisation.

Members of the Executive Committee are acting in their personal capacity.

Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a term of two years, which can be renewed twice, i.e. a maximum of six years. After three full terms, a minimum of one year must elapse before the person can be nominated again.

Article 21

The president is elected by the General Assembly from among the members of the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote.

The term of office of the president is two years with the possibility of re-election for one additional term, i.e. a maximum of four years.

Article 22

The Executive Committee is composed of a minimum of seven and a maximum of eleven members. The Executive Committee can add up to a maximum of three additional members by co-option.

There can be no more than one person from each member organisation standing for elections to the Executive Committee.

Article 23

The Executive Committee meets at least three times a year or more often, if the interests of Child Rights Connect require.

Regular meetings are initiated upon invitation of the president. Additional meetings can be summoned by written request of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Article 24

The Executive Committee is chaired by the president of Child Rights Connect. If the president is not available, the Executive Committee is chaired by the vice president, the secretary, or the treasurer.

The director of Child Rights Connect is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee with a consultative status and has no vote. Other employees of Child Rights Connect can be invited as non-voting members for consultation, information and to take minutes of the meeting.

The Executive Committee can summon closed meetings at its discretion.

Article 25

An Executive Committee meeting reaches a quorum when at least half of the members are present either physically or by teleconference.

Article 26

Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by consensus or by a simple majority vote. In case of deadlock, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Article 27

The Executive Committee establishes a bureau consisting of the president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.

The terms of office of the members of the bureau are two years with the possibility of re-election for two additional terms, i.e. a maximum of six years.

Article 28

The bureau coordinates the work between the Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

The bureau and the members of the bureau have the authority and responsibilities as specified in the Terms of Reference.

VII SECRETARIAT

Article 29

Child Rights Connect has a Secretariat, which, under the guidance of the Executive Committee, is entrusted with the implementation of the strategic plan as well as the operational and financial management of Child Rights Connect, according to the decisions of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

Article 30

The director is appointed by the Executive Committee and is responsible to ensure the professional management and administration of the Child Rights Connect network, its programmes, its office and the Secretariat staff.

VIII WORKING GROUPS

Article 31

A minimum of three Child Rights Connect member organisations can form into a working group, in order to collaborate on issues related to the purpose, mission and strategy of Child Rights Connect.

Working groups commit to operate in the framework of the Child Rights Connect regulations for working groups.

Article 32

Working groups are confirmed or dissolved upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

Article 33

Working groups appoint a convenor or two co-convenors. Any person representing a member organisation, who is part of the working group, can be elected as convenor. The convenor is appointed for a minimum of two years. This term can be renewed twice.

In the case of two co-convenors, the working group appoints a contact person for the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat of Child Rights Connect for planning, reporting and coordination purposes.

IX STATUTORY AUDITOR

Article 34

The General Assembly appoints or confirms an independent Statutory Auditor every year, for a maximum term of five years, who shall audit the accounts and prepare the report for the General Assembly, in conformity with Swiss law.

The Statutory Auditor is entitled to demand, at any time, the presentation of the accounting books and documents.

X GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

Child Rights Connect is legally bound by joint signature of two representatives of the Executive Committee or authorised employees of the Secretariat, as defined in the financial policy and the signatory procedures. The financial policy and signatory procedures are validated by the Executive Committee.

Article 36

The financial year commences on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December.

XI DISSOLUTION

Article 37

The dissolution of Child Rights Connect can only be decided by a General Assembly specially convened. The call for such a General Assembly has to be announced at least one month in advance of the suggested date for the General Assembly.

A majority of three-quarters of the votes of members represented is required to decide on dissolution.

Article 38

Should Child Rights Connect be dissolved, the General Assembly shall designate the body in charge of the liquidation of its assets. The available assets have to be transferred to a non-profit organisation pursuing public interest goals similar to those of Child Rights Connect, and likewise benefiting from tax exemption. Under no circumstances can the assets be returned to the founders or members, nor may they use a part or a total of assets for their own benefit.

These statutes were adopted by the General Assembly of March 4, 2016.



Directivas para Miembros

Beneficios de los miembros

Como miembro de Child Rights Connect, podrá beneficiarse de lo siguiente:

- acceso a conocimientos sobre los mecanismos de derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas
- información sobre los problemas y avances en relación con los derechos del niño a las Naciones Unidas
- información sobre otras miembros organizaciones
- la optimización de su trabajo mediante la participación en actividades conjuntas, eventos y actividades de promoción
- la participación en los *Working Groups* o el lanzamiento de *Working Groups* en sus temas prioritarios
- la participación en *Task Forces*
- la participación en actividades de la red, aprenderá y compartirá conocimientos con otros miembros
- la posibilidad de promover las actividades de su organización ante un público general
- el trabajo en red, el intercambio de información y la experiencia dentro de la red, y la ampliación de la red personal y profesional
- la influencia en el desarrollo estratégico de Child Rights Connect al:
 - contribuir activamente al desarrollo de políticas y estrategias;
 - participar en la Asamblea General;
 - ser elegido como miembro del Comité Ejecutivo de Child Rights Connect.

Criterios de membresía

La membresía a Child Rights Connect está abierta a organizaciones de la sociedad civil independientes y redes de organizaciones no gubernamentales que están comprometidas tanto con la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño de las Naciones Unidas, como con la visión y el objetivo de Child Rights Connect.

Se alienta a organizaciones que son miembros de coaliciones u organizaciones coordinadoras a trabajar con Child Rights Connect a través de su organización matriz.

Para solicitar ser miembros, las organizaciones deben:

- cumplir con estos criterios;
- estar preparadas para asumir todas las responsabilidades de miembro y comprometerse a realizar contribuciones adicionales a la red;
- contar con la recomendación para su adhesión de por lo menos un miembro de Child Rights Connect.

Responsabilidades de los miembros

Como miembro de Child Rights Connect, usted deberá:

- adherirse plenamente a los Estatutos, Políticas de Organización y las normas de Child Rights Connect
- pagar la cuota de la membresía anual con anterioridad a la Asamblea General y presentar el presupuesto anual y las cuentas de la organización miembro/coalición
- asegurarse de asignar tiempo y recursos humanos para el compromiso con la red, con el fin de contribuir a los objetivos estratégicos
- informar a la Secretaría sobre cualquier cambio significativo en la organización, tales como cambios en la persona de contacto, cambio de nombre, cambio de estatutos, visión o misión, o disolución de la organización
- informar a la Secretaría sobre su trabajo independiente, que pueda superponerse o entrar en conflicto con el trabajo de la red

Aportes de los miembros

Además de las responsabilidades básicas, se invita a los miembros a comprometerse con lo siguiente:

- participar y colaborar en la Asamblea General, encuestas y consultas, y otros eventos de Child Rights Connect
- dedicarse a la promoción conjunta
- participar y colaborar en los *Working Groups* y *Task Forces*
- compartir información, buenas prácticas y conocimientos con la red
- trabajar para cumplir la Visión, Misión y los objetivos estratégicos de Child Rights Connect
- establecer vínculos y alianzas con otras redes y coaliciones
- crear y hacer uso de las sinergias
- concientizar sobre Child Rights Connect a potenciales nuevos miembros y donantes, e invitarlos a participar y proporcionar su apoyo.
- recaudar fondos para proyectos conjuntos
- apoyar el funcionamiento central de Child Rights Connect con fondos adicionales

Cuota de membresía

Las cuotas de membresía son cruciales para la sostenibilidad de Child Rights Connect. Generalmente son los únicos fondos sin restricciones que pueden utilizarse para generar reservas y para casos de déficit financiero.

Con sus cuotas y otras contribuciones, los miembros expresan su apoyo y compromiso con Child Rights Connect, que es un indicador clave de la relevancia de la red para potenciales nuevos donantes.

El monto que debe pagar cada organización miembro depende de su presupuesto anual para el año de pago:

Presupuesto anual (en CHF, francos suizos)	Cuota anual de membresía
Menos de CHF 500'000	CHF 150
CHF 500'000 – CHF 1'000'000	CHF 500
CHF 1'000'000 – CHF 2'000'000	CHF 1'000
CHF 2'000'000 – CHF 5'000'000	CHF 2'500
CHF 5'000'000 – CHF 25'000'000	CHF 5'000
CHF 25'000'000 – CHF 50'000'000	CHF 10'000
Más de CHF 50'000'000	CHF 15'000

Para las coaliciones, redes u organizaciones coordinadoras, hay dos opciones para determinar el monto de la cuota de membresía:

- si calculan su cuota de membresía de acuerdo con el presupuesto de la secretaría coordinadora, solo la secretaría se beneficia de la membresía en Child Rights Connect. Todo intercambio de información, coordinación y cualquier otra distribución a sus miembros se realizará a través de su propia Secretaría.
- si quieren que sus miembros disfruten de los beneficios de los miembros de Child Rights Connect, las cuotas de membresía deben calcularse de acuerdo con el presupuesto general de la organización coordinadora.

Cláusula adicional: Para los miembros que proporcionen a Child Rights Connect financiación básica o fondos para proyectos de CHF 20'000 o más, la cuota (además de la financiación básica o para proyectos) tendrá un límite máximo, según el ingreso si corresponden montos más bajos, de CHF 5.000.

Las cuotas deben pagarse con anterioridad a la Asamblea General, dentro de los 30 días a partir del recibo de la factura enviada por la Secretaría de Child Rights Connect.

Cómo convertirse en miembro

Las organizaciones que cumplen los requisitos para la adhesión están invitadas a solicitar ser miembros a través de la plataforma de solicitud de Child Rights Connect: www.childrightsconnect.org/membership-application/. La fecha límite para solicitudes es el 31 de diciembre de cada año.

El Comité Ejecutivo analiza solicitudes anualmente y recomienda a las organizaciones que cumplen todos los criterios y condiciones ante la Asamblea General para que sean aceptados. El Comité Ejecutivo se reserva el derecho de no recomendar organizaciones a la Asamblea General de acuerdo con su propio criterio.

Terminación de la membresía

Las organizaciones miembros pueden cancelar su membresía por escrito, y deberán notificar al Comité Ejecutivo por lo menos seis meses antes del final del año calendario. La carta de renuncia se deberá enviar a la Secretaría, quien lo informará al Comité Ejecutivo.

Los miembros que no se adhieren a las principales responsabilidades quedan excluidos de Child Rights Connect ante la recomendación de la Comisión Ejecutiva, y la confirmación de la Asamblea General. En todos los casos de terminación de la membresía, se debe pagar la cuota de membresía correspondiente al año de terminación.



Working Group Guidelines

Purpose and Criteria of Working Groups

The purpose of Child Rights Connect Working Groups is to allow members to collaborate on issues related to the purpose, mission and strategy of the network. The Working Groups form an integral part of the network.

The specific issues of Working Groups are defined by members, and reflect the priority issues of the network for discussion and advocacy at international level, in addition to the work defined in the strategy and led by the Secretariat.

Working Groups consist of a minimum of three Child Rights Connect members, who agree on an area for collaboration, including other interested members of the network, for the course of at least 3-5 years.

Working Groups have a convener or two co-conveners, who are defined by the members of the Working Group for a time period defined by the members of the Working Group.

For any given time Working Groups have one main responsible person to be the contact person with the Secretariat of Child Rights Connect.

Formation of Working Groups

Member organisations wishing to form a Working Group on a specific issue need to identify at least two additional members committed to engage in the Working Group.

The three members identify a convener or two co-conveners for the Working Group, the name of the Working Group, and its purpose and objectives.

With this information, they can apply to become a Child Rights Connect Working Group by contacting Child Rights Connect's Secretariat.

Applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee once a year, and Working Groups corresponding to the criteria are recommended to the General Assembly for confirmation.

Deadline for submission of the application is three months before the General Assembly.

Dissolution of Working Groups

If a Working Group has achieved its objectives or fulfilled its purpose, or if there are less than three members who want to continue the collaboration on that issue, the members can decide to dissolve the Working Group.

Information about the dissolution of the Working Group needs to be submitted to the Secretariat before the General Assembly with reasons for the dissolution, and the minutes of the meeting,

where the dissolution was decided by all members of the group. The dissolution is communicated to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee.

If a Working Group breaches the rules and policies of Child Rights Connect, if it is not active for the course of more than one year and/or if the convenors are not fulfilling their responsibilities, the Executive Committee can decide to recommend to the General Assembly to dissolve the Working Group.

Participants in Working Groups

Members of working groups:

Members of Child Rights Connect can become members of Working Groups. The members of Working Groups can decide to invite other organisations to contribute to the work of the group as follows:

Observers:

Organisations can participate in Child Rights Connect's Working Groups as observers without membership status for one year before applying for membership at Child Rights Connect. Observers have consultative status, but no voting rights, should decisions be taken by vote.

Strategic Partners:

Expert Agencies that are not eligible to become members of Child Rights Connect, can participate in the Working Groups as strategic partners. Strategic Partners have consultative status, but no voting rights, should decisions be taken by vote.

Responsibilities

Members of Working Groups are responsible to dedicate sufficient time to actively participate in the work of the group, to respond to requests from the convenor, and to ensure dissemination of information within their organisation.

Observers are expected to dedicate sufficient time to actively participate in the work of the group, to respond to requests from the convenor, and to apply for membership at Child Rights Connect after one year, if they are interested in continuing participation in the Working Group.

Conveners

Conveners are responsible:

- to coordinate and manage the Working Group, ensure participation and joint decision taking regarding the planning, implementation, communication, reporting, acceptance of new members or dissolution of the Working Group.
- to ensure that the Working Group adheres to the rules and policies of Child Rights Connect, including the [Corporate Identity Guidelines for Members](#) [p.26].

- to ensure that the Working Group defines its own rules of procedures for decision taking (consensus, voting, etc.), distribution of tasks and responsibilities.
- to ensure that all members and observers are contributing to the work of the group, to exclude inactive members from the group, and to update the list of members, observers and strategic partners annually.
- to make all relevant information on the work of the Working Group accessible to all members of Child Rights Connect, by uploading plans, meeting agendas and minutes on the member space of the website.
- to submit the annual plan and budget of the Working Group to the Secretariat by September 15 of the previous year, and the annual report by January 15 of the following year.
- to ensure reporting of the work of the Working Group at the General Assembly.
- to liaise with the Secretariat for exchange on substance, to seek expert advice and to develop synergies with other Working Groups and the network as a whole.
- to ensure the Working Group's collaboration with the Secretariat for financial issues and fundraising.

Coordination and Information Sharing with the Network

The Secretariat ensures a member space on the website, where all members of Child Rights Connect can receive all relevant information about the work of the Working Groups, such as annual plans, reports, meeting agendas and minutes, as well as other relevant information.

Materials and publications developed by the Working Groups and webcasts of events are made accessible to the broader public on the Child Rights Connect website.

Funding of Working Group activities

Working Group activities are mainly funded by the members of the group through in-kind contributions (working time) and covering of expenses for activities and events.

If the budget allows, Child Rights Connect can contribute to the expenses of events. In order to increase budgets for Working Groups, Child Rights Connect is committed to raise funds for the Working Groups in collaboration with the Working Group members.

Members should consider channelling funds for Working Groups through the Secretariat of Child Rights Connect. Timely planning and full-cost budgeting by the Working Groups is crucial for being successful in this endeavour.



Corporate Identity Guidelines for Members

Use of Name

The name, Child Rights Connect (as registered with the World Intellectual Property Organisation) must always appear in full. It must never be abbreviated or translated.

Child Rights Connect Logo

The logo must not be altered in any way. It must always include both the picture and the name of the organisation, unless an exception is specifically approved by the Secretariat.

The size of the logo may be modified within reason, but the name of the organisation must be visible and legible.

Logo Usage

Members may use the Child Rights Connect logo without written agreement from the Secretariat only in relation to their work within a Working Group.

Working Groups are obliged to use the name and logo of Child Rights Connect.

The Child Rights Connect logo can be used together with the logos of the members of the Working Group if the following are the case:

- All members of the Working Group agree.
- The logo of Child Rights Connect must be complemented with an indication, that it refers to the Working Group, and that the other logos are the ones of the Working Group members.
- Logos of Observers and Strategic Partners of the Working Group must appear separately.

Representation of Child Rights Connect

Members may represent Child Rights Connect in the frame of officially communicated and approved activities: in Working Groups, Task Forces, Secretariat-led projects or other activities when invited by the Secretariat or the Executive Committee.

Official advocacy positions of Child Rights Connect must be within the frame of the Statutes, Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan of Child Rights Connect. They can be elaborated by Working Groups or the Secretariat.

If ad-hoc groups of members wish to issue an advocacy position or conduct an event in the name of Child Rights Connect and without the participation of the Secretariat, a written request needs to be addressed to the Executive Committee for approval.



Role of the Secretariat

The Statutes state (Article 29):

Child Rights Connect has a Secretariat, which, under the guidance of the Executive Committee, is entrusted with the implementation of the strategic plan as well as the operational and financial management of Child Rights Connect, according to the decisions of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

As a formal network with its own vision, mission and goals, the strategic and operational work of the Secretariat has internal and external objectives. The internal objectives concern the functioning and development of the network itself, the external objectives concern programmatic activities.

The Secretariat, therefore, has two major functions: 1) to administer, coordinate and strengthen the network, and 2) to lead the implementation of the work in cooperation with members towards achieving the goals, strategic and annual objectives of Child Rights Connect.

Network Management

The Secretariat is responsible to ensure professional administration, coordination and development of the network. The activities entail:

- Membership administration: management of contacts, membership fees, providing information to members about the network and its functioning
- Ensure preparations and coordination for network events: General Assembly, meetings of the Executive Committee, other network events.
- Ensure information to and involvement of members in network activities:
 - Communications: website, member space on website, member news
 - Working Groups: provide guidance to form and coordinate Working Groups, ensure communication and synergies between Working Groups, support in funding and communications.
 - Share information from members
 - Create space and opportunities for members' interaction and exchange
- Inform members of network activities and involve them:
 - Reach out to members for joint advocacy action, expert inputs, etc.
 - Lead and coordinate Task-Forces
 - Involve members in overlapping areas of work and when relevant

Programme Implementation

The Secretariat develops the annual work plans based on the Strategic Plan and in consultation with members, which describes the network areas of work and activities. The Secretariat leads the implementation of the annual work plans in cooperation with the members.

The Secretariat is directly operational in the implementation of certain areas of work and activities, leads the coordination of these areas of work with members, and contributes to other areas of work in the lead of members, as defined in the work plan.

For the strong positioning of the network and successful implementation of the work the following principles are important:

- The work is defined based on complementarity of work done by the members and work done by the network, as well as identification of synergies.
- Tasks are divided in order to ensure efficiency, and to avoid duplication. This is possible through systematic communication from members to the Secretariat, which ensures systematic and timely sharing of this information to the whole network.