



The Rights of Children of Incarcerated Parents: Replicating good practice from Italy

IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFING

1st February 2017, 1.30-3:30pm, Room XXII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Light refreshments will be available before the event

The *Permanent Mission of Italy*, the *Permanent Mission of Argentina* and the *Child Rights Connect Working Group on Children of Incarcerated Parents* invite you to an implementation briefing on the rights of children of incarcerated parents as outlined in Human Rights Council Resolution 19/37 on the Rights of the Child and by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in their concluding observations.

Around the world children are separated from their parents by incarceration. How can these children's rights, including non-separation and the right to a relationship with their family (where in their best interests) be upheld? In an innovative partnership Italian NGO Bambinisenzasbarre signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Justice and the National Ombudswoman for Childhood and Adolescence, aimed at the fulfilment of the rights of children of incarcerated parents throughout the country. Steps are being taken to replicate this good practice in other countries. This event will highlight how this Memorandum and the partnership behind it work in practice, how this is being replicated in Argentina and lessons for replication in other States seeking to protect the rights of these children.

Opening remarks: Ambassador Maurizio Enrico Serra, Permanent Representative of Italy

Child rights and international standards: Benyam Mezmur, Chair, Committee on the Rights of the Child

Show Casing Italian Good Practice – a moderated discussion followed by Q&A

With Carlo Villani (Department of Penitentiary Affairs, Ministry of Justice), Alessandra Bernardon (Office of the Ombudswoman for Childhood and Adolescence) and Lia Sacerdote (Bambinisenzasbarre)

Replicating Good Practice - Panel discussion and Q&A

- Argentinian Ombudsman's Office (video message)
- Luciano Cadoni, NNAPes
- Rachel Brett, Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE)

Moderated by: Laurel Townhead, Quaker United Nations Office

If you require a grounds pass to the UN please RSVP to cbaker@uno.ch by 30 January