

# Children and Irregular Migration



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**13:00 – 15:00**  
**Room XXIV**

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Throughout the world, the lack of channels for regular migration and restrictions to family migration cause families to live with long periods of separation, and increase the likelihood of families and children migrating irregularly or remaining in destination countries after their visa or permit has expired.

Held a day prior to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child Day of General Discussion on "The rights of all children in the context of in the context of international migration," this event seeks to gather common concerns about the human rights of children affected by irregular migration.

Discussion will highlight challenges as well as policy measures to enable children of migrants in countries of origin and undocumented children in countries of destination to uphold their human rights.

This side event is co-organized by UNICEF, Migrants Rights International, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), and Migrant Forum in Asia.

*For accreditation please email: [alex@picum.org](mailto:alex@picum.org) by **Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at noon (12:00)**. Sandwiches will be provided.*

Photo: Leyla is an undocumented single mother who lives in Amsterdam with her two children of Dutch nationality. Not permitted to work, she struggles to provide for her children so they are not taken from her. PICUM interviewed her for "Undocumentary", an upcoming web documentary on the daily realities of undocumented migrants in Europe.

## Moderator

**Mr. William Gois**

Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia

## Panelists

### **Undocumented parent in Switzerland**

**Ms. Marta Mauras**

Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and Chair of the Committee Working Group on Children and Migration

**Ms. Rhea Saab**

Social Policy Specialist / Migration Focal Point  
UNICEF, New York

**Mr. Mehmet Sevim**

Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, and  
Member of the Committee on Migrant Workers

**Mr. Jesus Domingo**

Minister and Consul General  
Permanent Mission of the Philippines

**Ms. Constanza Argentieri**  
MERCOSUR

**Representative**

Permanent Mission of Brazil (TBC)