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# *The Weekly Pulse*

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NEWS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS IN GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY



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Calls to Action

**The Global Campaign for Education-US (GCE-US) is asking for organizations to sign onto its call to action to support Transforming Education for Disability Inclusion: A Call to Action for All Children.** They are calling for an increase in budgetary allocations for disability-inclusive education of at least 5% of education budgets; a medium to long-term target to ensure all learners with disabilities are reached in all education programs; recognition that at least 10% of learners in any country will be learners with disabilities; and all education programs and grants mainstream disability and include disability-inclusion criteria and targets. To read more and sign onto this call-to-action, please fill out the form [here](#).

**The U.S. Department of State is accepting participation nominations for its [African and Diaspora Youth Leaders Forum](#) on December 13, 2022, in Washington D.C.** They are seeking nominations for African and people of African descent living outside of Africa who are between the ages of 21–35 & actively engaged in issues related to higher education, creative industries, or environmental equity. If you are interested in nominating yourself, please follow the instructions in the Federal Register [notice](#) and submit it to [diasporaafricasummit@state.gov](mailto:diasporaafricasummit@state.gov) by 12 pm ET on November 8, 2022. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

Quick Summary

**First Focus Campaign for Children released its 117th Congress Champions & Defenders Legislative Scorecard.** This scorecard “reflects actions within the 117th Congress, which began in January 2021 and until October 2022.” This year there are 120 Champions and Defenders – 40 Senators, and 80 Representatives – who have “repeatedly used their legislative roles to raise and move to the forefront those issues that are important for children. Champions consistently pursue policies and legislation that make children a priority across the full array of issue areas. Defenders more often than most consider and take action in support of the best interests of children in a number of votes and by sponsoring or cosponsoring of bills.” To read who made the scorecard, click [here](#).

**USAID Administrator Samatha Power announced at the [World Food Prize Event](#) the launch of the U.S. Global Food Security Research Strategy.** This strategy “provides a roadmap for investments in three key areas: genetic improvements of crops and livestock, climate-smart agriculture, and improved nutrition.” The strategy specifically highlights the need for special attention for children and youth. The report cites that “studies have shown that economic growth is correlated with reduced child stunting, but the strength of the relationship is not linear. Analyses have shown that for every 10 percent increase in GDP per capita, the rates of stunting decreased by 3 to 6 percent.” The strategy identifies key research opportunities, including “identifying processing options with the potential to overcome economic, social, and behavioral barriers to food security and malnutrition for the marginalized” and “identifying sustainable methods to increase diet adequacy, particularly for women and children.” To read the full strategy, click [here](#).

**The European Union launched the European Commission’s first Youth Action Plan in External Action.** The commission announced its plan “as an operational roadmap for engaging young people in EU external action that will improve the way we work for and with young people worldwide.” Funding for this plan will come from the

EU's 2021-2027 development budget through the Youth and Women in Democracy Initiative, worth €40 million. It is intended to support “young activists in institutional oversight, anti-corruption, citizen election observation, democratic reform advocacy, civil education, promotion of the right to vote, freedom of association and assembly and human rights.” To learn more about the Youth Action Plan, click [here](#).

## Spotlight

**[The Brave Movement](#) will mobilize for the 2nd Annual World [Day](#) for Prevention, Healing, and Justice to End Childhood Sexual Violence on November 18th, 2022.**

The Brave Movement is a “survivor-centered movement, fighting for the right of all children and adolescents to live a life in safety and with dignity free from sexual violence.” They are demanding that global leaders take steps to prevent and protect future generations from childhood sexual violence, provide healing for victims, survivors, and their families, and justice for victims.

During the 2nd Annual World Day, the Brave Movement’s survivors and allies will mobilize to demand bold action by G7 leaders and governments around the world to invest billions, both domestically and internationally, to end this scourge in every nation. They will also highlight its “evidence-based solutions to know what works and what action is needed.”

They are asking organizations and their networks to get involved to end childhood sexual violence. Organizations can make a video, send an advocacy postcard to G7 leaders, or make your own Brave Movement “purple plaque” with your organization’s call to action. Click [here](#) to learn more about how to get involved.

## Events

- OECD [webinar](#) “**Assessing creative thinking: what, why, and how?**” November 8, 2022, at 9 am ET.
- ConnexUs & USAID [webinar](#) “**Thursday Talk: Conflict Sensitivity & Integration #1 with USAID.**” November 10, 2022, at 10 am ET.
- UNICEF USA [virtual event](#) “**World Children's Day Mental Health Webinar**” November 18, 2022, at 8 pm ET.
- The Center for Women’s Global Leadership [event](#) “**16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.**” November 25- December 10, 2022.
- GCE-US [virtual meeting](#) “**Inclusive Education & Early Childhood Community of Practice.**” December 7, 2022, at 9 am ET.

## Reports, Articles & Resources

- PMNCH for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health [report](#) “**2022 Progress Report on the Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030)**”
- The Lego Foundation [article](#) “**What do children (and grown-ups) have to say about play?**”
- Outright International [working paper](#) “**LGBTQ Lives in Conflict and Crisis A Queer Agenda for Peace, Security, and Accountability.**”
- The National Democratic Institute [article](#) “**Libya’s Political Party Youth Wings Build Leadership Skills.**”
- Save the Children [report](#) “**Global Girlhood Report 2022: Girls on the frontline.**”
- John Hopkins Center for Health and Human Rights [report](#) “**The Maternal and Child Health Crisis in Afghanistan.**”

#### Professional Opportunity

**[Child Rights](#) is seeking first or second-year law students for full-time internships for the summer of 2023.** Interns will get the opportunity to “gain substantive training and education in civil rights law and impact litigation, as well as the field of children’s rights and child welfare, and receive mentorship from experienced attorneys.” Since this is a smaller organization, interns will enjoy “tremendous responsibilities and assist attorneys with all aspects of our work. These responsibilities include participating in active litigation—including motion practice, discovery, expert witness work, and legal research—as well as helping to develop new cases—including working with local stakeholders and legal and factual research into new claims.” Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, click [here](#).



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