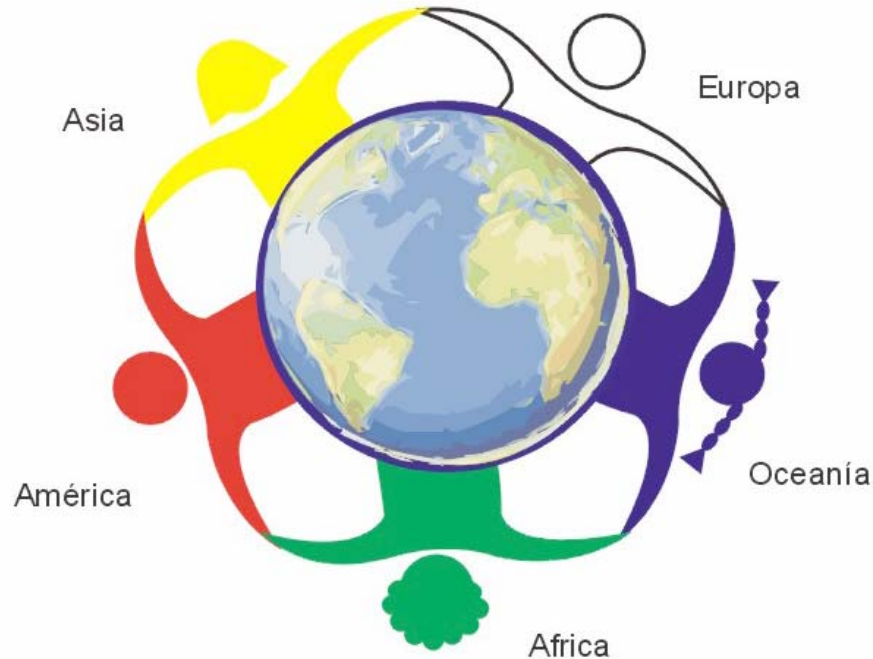


III World Congress on Children and Adolescents' Rights



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Background

The First World Congress on Children and Adolescents' Rights was held in Isla Margarita, Venezuela, 23 to 28 November 2003. It was dedicated to the study of the law regarding children and adolescents as a separate legal discipline.

The Congress concluded with two documents:

- ◆**The Great Document, and**
- ◆**The Porlamar Declaration.**

At the closing session of the Congress Peru took on the organisation of the Second World Congress, which took place in Lima, November 2005

and concluded with the Lima Declaration.

Spain has taken on the task of organising the Third World Congress on Children and Adolescents' Rights, which will be held in Barcelona, 14 to 19 November 2007.



Presentation

The III World Congress on Children and Adolescents' Rights focuses on:

Social Participation of Children and Adolescents: Towards their Incorporation to Active Citizenship

The leading role of children and adolescents in the elimination of poverty and in the fulfillment of the Millenium's development goals



The principles contained in the Declarations produced by the two previous congresses serve as a starting point towards the III World Congress, where the aim is to listen to children and adolescents carefully and make some progress towards “a world fit for children”.

Objectives

- To provide a space for academic and scientific exchange of opinions, ideas and experiences, tending to promote respect and fulfillment of children's and adolescents' rights to be heard and to participate in the construction of their full citizenship.
- To promote direct involvement of children and adolescents throughout the thematic sessions and in the drafting of the Declaration of Barcelona.
- To sensitise society with respect to effective participation of children and adolescents in their areas of interest.



Specific Objectives



- ◆ To promote academic contributions.
- ◆ To encourage the creation of a space for critical exchange of experiences between professionals and institutions.
- ◆ To identify good practice regarding children's participation.
- ◆ To contribute towards the consolidation of citizenship from childhood and adolescence through effective incorporation to the democratic system.
- ◆ To promote children's and adolescents' participation in any matters where their opinion must be heard and considered.
- ◆ To guarantee the development of mechanisms for children's participation.

First Thematic Axis



**Social Participation of Children and Adolescents:
Towards their Incorporation to Active Citizenship.**

**The exercise of
participative
democracy from
childhood and
adolescence.**

**Experiences and
considerations on
children's
participation.**

**Present challenges
and prospects for
children's
participation.**

Second Thematic Axis

The leading role of children and adolescents in the elimination of poverty and in the fulfillment of the Millennium's development goals.

A world fit for children



First Thematic Axis

1. The exercise of participative democracy from childhood and adolescence

- **The Incorporation of Children and Adolescents to the Management of Public Policy**
- **The Best Interest of Children and Adolescents: its Definition**
- **Minors' Ombudsmen**
- **Paramount Role of Children and Adolescents within the Different Family Models**
- **Education for Citizenship and Democracy in the Classroom**
- **Disability, and Equality from Childhood**

First Thematic Axis

2.Experiences and considerations on children's participation

Children's and youngsters' association movements

Access of children and adolescents to the development and management of public policy

The voice of the children in risk situations

Alternative dispute resolution: adolescents versus criminal law

Friendly-to-children cities

Participation in culture and leisure



First Thematic Axis

Present challenges and prospects for children's participation

Guaranteeing participation in the drafting of reports and resolutions on children

The participation of children and adolescents in the drafting of transversal acts and dedicated codes

Exclusion, Children and Citizenship

Children in the new digital society

Children on the Streets: Hushed Voices



Second Thematic Axis

A World Fit for Children

Cooperation from the Point of View of the Rights of Children and Adolescents

Peaceful Coexistence and a Culture of Respect towards the Rights of Children and Adolescents: Against Violence and Discrimination

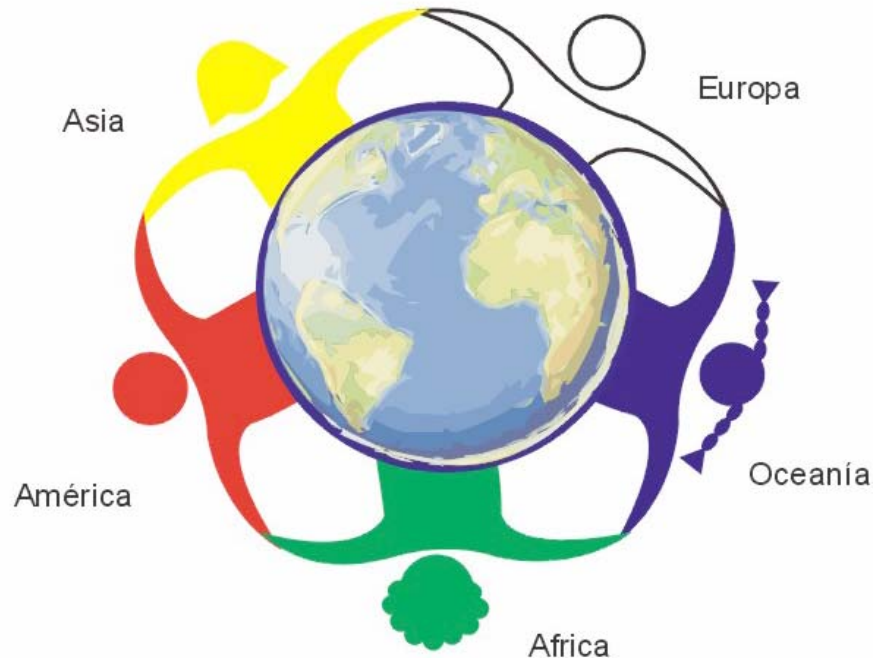
Universal Access to Education

Quality of Life and the Right to Health Care

The Transversal Gender Perspective

Ensuring a Sustainable Environment

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