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4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

FROM RIGHTS TO REALITY

CHILDREN LEADING SAFE, NOURISHED AND EQUAL FUTURES



Across the globe, the central challenge for children's rights is no longer legal recognition alone. It is the failure to convert recognised rights into material security, equal services and effective remedies. UNICEF estimates that 412 million children live in extreme monetary poverty. Armed conflict, displacement, climate shocks, economic instability and shrinking development finance deepen these deprivations. Digital systems create new forms of exclusion, surveillance and harm.

International children's rights law affirms children as rights-holders whose survival, development, protection, participation, health and education are interdependent. Yet the gap between near-universal commitment and unequal outcomes persists in every region. ICCR 2027 asks which legal, fiscal, institutional and community arrangements make rights effective in practice, and how children can lead as rights-holders whose views carry due weight.

Scholars, practitioners, policymakers, members of the judiciary and civil society from every region, legal tradition and jurisdictional context are invited.

Doctrinal, empirical, socio-legal, comparative, critical and practice-based approaches are encouraged. The conference seeks reciprocal learning across disciplines and regions, especially work that explains what makes rights effective and when lessons can travel across borders.

Every child fed. Every child safe. Every child seen. Every child heard.

INDICATIVE THEMES (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

01 **From rights on paper to rights in practice: law, budgets and delivery**

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03 **Safe childhoods: violence, armed conflict and digital harm**

04 **Safe, seen and equal—the rights of LGBTQIA+ children**

05 **Nourished futures: food systems, climate and commercial determinants**

06 **Inclusive education and intersecting inequalities**

07 **Children's agency in law, policy and research**

08 **Accountability, remedies and enforcement**

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Submit a 300–350-word abstract stating the title, research question, approach, contribution, relevance to the conference theme and wider international or transferable significance. Include each author's name, affiliation, contact details and a short bio.