

All times are Nepal time (UTC +5h45)

DAY ONE: Wednesday 6 September 2023

08:00-09:00 Registration & Tea/Coffee

09:00-09:15 Housekeeping and Safeguarding

- Anju Pun - Forget Me Not, Nepal
- Dr. Gurneet Kalra - Udayan Care, India
- Mark Riley - Hope and Homes for Children, UK

09:15-10:15 Welcome to BICON (Plenary)

- Chief Guest, Honorable Urmila Aryal, Vice-Chair, National Assembly, Nepal
- Bam Bahadur Baniya, Vice-chair Person, National Child Rights Council, Nepal
- Dikshya Thapa - BICON Care Experienced Reference Group, Nepal
- Dr. Kiran Modi - Founder, Managing Trustee, Udayan Care, India
- Dr. Rinchen Chopel – Director General, SAIEVAC and Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Bhutan

(Moderator: Anju Pun - Forget Me Not, Nepal)

10:15-11:00 Momentum for care reform in Asia (Plenary)

- Karishma Singh – BICON Care Experienced Reference Group, India
- Pabitra Lakai – Care Experienced Young Person, Nepal
- Mikiko Otani – Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Japan
- Aaron Greenberg - Senior Regional Advisor for Europe and Central Asia, Child Protection · UNICEF, USA (Video message)

(Moderator: Anju Pun - Forget Me Not, Nepal)

11:00 -11:15 Short Break (no refreshments)

11:15-12:15 Innovative approaches to foster care, kinship care and community support (Plenary)

- Anna Sakreti - Muhammadiyah, Indonesia
- Anderson Selvasagaram, Executive Director, Suka Society, Malaysia
- Khadijah Madihi - Asia Family First, Singapore

(Moderator: G Kumaresan, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF India)

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:15 Foster care (Breakout 1)

- Anara Kalilova – SEMYA, Kyrgyzstan
- Amihan Abueva - Regional Executive Director, CRC Asia, Philippines
- DB Lama - Executive Director, The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS), Nepal

(Moderator: Lopamudra Mullick, Railway Children, India)

Kinship care (Breakout 2)

- Ms. Rija Maharjan - Child Protection Coordinator, The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS), Nepal
- Mr. Issac Arulappan - Cornerstone, Tamil Nadu, India
- Lopa Bhattacharjee -Director of Alliance Programme, Family for Every Child, India

(Moderator: Sandhyaa Mishra- Miracle Foundation, India)

13:15-14:15 Community approaches (Breakout 3)

- Mr. Raju Ghimire, Member of ACWG, Deputy Director Voice of Children Nepal, on behalf of the Alternative Care Working Group of Nepal (ACWG)
- Ranjana Srivastava - Udayan Care & Subhadeep Adhikary - Child In Need Institute (CINI), India

(Moderator: Dr. Ganga Gurung - SOS Children's Villages, Nepal)

14:15 - 14:45 Tea Break

14:45-15:15 Recap (Plenary)

- Lopamudra Mullick - Railway Children, India, (moderator of 4.1)
- Sandhya Mishra - Miracle Foundation, India, (moderator of 4.2)
- Dr. Ganga Gurung - SOS Children's Villages, Nepal, (moderator of 4.3)

(Moderator: Mr G Kumaresan, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF India)

15:15-16:15 Children with disabilities and care reform

- Barma Magar - BICON Care Experienced Reference Group, Nepal
- Dr. Nidhi Singhal - Director Research and Trainings, National Centre for Autism, India
- A perspective from Myanmar
- Deepak Raj Sapkota - Executive Director, Karuna Foundation, Nepal

(Moderator: Leena Prasad, Udayan Care, India)

16:15-17:00 Culture and Identity (Plenary)

- Miss Ruma Budha Magar - Shine Together, Co-Founder and Care Experienced Reference Group of BICON, Nepal
- Sushil Babu Chhetri - Freelance film-maker & photographer and Care-experienced Activist, Nepal
- Mr. Manoranjan Dash - Changing the Way We Care/CRS, India
- Mr. Deep Purkayastha - Executive Director, Praajak, India

(Moderator: Ms. Sumnima Tuladhar - Executive Director, CWIN-Nepal)

17:00-17:15 Closing session, day 1

- Nimali S Kumari (Nimmu), BICON Care Experienced Reference Group, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Rija Maharjan, Child Protection Coordinator, The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS), Nepal

(Moderator: Leena Prasad, Udayan Care, India)

17:15 – 19:00 Evening networking and reception

DAY TWO: Thursday 7 September 2023

08:00-09:00 Tea/Coffee: Creating our Recommendations (An informal interactive space for co-creation of BICON recommendations)

(Co-moderated by Andrea Nave - Forget Me Not, Nolan Quigley - Hope and Homes for Children and the BICON Care Experienced Reference Group)

9:00-10:30 Care Experienced Young People Session (Plenary)

- BICON Care Experienced Reference Group

10:30 - 10:45 Short Break (no refreshments)

10:45-11:45 Well-being and mental health (Plenary)

- Sombat Tapanya - PhD clinical psychologist at Peace Culture Foundation, Thailand
- Junu Lama - Shine Together Care Experienced Network Nepal-co founder, Nepal
- Manoj Udayan - BICON Care Experienced Reference Group, India

(Moderator: Tessa Boudrie, Hope and Homes for Children)

11:45-12:45 Delivering Systemic Approaches to Care Reform (Plenary)

- Mohammed Rabiul Islam - Additional Director, Department of Social Services, Government of Bangladesh
- Milan Dharel - Former Executive Director, National Child Rights Council, Nepal
- Edith Binnema, Chief of Party of the Family Care First program, Save the Children Cambodia with government partner, Cambodia
- Otto Sestak, Head of Learning and Engagement, Hope and Homes for Children, Romania

(Moderator: Tessa Boudrie, Hope and Homes for Children)

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45-14:45 The Power of Data and Evidence (Plenary)

- Dr. Gurneet Kaur Kalra - Ph.D. , Udayan Care, India
- Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg – Lancet Commission and University Institute of Psychological, Social and Life Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal
- Kanthamane Ladaphongphattana - Ph.D. Lecturer/Researcher Mahidol University, Thailand

(Moderator: Rajeev Kumar, SOS Children's Villages International- Asia Office)

14:45 - 15:15 Tea Break

15:15-16:15 BICON 2023 Recommendations (Plenary)

- BICON organising committee
- Professor Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (video message), South Africa

(Moderator: Lopa Bhattacharjee, Family for Every Child)

16:15-17:00 Final Reflections and Close (Plenary)

- Honorable Surendra Acharya, Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Nepal
- Dr. Kiran Modi, Udayan Care, India
- Tessa Boudrie, Hope and Homes for Children, Netherlands
- Anju Pun, Forget Me Not, Nepal
- Dikshya Thapa – BICON, Care Experienced Reference Group, Nepal

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