

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY LAW
4th CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

December 17-19, 2024

**Venue: Hilton Trinidad & Conference Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad,
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

CALL FOR PAPERS



Theme: The Convention on the Rights of the Child at 35 years. The Promise Kept or “A Dream Deferred”?

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (“the CRC”) is the most widely and rapidly ratified treaty in history. It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989. On the date of its adoption, James Grant, then Executive Director of UNICEF, described the CRC as a “Magna Carta for child rights.” Professor Emeritus Michael Freeman, in his book, “A Magna Carta for Children? Rethinking Children’s Rights, published in 2020, challenged Grant’s assessment of the CRC.

This year is the 35th anniversary of the CRC. This milestone anniversary is an opportune time to examine the influence of the CRC on States’ laws, principles, practices and procedures, discuss the challenges States have faced in their efforts to implement the CRC, innovative solutions created to overcome these challenges and the work yet to be done to realize the goal of achieving international human rights of children.

Submission of proposals:

We invite proposals on the conference theme. Suggested topics are: child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and children, custody and access, child justice, children’s rights to incarcerated parents, adoption of children, child abduction, legal representation for children, breaking the schoolhouse to jailhouse pipeline, child rights in education, paternity and child rights, child sexual abuse, internet crimes and the child, human rights of migrant children and refugees, sexual, mental and environmental health of children, the media and children’s rights, children and violent extremism, commercial exploitation of children and the rights of children with disabilities. The deadline date for proposals is **July 15, 2024.**

Abstracts must **not exceed 250 words.** Please include the proposer’s name, title or position, institution, if any, email address, telephone number, and a short bio.

All abstracts must be sent to the Conference Convener, **Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye**, at: ISFLRegionalConference2024@gmail.com.