SUMMIT AGENDA AND VISION

The International Summit on the Legal Rights of Street-Connected Children and Youth will convene in São Paulo, Brazil on November 28th-29th, 2017.

- An ABA Presidential Initiative, the Summit aims to bring together jurisdictions and advocates for street-connected children and youth from around the world to examine the mandate provided by the United Nations General Comment on Children in Street Situations (slated for release in Summer 2017).

- The Summit will build on the tools and testimony from the first International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth, held in London in June of 2015. It will:
  - introduce a panel of youth to discuss the impact of the UN General Comment on their lives;
  - review the legal guarantees in the General Comment;
  - exchange strategies for realizing the rights of street-connected youth, and;
  - publish principles for implementing the General Comment crafted by the world’s experts on street-connected children and youth.

Join us in support of transforming the future of street-connected children and youth around the world.

Quotes from 2015 London Summit Street-Connected Youth Panelists

“Many children choose the street as a better option than home; then face discrimination and violence.”

“I just want to be seen and treated like a human being, like everyone else.”

“Rights are meaningless without mechanisms to enforce them.”

“Street children are not in conflict with the law, the law is in conflict with street children.”

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