



## Launch of Child Online Protection (COP) Guidelines 2020

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### Speaker Biographies

#### Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin

#### Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)



Doreen Bogdan-Martin was elected Director of the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2018. She took office on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019.

She is a strategic leader with 30 years' high-level experience in international and inter-governmental relations and a long history of success in policy and strategy development, analysis and execution. She has advised governments around the world on policy and regulatory issues, and is a regular presenter at high-level international forums and summits.

Prior to her election, Ms Bogdan-Martin oversaw the organization's Membership, Corporate Communications, External Affairs and UN Liaison teams, and was instrumental in establishing the *Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development*, on which she continues to serve as Executive Director.

She was one of the principal architects of the annual *Global Symposium for Regulators*, directed ITU's first global youth summit #BYND, oversees ITU's contribution to the *EQUALS Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age*, and is leading ITU's collaboration with UNICEF and others on the GIGA project to connect the world's schools.

Prior to joining ITU, Ms Bogdan-Martin was a Telecommunications Policy Specialist in the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA), US Department of Commerce.

She holds a Master's degree in International Communications Policy from American University in Washington, DC, post-graduate certification in Strategies for Leadership from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland, and is certified in Accountability and Ethics by the United Nations Leaders Programme.

She is an affiliate of the Harvard University Berkman-Klein Center for Internet and Society, and a Generation Unlimited Champion. She serves on a number of advisory bodies, including the Geneva-Tsinghua Initiative, the SDG Lab Advisory Board, and the UN Technology Innovation Labs. She is also an amateur radio operator. She is married with four children.

## Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children



Dr. Najat M'jid, a medical doctor in pediatrics, has over the last three decades devoted her life to the promotion and protection of children's rights. She was Head of the Pediatrics Department and Director of the Hay Hassani Mother-Child hospital in Casablanca. Dr. M'jid is a member of the Moroccan National Council on Human Rights and founder of the non-governmental organization Bayti, the first program addressing the situation of children living and working in the streets of Morocco.

From 2008 to 2014, she served as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

Dr. M'jid also works as an Expert-Consultant for national and international projects, strategies and policies relating to child rights' promotion and protection. She has participated in the development of national policies on the protection of the child, and has worked with several governments, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations. She also works as a lecturer in Moroccan and international universities on child rights' protection, promotion, programming and monitoring, as well as social and development policies. A member of several regional and international non-governmental organizations and networks working for children's rights, Dr. M'jid is also involved in the training of social workers, law enforcement, teachers, judges, and medical staff.

Dr. M'jid holds a Doctorate in general medicine from the University of Rabat, a specialization in pediatrics and neonatology from the University of Bordeaux II and a Masters of Human Rights from the Human Rights Institute, Geneva. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her strong commitment to protecting the rights of the child.

The Office of the Special Representative (OSRSGVAC) has contributed to the review process of the new 2020 COP Guidelines for policy-makers.

The ITU is part of the Inter-agency working group on violence against children (IAWG-VAC), led by the Special Representative and including UNICEF, UNODC, WHO, IOM, ILO, OHCHR, and UNESCO to join shortly. The IAWG-VAC has recently released an [Agenda for Action](#) on the impact of COVID-19 and beyond on children's rights and protection.

Further to this, ITU and OSRSGVAC have decided to launch a global online child consultation, which will give ITU and partners inputs on the main elements to ensure child online participation.

## Mr David Wright Director UK Safer Internet Centre



David Wright is Director of the UK Safer Internet Centre at SWGfL, working alongside partners such as Childnet and the Internet Watch Foudnation (IWF). The UK Safer Internet Centre is the national awareness centre and is part of the European Commission's Safer Internet Programme. Mr. Wright has worked extensively in the area of online safety for many years not only with children, schools and wider communities but also with partner agencies such as the Police and social workers, as well as the Government.

Mr. Wright has presented at several online safety conferences both nationally and internationally and chairs the National Education Network Safeguarding Group in the UK. He is also an active member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety. Through SWGfL, Mr. Wright has led pioneering work and has published a number of ground-breaking UK reports (including Sexting (2009, 2012) and e Safety in Schools (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014).

Mr. Wright chaired the working group that reviewed the new 2020 COP Guidelines for policy-makers. He has undertaken child online protection assessments in both Georgia and Ukraine for ITU Regional Office of Europe and has further spoken at several events (co-)organised by ITU such as the Regional Conference on Child Online Protection - co-organised by ITU, UNODC and UNICEF, that was held in Bangkok in February 2020.