



ITU's Ongoing Commitment

Extra Attention for Developing Countries

While there are many established projects and programmes in developed countries to protect children online, there are very few in the developing world. ITU already has a special “Children and Youth” initiative, supporting children and young people from developing countries to improve their access to, and use of, communication technologies to bridge the digital divide. Now with its COP initiative, ITU is reinforcing its commitment to connect the world responsibly

A History of Consensus

ITU has a long and successful history of forging consensus on how the world should manage global resources relating to ICTs, such as satellite orbits and radiofrequency spectrum, which

is why ITU was entrusted with the responsibility to lead international efforts to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs.

Child Helpline

ITU is lobbying telecommunications administrations around the world to consider the allocation of the number 116 111 to give access to helplines run by organizations dedicated to the support and welfare of children. Already in use in several European countries, the universal use of this number would make it easier for children to access help when they need it, wherever they are.

Working Together

COP has been established as an international collaborative network for action to promote the online protection of children worldwide by providing guidance

on safe online behaviour in conjunction with other UN agencies and partners.

ITU is working with the following organizations³ on COP and would like to thank them for their support:

- Bebo
- Children's Charities' Coalition on Internet Safety (CHIS)
- Child Helpline International (CHI)
- Cyber Peace Initiative
- ECPAT International
- European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
- European Commission - Safer Internet Programme
- European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (eNASCO)
- eWWG
- Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI)
- Insafe
- GSM Association
- International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children
- Microsoft
- Save the Children
- Telecom Italia
- Telefonica
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Inter-regional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
- United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- Vodafone