The Swedish Royal Family has the pleasure of inviting you to the World Child & Youth Forum, which will be held annually at the Royal Palace of Stockholm, in connection with the celebrations marking the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November.

The World Child & Youth Forum will take place at the Royal Palace of Stockholm on 17 November 2011. The forum will highlight the rights of the child to a good start in life, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The CRC is a strategic document for a sustainable future. The purpose of the World Child & Youth Forum is to inspire more people to work in the spirit of the CRC.

Representatives of child and youth organisations, the Swedish Parliament and Government, the public sector, trade and industries and civil society (child rights organisations, etc), are invited to a creative and inspiring forum.

For further information, please visit www.wcyf.se
WCYF Programme, 17 November, 2011

8.15 – 9.00 a.m.  Guests arrive, registration
9.00 – 9.10 a.m.  Relocation
9.15 – 9.25 a.m.  Official opening
9.25 – 9.45 a.m.  Introduction to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, with a focus on article 3 regarding the significance of the “Best interests of the child”.
9.45 – 10.00 a.m.  Children and young people’s views on the “Best interests of the child”.
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.  Scandinavian launch of the Child Rights Business Principles, a joint initiative by UN Global Compact, Unicef and Save the Children. Introduction to the initiative, the principles and the road ahead.

Executive Director Georg Kell, UN Global Compact, Executive Director Anthony Lake, UNICEF and Secretary General Elisabeth Dahlin, Save the Children Sweden (TBC).

10.30 – 11.00 a.m.  ”Why child-rights in business?” High-level Panel discussion.
11.00 – 11.45 a.m.  The benefits of cross-border cooperation for the “Best interests of the child”.
11.45 – 12.00 a.m.  Relocation
12.00 – 1.00 p.m.  Network lunch
1.00 – 1.15 p.m.  Relocation
1.15 – 2.30 p.m.  Ten different parallel seminars focusing on the “Best interests of the child”. Opportunities to discuss best practices about successful forms of cooperation, methods and experiences. Please visit www.wcyf.se for further information regarding the various seminars and to register to your choice of seminar. (the seminar program is continuously updated).

2.30 – 3.15 p.m.  Ideas fair ”Best interests of the child”; concrete examples of activities with a focus on the “Best interests of the child” and an opportunity for continued networking.
3.15 – 3.30 p.m.  Relocation
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.  Shared interactive concluding remarks. How can the “Best interest of the child” play a part in positive social development and how can both I, and the organisation I lead play a part in this objective?
4.00 – 4.20 p.m.  Relocation
4.20 – 4.40 p.m.  Guests travel by shared busses to the concert hall, Eric Ericsonhallen, Skeppsholmen
4.45 – 6.00 p.m.  Concert performances by young musicians. If you wish to attend the concert, please register at www.wcyf.se. There is a limited number of seats.
6.00 – 6.30 p.m.  Light refreshments