

The [16th International Conference “Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online”](#) will take place virtually between the 27th and 30th of September 2022, in partnership with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), under the framework of the ITU European Regional Initiative EUR4 “*Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies*”, adopted by WTDC-17 in Buenos Aires.

Within this Conference, the Child Online Protection Unit of the ITU-Development Bureau, in collaboration with the ITU Office for Europe, is organizing a **virtual workshop on “Ensuring Child Online Protection: The importance of Capacity Building” on Thursday 29 September from 10:00 to 12:00 CEST.**

Child Online Protection (COP) is a growing concern of the world today as children and Youth are at risk of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect online. It has never been more important to positively guide young people to shape their digital practices. In an increasingly tech-driven world, young people find it challenging to distinguish between their online and offline worlds. In addition to directly targeting children and the youth, **building capacities of educators, social workers, academic and non-academic staff, as well as representatives of the educational sector, has never been more important.** Educators are at the forefront to teach children and have a responsibility to protect them. Thus they must understand the exact nature of children’s online engagements.

Following the [approach of the ITU regarding COP](#), the workshop will provide an **overview of the importance of capacity building for all stakeholders** (children and youth, parents, carers and educators, industry players, and policymakers) in the context of keeping children and youth safe online. It will then focus on the **role and knowledge to be acquired by educators** with a **demonstration of the recently launched [ITU Online Self-paced Training for educators](#)**. This self-paced course is designed for professionals in the education sector and broadened to address educators, youth workers, teachers, staff, leaders, mentors, coaches etc.

This workshop will seek to **stimulate interest in capacity building** by showcasing its importance and **providing insights and guidance for participants on ITU’s self-paced training materials**. It will further aim to **provide basic knowledge to educators about child online behaviors, threats, and risks** associated with cyberspace, and how to upskill them to be responsible in their role in the social support system of child online protection. It will finally **provide examples of successful capacity-building exercises** that may be replicated **to train others** in the sector in order to support a community of educators that contribute to better protecting and empowering children and youth online.

DRAFT AGENDA

**Timing is expressed in CEST*

[10:00-10:10]	Opening remarks and introduction of the ITU COP Guidelines <i>This segment will provide an introduction to ITU's Child Online Protection Guidelines and an overview of how such materials are being concretely rolled out at the national level in the Europe region.</i> ! Sarah Delporte, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe
[10:10-10:40]	The importance of Capacity Building to ensure child online protection <i>This segment will provide insights into what capacity building entails in the context of child online protection and will focus on its importance as an effective mechanism for preventing harm and mitigating risks for children online. It will provide incentives to support the implementation of capacity-building activities for all stakeholders and provide examples of best practices.</i> ! Fanny Rotino, Child (Online) Protection Officer, ITU Development Bureau
10:40-10:50	Q&A <i>This segment will be open to questions and answers from the audience.</i>
[10:50-11:40]	Demonstration of the ITU online self-paced training for social workers, academic and non-academic staff <i>This segment will provide a virtual demonstration of the recently launched online self-paced training targeting educators. It will also provide first-hand knowledge to gain an understanding of what is child online protection and how to support children in the youth to be safe when conducting their online activities in classes, but also in their daily life.</i> <i>Examples of practical training of trainers exercises to transfer the gained knowledge will be provided at the end of the segment.</i> ! Fanny Rotino, Child (Online) Protection Officer, ITU Development Bureau
[11:40-11:55]	Q&A <i>This segment will be open to questions and answers from the audience.</i>
[10:55-11:00]	Conclusion ! Sarah Delporte, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

Moderator of the workshop: Sarah Delporte, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe