



La prevención de la explotación sexual de la infancia y la adolescencia en los viajes y el turismo: una cuestión de derechos humanos y empresas

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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM – THE CONCEPT, GLOBAL TRENDS AND A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

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Abstract:

The sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism is defined as acts of sexual exploitation of children, which are embedded within the context of travel, tourism or both. The first Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism and the International Summit on Child Protection in Travel and Tourism, significantly raised awareness of sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism and produced meaningful actions that contributed to protecting children. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic derailed much of the momentum and progress. The socio-economic vulnerability of children, particularly in the countries that have traditionally depended on income from tourism, dramatically increased as a result of the pandemic but also due to political instabilities, natural disasters, wars and emergencies. However, despite these recent and ongoing challenges, there is now more attention to the problem of sexual exploitation of children, and steps have been made towards improved laws, policies, as well as increased travel and tourism industry engagement in cooperation with non-governmental organisations generating evidence and mobilising action. Looking ahead, there is more scope for concerted action in the post-pandemic period to drive holistic sustainability in travel and tourism that prioritises children's right to live free from all forms of sexual exploitation in both online and offline environments.

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