**The Social Forum of the Human Rights Council**

Side event

2 October 2019, 13:45-14:55

Geneva, Palais des Nations

**‘‘****Youth role and peer education in enhancing children rights.”**

Moderated by XU Wang, Millennials Energy, Secretary General

Speakers:

* Cai Tingmei, SOS Children's Villages,China
* Jean Paul Brice Affana, Founder Coordinator, Vital Actions for Sustainable Development [AVD], Camaroon
* Christian Vanizette, MakeSense, France
* Xiang Junyi, Experimental High School Attached to Beijing Normal University, China
* Ren Yifang, President of Millennials Energy, France

The side event, organized by Millennials Energy, inviting speakers from different sectors, will discuss youth’s role in enhancing children rights, sharing good cases from different countries that peer education protect children right in their own community.

Peer education is the teaching or sharing of health information, values and behavior in educating others who may share similar social backgrounds or life experiences. Social Learning Theory asserts that people serve as models of human behavior, and some people are capable of eliciting behavioral change in certain individuals, based on the individual's value and interpretation system. Especially in public health area, peer educators can help raise awareness, provide accurate information, and help their classmates develop skills to change behavior.

Panel discussion will explore:

* The role that peer education plays in protecting the right of children and young people, like sexual and reproductive health right, life skills training right.
* How peer education relates to other strategies that are essential to a comprehensive children right protection program.
* The key factors that need to be taken into account before deciding to do peer education.

Referring specifically to the examples of recent events, including the SOS Children’s Villiages cases in China, MakeSense social innovation education program in France, and Vital Actions for Sustainable Development’s capacity building program on HIV/AIDs, participants will discuss the limits and opportunities peer education present for children rights protection and promotion in the host countries.