

## Webinar on litigation before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

### Immigration detention and alternatives to detention of children

24 July 2025, 11:00-12:30

Online, Teams

The webinar, building on [a workshop held in Prague](#), will bring together EU-wide experts, practitioners, and representatives to exchange on strategies addressing international mechanisms to advance litigation and advocacy efforts to end the detention of children in the context of migration. The webinar aims to enhance understanding of the procedural and strategic aspects of litigating the rights of children in immigration detention before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC Committee).

Please register to attend the webinar [here](#).

#### AGENDA

- 11:00-11:05**      **Welcome and introductions**
- 11:05-11:45**      **The UN CRC Committee's approach to rights of children in migration context and protection against detention**
- > Introduction to the UN CRC Committee's mandate and working methods
  - > An overview of the general comments, concluding observations and individual communications
  - > Practical tips for lawyers to submit an individual complaint
- Mikiko Otani, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Commissioner, Former Member and Chair of the UN CRC Committee*
- 11:45-12:00**      **Practical insight into litigation: the E.B. et al. v. Belgium (Comm. no. 55/2018) case**
- Hind Riad, Lawyer, Progress Lawyers Network*
- 12:00-12:30**      **Q&A and discussion on litigation and advocacy before the UN CRC Committee**

**Mikiko Otani** is an international human rights lawyer based in Tokyo involved with NGOs and professional organizations, with a focus on women's and children's rights. She is a former member and chair of the UN CRC Committee and of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute. She is an executive commissioner of the ICJ and a member of the executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law. Mikiko served as an alternate representative of Japan to the 60<sup>th</sup> and the 61<sup>st</sup> sessions of the UN General Assembly's Third Committee and as an advisor of the Delegation of Japan to the 53<sup>rd</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women.

**Hind Riad** is a lawyer specialized in labor law, asylum law, and administrative law. She graduated in law from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 2010 and joined Progress Lawyers Network Brussels in 2011. In asylum law, Hind mainly deals with cases of (un)accompanied minors and women victims of gender-based violence. She also exercises constitutional and administrative law to challenge laws and regulations adopted in violation of fundamental rights.