Adolescence is a life stage characterized by growing opportunities, capacities, aspirations, energy and creativity, but also significant vulnerability. Adolescents are agents of change and a key asset and resource with the potential to contribute positively to their families, communities and countries.

In September 2016, the Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted its General Comment 20 on the implementation of the rights of the child during adolescence. With the adoption of General Comment 20, States now have access to detailed guidance on the measures necessary to ensure the realisation of the rights of the child during adolescence.

This launch event will raise awareness of the General Comment and introduce the audience to its main principles.

Chair: Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
Panel:
- Judith Diers, Chief, Adolescent Development and Participation Section, Programme Division, UNICEF, “What we know about adolescents today”
- Alex Farrow, Researcher, Youth Policy labs, “Age Matters Age Matters! Mapping minimum age requirements for realizing rights and accessing services by adolescents”
- Sara Oviedo-Ferro, Vice-chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, “Introduction and presentation of the General Comment”
- Beatrice Schulter, Director, Child Rights Connect, “Adolescents right to be heard and participate”

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Interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish. Light refreshments will be served prior to the event.