

### Committee on the Rights of the Child

Member since 2019, Vice-Chair, Media Focal Point and Chair of the Working Group on Children's Rights and the Environment

### Publications

Dr Jaffé is the author of over 200 publications mostly specialized on aspects of children's rights. A full list can be accessed via the QR code below.

### Languages

French, English, Italian (native languages), German, Spanish (solid skills).



### Main professional activities

since 1992

- › Full Professor, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences; Co-founder of the Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva
- › Co-managed the MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) Children's Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Introduction, University of Geneva (over 60,000 participants)
- › Conducted and participated in a wide range of research projects and mandates, organised national and international conferences related to children's rights
- › Provided advice and training to numerous international organisations and NGOs (IOM, MSF, OHCHR, UNHCR, CoE, etc.) with missions in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- › Court-appointed expert in complex civil and criminal legal proceedings involving children and their families
- › Private practice as an licensed psychotherapist



# Philip D. Jaffé

Swiss candidate for a second term to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) 2023–2027



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*"Children's rights are at the heart of human rights. Working with all stakeholders, I strive to make this a reality for all children."*

**Philip Jaffé** is a recognised expert in children's rights with over 30 year's experience. Born in Trinidad and Tobago, raised in Kenya and drawing strongly on his Swiss and American roots, he understands the challenges and opportunities of a multicultural environment and has developed strong intercultural awareness. This quality is an asset in his work to uphold the universality of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) while respecting the diversity and rich cultural heritage of States Parties.

During his first term, Philip Jaffé has been active on many fronts. His achievements include the following:

- › Participating in the drafting of General Comment 25 on Children's rights in relation to the digital environment
- › Adjudicating, in a select subcommittee, individual complaints from children under OPIC (Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communication procedure)
- › Organising several scientific events focusing on long-standing and emerging children's rights issues, as well as festive manifestations marking the 30th anniversary of the CRC.

Philip Jaffé wishes to devote his second term to the CRC to several top-priority projects:

- › Contributing to the ongoing Treaty Bodies' reform process by emphasising cooperation and synergies among the different bodies
- › Improving the Committee's activities during the intersessional periods and energising its communication strategy
- › Increasing the visibility of pressing child rights concerns as they relate in particular to the environment and to advances in biotechnology.

These activities and projects are part of a vision for the protection and promotion of children's rights that favours the participation of all stakeholders, including civil society and especially children themselves.

### Civil society commitments

- › Member of the Board of directors of the Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights and of the Foundation boards of Pro Juventute, the International Institute for the Rights of the Child, Friends International Switzerland, and Graines de Paix.
- › Member of the group of experts that drafted the Council of Europe's Guidelines on child-friendly justice.
- › Founding member of the Swiss Society of Legal Psychology and its first president (1998–2008).
- › Member of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva.
- › Numerous articles in the press and appearances in the media regarding the promotion of children's rights and their protection.



*“The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is not just a document. To me, it is more than alive and serving the best interests of 2 billion children around the world! “*