

Terre des Hommes International Federation

*For children, their rights
and equitable development*

International NGO Charter of Accountability Ltd
Independent Review Panel
Secretariat - International Civil Society Centre
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Dear Independent Review Panel,

The International Secretariat of the Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF-IS) is grateful to be accepted as a full member of the INGO Accountability Charter. We appreciate the feedback on our first report. We intend to make a response plan with regards to your valuable comments and to implement it in the course of the coming years.

The TDHIF-IS is well aware of the new trends mentioned in your letter such as getting fit for the digital age, globalisation and national level accountability as well as inclusion and diversity. Framed by the Strategic Plan 2016-2020, we have embarked in several processes to make Terre des Hommes more fit for purpose.

Views and opinions of children to influence policy making and implementation is a key strategy of our campaigns and the acceleration of the child and youth networks are putting the organization on a steep learning curve. The Child's Best Interest Determination and taking the child's views and opinions in all what concerns his future is being mainstreamed in all operational programmes.

The TDHIF-IS is rooted in a rights based approach. Some of the challenges of digitalisation and globalization potentially affecting children are tackled, amongst others, by the reinforcement and adaptation of the child safeguarding policy.

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Accountability and transparency are high on the agenda of the different Terre des Hommes organisations. They abide by national certification mechanisms and thematic certifications.

The International Board of the Terre des Hommes International Federation is composed of representatives of these organisations. To ensure a coherent response plan and foster ownership amongst the Terre des Hommes organisations, reporting under the Accountability Charter and the feedback of the Independent Review Panel is on the agenda of the International Board.

The TDHIF-IS has taken good note of all your detailed comments. It will strive to take adequate measures to respond to them or, if applicable, to explain why they are not yet in place.

We see the path towards accountability and transparency as a journey. We are aware that this process is also a learning exercise. We appreciate the offer to benefit from the experience of other agencies having moved along the same lines.

Yours Respectfully
Ignacio Packer
Secretary General



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