



Second Forum on Domestic Violence and the 1980 Child Abduction Convention

With a focus on the Operation of Article 13(1)(b)

Fortaleza, Brazil, 27-30 October 2025

Centro de Eventos do Ceará

DRAFT PROGRAMME [29 July 2025]

Monday 27 October 2025

Time	Item
PM	Opening reception [possibly preceded by Opening ceremony]

Tuesday 28 October 2025

Time	Item
AM	Opening ceremony [if not held on 27 Oct.] Session 1 – Sharing developments on domestic violence and Article 13(1)(b) since the First Forum in Sandton
	Group photo & Coffee break
	Session 2 – Raising awareness about the impact of wrongful removal / retention and of the impact of domestic violence on a child
	<i>Lunch break</i>
PM	Session 3 – Using support and awareness-raising to prevent international child abduction in situations involving domestic violence
	Coffee break
	Session 4 – Using legal mechanisms and access to justice to prevent international child abduction in situations involving domestic violence

Wednesday 29 October 2025

Time	Item
AM	Session 5 – Assessing allegations of domestic violence and determining grave risk under Article 13(1)(b) in international child abduction cases where domestic violence is raised <i>To be followed by break-out groups</i>
	Coffee break
	Break-out groups
	Lunch break
PM	Session 6 – Obtaining evidence of domestic violence in international child abduction cases where such allegations have been made
	Coffee break
	Session 7 – Using protective measures (with references to the 1996 Child Protection Convention and other relevant mechanisms) <i>To be followed by break-out groups</i>

Thursday 30 October 2025

Time	Item
AM	Session 8 – The effects of return and non-return decisions
	Coffee break
	Session 9 – Domestic violence in the Guide to Good Practice on Article 13(1)(b) – five years after
	Lunch break
PM	Session 10 – Lessons learned and next steps Open moderated discussion
	Coffee break
	Closing