



Dear Sir, Madam, Colleagues,

On behalf of the three Dutch alliances working on child marriage (YES I DO, More than Brides and HER CHOICE¹) in cooperation with Share-Net International, we have the pleasure to invite you to an event celebrating the launch of the *Girls Not Brides the Netherlands*, the new Dutch network focusing on linking and learning and joint activities to prevent child marriages both nationally and internationally.

The celebration will take place on Monday 7 November from 16.00 – 19.00 hrs in hotel Aitana, IJdok 6 in Amsterdam in the presence of Mabel van Oranje and Dutch and international organizations addressing child marriage.

We will start the programme with a presentation by a representative from Share-Net International on the facts and figures on child marriage, after which Mabel van Oranje will interview three representatives of the Dutch child marriage alliances: Anne- Birgitte Albrechtsen (CEO Plan International), Ariette den Brouwer (executive director Simavi) and Jeroen den Tex (executive director Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland).

¹ YES I DO Alliance; Plan Nederland, Amref Flying Doctors, CHOICE for YOUTH and SEXUALITY, KIT and Rutgers More than Brides Alliance; Save the Children, Oxfam Novib, Simavi and Population Council HER CHOICE; Stichting Kinderpostzegels, ICDI, the Hunger Project and University of Amsterdam

Mabel van Oranje will also moderate a panel discussion including Lambert Grijns (Special Ambassador SRHR HIV/AIDS), and Margarida Jeiambe Lomo a youth advocate from Mozambique and a representative from a Dutch NGO addressing child marriage (the latter tbc).

After the panel discussion there will be ample time to network with representatives from Dutch and international civil society organizations.

This celebration will follow a morning advocacy event in the Dutch Parliament that will focus on the impact of Dutch Government support to end child marriage. This event marks the launch of *Girls Not Brides the Netherlands*.

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