

**Panelists for the launch of the 2015 UCW Report on “The Twin Challenges of Child Labour and Educational Marginalization in the Southeast and East Asia regions”**

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He is the Programme Manager for "Understanding Children's Work" (UCW), an ILO research initiative jointly with UNICEF and the World Bank. UCW was established in 2000 and is aimed at improving information and research capacity in the area of child labor and youth employment. In addition to his position at the UCW Programme, Rosati is also professor of Public Finance at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome in the Faculty of Economics. He received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Rome, Faculty of Law (1976), a Master of Science in Economics (1979) and a Philosophy Doctor in Economics, both from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1984).



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He is currently working as a regional child protection specialist in UNICEF EAPRO. Brings a strong child protection programming background spanning over 16 years in field based and HQ positions in 11 countries. A national of Kenya, he has led child labour focused programming in Nepal, Egypt, DRC and Mozambique focusing on prevention, response, policy development and advocacy on rights based issues affecting these vulnerable children. Dan holds an MSc in risk crisis and disaster management and is currently based in Bangkok.

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