

The various functions under HC 96

<i>Direct functions of the Central Authorities</i>	
Art. 30 (1)	The Central Authorities shall co-operate with each other and promote co-operation amongst the competent authorities in their States to achieve the purposes of the Convention.
Art. 30 (2)	The Central Authorities take appropriate steps to provide information as to the laws of and services available in their States relating to the protection of children.
<i>Functions carried out directly by Cantonal Central Authorities or in cooperation with other authorities and organisations</i>	
Art. 31 a)	Facilitate the communications and offer the assistance provided for in Articles 8 and 9 and in Chapter V
Art. 31 b)	Facilitate, by mediation, conciliation or similar means, agreed solutions for the protection of the person or property of the child in situations to which the Convention applies
Art. 31 c)	Provide, on the request of a competent authority of another Contracting State, assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a child
Art. 32 a)	On a founded request by the Central Authority or other competent authority, provide a report on the situation of the child at his or her habitual place of residence
Art. 32 b)	On a founded request by the Central Authority or other competent authority, request the competent authority to evaluate the need of protection measures.
<i>Functions of the courts or Swiss authorities with jurisdiction exercised directly or with the assistance of the Cantonal Central Authority</i>	
Art. 8	Request to transfer jurisdiction: The competent authority in a Contracting State can request an authority in another Contracting State to assume jurisdiction in a specific case, or it can invite the parties in the case to introduce such a request.
Art. 9	Request to exercise jurisdiction: An authority in a Contracting State that does not have jurisdiction can request the competent authority of the Contracting State of habitual residence of the child for authorisation to exercise jurisdiction, or it can invite the parties in the case to introduce such a request.
Art. 33	Request for cross-border placement in a foster family or institutional care
Art. 34 (1)	Receiving or communicating information relevant to child protection matters
Art. 35 (1)	Assisting in securing the effective exercise of rights of access or the implementation of a protection measure

Art. 35 (2)	The authorities of a Contracting State, in which the parent who has not rights of care is having his or her habitual residence, may on his or her request gather information or make a finding on his or her suitability to exercise access.
Art. 36	If a child has been removed to another State and exposed to a serious danger, the authorities in charge of child protection measures shall inform the authorities in the State where the child is habitually resident.
<i>Functions of the courts or Swiss authorities with jurisdiction</i>	
Art. 23 - 28	Recognition and enforcement of foreign measures
<i>Functions of the Cantonal Central Authorities or of other authorities designated by the Canton (see Art. 2 para. 3 FA-ACA)</i>	
Art. 40 (3)	Deliver a certificate to the person having parental responsibility or the person entrusted with protection of the child's person or property