

Agenda 2030 for Children: End Violence Solutions Summit

14-15 February 2018 | Stockholm, Sweden

Concept Note on Political and Financial Commitments

Background

The Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes every child's right to freedom from violence. In 2015, world leaders made a commitment to end all forms of violence against children by 2030, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (End Violence) was launched in July of the following year to support this commitment.

Solutions Summit

The Government of Sweden, in collaboration with End Violence and WePROTECT Global Alliance is issuing an urgent call to action, bringing together governments, the UN, civil society, the private sector, academics and children themselves to design and share solutions for preventing and responding to violence against boys and girls during the first End Violence Solutions Summit in Stockholm in February 2018.

Goal: to catalyze action towards achieving SDG16.2 and related targets by convening Member States, End Violence Partners; WePROTECT Global Alliance, the global network of violence prevention experts and research practitioners; and affected people themselves to take stock of progress and define next steps.

Objectives:

- Raise awareness about children's protection from violence (SDG 16.2 and related targets) while increasing commitments to act.
- Showcase solutions around the world while enabling technical discussions and applying the INSPIRE framework and the Model National Response.
- Celebrate Pathfinding Country success, encouraging new partners to join the global movement to end violence against children.

Commitments

Pledges and commitments have become a common practice at similar conference settings over the last decade. They are positive, additional outcomes to a Summit, allowing participants to announce solemn and specific efforts they or their government, agency or organization will make.

Just prior to the conclusion of the Summit, on day 2, 15 February 2018, there will be an opportunity for participants to pledge support or announce commitments. These may take on the following form:

- A governmental commitment to ‘pathfinding’ in End Violence;
- A governmental, private sector, foundation, or civil society commitment to:
 - Providing financial support to End Violence (the Secretariat, Business Plan, and/or the Fund);
 - Joining the partnership as new End Violence member by adhering to its mission, vision, goals, objectives, principles and drivers of End Violence;
 - Joining the partnership as new partner by agreeing to implement parts of the Business Plan.

These commitments should be concrete, time-bound and measurable. They will be monitored within the existing monitoring framework of End Violence, consistent with its theory of change, the theory of change of the Fund, and the indicators that have been developed for these purposes. Additional commitments will be welcome as the partnership develops and as results are demonstrated.

There is a 30-minute period on the Agenda for announcing commitments. Speakers should convey their intentions to the Secretariat no later than two weeks before the Summit. They will be asked to limit their remarks to 3 minutes. Two podiums will be set up to optimize time allocation, with speakers lined up to take the microphone in sequence, at the invitation of the moderator of this session.

At the conclusion of this segment the Stockholm Proclamation will be presented for unanimous adoption by the Summit attendees. This text is currently being drafted.



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