1st Global Ministerial Conference on ending violence against children
ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Date: 7-8 November 2024

Location: Bogota, Colombia

Co-hosts: Government of Colombia, Government of Sweden, WHO, UNICEF, UN Secretary General’s Special Representative on Ending Violence Against Children

Invitees:
- Ministerial delegations from all 193 Member States responsible for ensuring safe and healthy development of children and adolescents (e.g., Social Development, Health, Justice etc). Governments are encouraged to consider a civil society representative as part of Ministerial delegation
- Non-governmental actors and allies (in-person and virtual participation)
## MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

**Specific outcomes** that the Ministerial may deliver:

1. **Bold new commitments** [government and non-governmental] – for preventing and ending violence against children (building on existing efforts eg CRC, UPR, INSPIRE)

2. Renewed collective child protection **member state-led initiative** (‘Pathfinders 2.0’)

3. First-ever global **child/youth –led movement** on child violence prevention

4. Inter-governmentally consulted **Political Declaration**

5. A platform for **public survivors** to share their expertise and experience

Tonally, co-hosts are committed to the Ministerial being **ambitious, impactful and inclusive**
Program

Conference (day 1) Thursday 7 November

- Political [Ministerial] day
- Pledge points throughout
- Reception and Ministerial dinner

Conference (day 2) Friday 8 November

- Technical day around solutions
- Pledge points throughout
- Donor dinner

Satellite Events
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- **Banning Corporal Punishment** – Global Initiative to end corporal punishment | Formal & Satellite
- **Ending Child Sexual Violence** – To Zero & BRAVE | Formal & Satellite
- **Preventing and responding to VAC in Humanitarian Settings** – ACPHA | Formal & Satellite
- **Ending violence in and through schools** – UNESCO | Formal and Satellite
- **Violence against Children and Women, INSPIRE and RESPECT** – WHO/PAHO, World Bank, UNICEF | Formal
- **Parent and caregiver support** – Global Initiative to Support Parents
- **Online Violence against Children** – Safe Online and WeProtect
- **Addressing violence in the context of children in alternative care** - Better Care Network and Lumos
- **Adolescent Girls** – WHO/PAHO
- **Meet a Researcher** | CPC Network, Columbia University
PREPARING FOR SUCCESS
### NATIONAL PREPARATORY SESSION – OBJECTIVES

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<td>To consider and capture the national VAC story:</td>
<td>To achieve consensus amongst attendees on key areas of national progress as well as priorities in scaling up evidence-based strategies to end violence against children</td>
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<td>To agree on an enhanced national commitment to VAC:</td>
<td>To collectively explore and agree on a specific, concrete and costed commitment to VAC, to be announced by the government at the Ministerial Conference</td>
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<td>To initiate discussions on a re-invigorated Member State led - child protection initiative - &quot;Pathfinding 2.0&quot;:</td>
<td>To explore appetite to work with other Pathfinder governments to announce a re-commitment to a collective member-state led initiative at the Ministerial Conference</td>
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PLEDGING GUIDANCE

A high-quality pledge is:

- **New/additional**
  - pledge is not announcing a commitment already made

- **Quantifiable**
  - providing, where possible, an implementation timeline and detail on budget, activities, beneficiaries, partners and lead Ministry

- **Needs-driven**
  - aligning with the thematic priorities for pledges provided

- **Measurable**
  - within a specific time period
EXAMPLE PLEDGES

Implementation and Enforcement of Laws

- **Example potential pledge:** The government of [country] commits by [year] to introduce legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of all children in all settings.

Parent and caregiver support

- **Example potential pledge:** The government of [country] commits to ensuring the provision of 12 parenting support classes to all new parents by [year].

Response and support services

- **Example potential pledge:** The government of [country] commits to establishing a multidisciplinary team in each province/district to deliver child a continuum of child centered, gender-sensitive services to victims-survivors of sexual violence (including technology facilitated) by [date].

Education and life skills

- **Example potential pledge:** The government of [country] commits to the integration of positive discipline and anti-bullying curriculum in pre-service and in-service training of all teachers by [year].
Thank you!