



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL
29 AUGUST 2019
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

ABOUT THE CALL

The End Violence Secretariat organized a call with the Executive Committee (ExCom) on 29 August 2019, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST. The purpose of the call was to update the ExCom with the progress against all actions agreed when the group met in London on 1-2 May 2019. Eight ExCom members and three ExCom representatives were in attendance including:

1. Stephen Blight, UNICEF (representing Ted Chaiban)
2. Debora Cobar, Plan International
3. Maureen Greenwood-Basken, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund
4. Etienne Krug, WHO
5. Bidisha Pillai, Save the Children
6. Najat M'jid, UN SRSG VAC
7. Amanda Melville, UNHCR (representing onboarding Deputy Director)
8. Jim Mercy, Center for Disease Control and Prevention
9. Nicole Ruder, Swiss Development Cooperation
10. Karin Strandås, Government of Sweden
11. Emily Travis, UK DFID (representing Alicia Herbert)

PRE-READ

A pre-read was shared with the ExCom on 23 August 2019 with progress headlines and next steps on the three priorities – Pathfinding, Safe to Learn and Online Child Safety. An updated pre-read may be accessed through this [link](#).

KEY POINTS AND ACTIONS

Below are the key points raised and actions agreed during the call.

I. Board Meeting Headlines

- It was clarified that a campaign on online child safety means enhancing communication and advocacy efforts on ending online violence, making effective links with broader efforts to end violence against children and foster partnerships with tech industry and the private sector. This will not be a new campaign similar to Safe to Learn.
- The idea of a “Partnership for All” should look into questions regarding the operations and nature of the Partnership (e.g. how different is it from a movement? How do we work with and through others?) and might require outside expertise to provide answers and recommendations.



- **NEXT STEP:** The Secretariat in consultation with the ExCom will prepare a list of follow-up actions in response to the recommendations and issues raised by the Board.

II. Three Priorities

A. Pathfinding

- The ongoing country engagement consultancy will develop a document that outlines modalities of engagement of the End Violence Secretariat at the country and city level.
 - **FOR ACTION:** A small reference group will be created as part of the consultancy. The group will be comprised of the three Executive Committee Chairs, UNICEF and the CSO Forum. Executive Committee Members who are interested to be part of the group should email Sabine Rakotomalala (sabine.rakotomalala@end-violence.org)
 - The consultancy will shed light on how the Partnership could ensure that partners such as the CSO Forum are engaged as implementers at the country level.
 - The final report of the consultancy will be shared with the Executive Committee in time for the November meeting.
 - Interviews and meetings with Executive Committee members, governments, UN agencies, and CSOs have been initiated. This will cover various issues at the country level, including humanitarian contexts.
 - The ToR includes a timeframe of deliverables.
- The approach to Pathfinding should shift from being donor- driven to being context-based.
- Sweden will support the Pathfinding launch and donor roundtable in Cambodia and expressed interest to take part in a Pathfinding field visit in the future.
- Youth/adolescents should be involved in the Partnership's in-country work.
- **NEXT STEP:** It was proposed that the Country Engagement Working Group will meet before and/or after the November meeting. The Secretariat will follow up on the preferred and available schedule of the Working Group.

B. Safe to Learn

- **NEXT STEP:** Technical experts from the expanded group of core partners are working with consultancy support to create the multi-year strategic roadmap for Safe to Learn. A workshop will happen in NY in early October to accelerate the work.
- The Secretariat has initiated bilateral meetings with GPE and ECW to discuss how Safe to Learn can be integrated with programme strategy of the two institutions.



- Canada has approved two new projects that are directly aligned with the Safe to Learn Campaign: 1) Supporting Girls to be #Safe to Learn and 2) Data for Change. See [email](#) from Kathleen Flynn Dapaah for more information.
- Canada has come in as a funder to Safe to Learn and will provide \$250k CAD to support gender and diversity efforts.
- World Health Organization has joined Safe to Learn as the 13th core partner, and we are talking with the CSO Forum about having a second CSO representative join the technical working group.
- Girls' Education is among the international priorities of the UK, and there's an opportunity to link this with ending violence against children.
- SIDA is part of GPE Board and believes that supporting Safe to Learn complements ongoing work with GPE.

C. Online Child Safety

- A technical meeting was held in WHO Geneva in June 2019 which discussed establishing links between online and offline violence prevention work.
- There should be no silo approach to ending online violence.
- ExCom members should note that the End Violence Fund has launched a US\$13m open call for solutions that leverage existing and new technologies to prevent and combat online CSEA. See more information [here](#).

III. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

A. End Violence Summit 2020

- **NEXT STEP:** The Secretariat is working with the UAE on developing an MoU. More details about the MoU will be shared with the ExCom in time for the November meeting.
- The ExCom should discuss when and how to announce Summit 2020 as soon as the MoU has been signed.
- The Summit should have good representation from CSOs, youth, children, and low-income countries.
- The hosting principles should not be a constraint.
- While it is to be expected that the UAE would cover most of the in-country Summit-related costs, we should not expect that UAE will cover all the costs. Therefore, it is advised to start considering contributions of other partners for organization of the Summit.
- Summit 2020 should be a resource mobilization moment and emphasize the support by donors.



B. Resource Mobilization

- **FOR ACTION:** ExCom members are encouraged to recommend potential partners and key individuals who Howard/Secretariat could network with.
- Howard's TedTalk is now available online. See more information [here](#).

C. FINANCE AND PEOPLE

- End Violence Secretariat staff is not solely NY-based; there are team members based in Geneva, Tunisia, the Netherlands and the UK.
- The Business Model Review will help clarify the interrelationship between the End Violence Secretariat and its governing bodies.
- **NEXT STEP:** A wider group of stakeholders, including additional members of the End Violence Board, ExCom, and FSC, will be consulted by EY in the coming weeks as part of the Business Model Review. Diagnosis, analyses and initial recommendations will then follow. Emerging options and recommendations will be shared for consideration by the ExCom in November.
- **NEXT STEP:** A proposed budget for 2020 will be shared with the Executive Committee for consideration and approval in November.

D. Governance

- The CSO Forum is ready to nominate a representative to the Board.
- There is an assumption that if a country hosts a global summit, there is an expectation that the country will be part of the governance bodies.

IV. AOB

- The Annual Report will be finalized with the comments received from the Board.
- Other teleconference facilities, e.g. Skype could be explored for the next call.
- The CSO Forum will continue to be in touch with the Secretariat to enhance their participation in the Partnership.
- **FOR ACTION:** The Secretariat has prepared an online calendar for the travel plans of ExCom Members and the End Violence leadership team. ExCom members may now input their travel plans using the [calendar](#).