



Wilton Park

Programme

Building a shared agenda on prevention of violence against women and girls

Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 May 2019 | WP1657

In 2015, all governments of the United Nations made an ambitious commitment to eliminate violence against women and girls by 2030 (SDG 5.2). With little over ten years left, the world remains vastly off-track. Global estimates indicate that 35% of women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence or non-partner sexual violence. That is 818 million women, almost the total population of sub-Saharan Africa and almost three times the population of the United States.

This Wilton Park meeting, in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (WPF), will bring together diverse actors including civil society and policymakers to understand the current evidence on what works to prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG) and to discuss how to use this knowledge to contribute to achieving SDG 5.2 by 2030. It will focus on intimate partner violence (IPV) and non-partner sexual violence (NPSV).

DFID's flagship 'What Works to Prevent Violence' research and innovation programme, which launched in 2013, has engaged leading international experts to produce rigorous evidence on the most effective interventions to drive down rates of VAWG. The evidence being generated is intended to help DFID, developing country governments and international partners to improve the effectiveness of their efforts to prevent VAWG. Additionally, there has been an increase in robust evidence on what works to prevent VAWG from other actors, including from private foundations, such as WPF, which has supported several studies focusing on evaluating different strategies to prevent VAWG.

All this new evidence demonstrates that VAWG is preventable and provides insights on what key elements of interventions should be scaled-up in future programming. Yet few of these insights are being accessed or used to inform national and donor decision-making processes.

This meeting will enable policy makers to integrate these new findings into their work and chart the most effective pathways for scaling up future programming on prevention of IPV and NPSV in support of SDG 5.2.

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Objectives:

1. To learn about the latest evidence on what works to prevent violence against women and girls and how this is linked to broad development goals
2. To explore effective policies and programme design from diverse sectors and regions
3. To identify effective strategies for scaling up violence prevention
4. To build consensus around priorities for action and investment and how to progress these priorities

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Tuesday 7 May

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| 1700 | Participants arrive. Tea/coffee on arrival |
| 1830 | Reception followed by dinner |

Wednesday 8 May

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| 0800-0845 | Breakfast |
| 0900 | Welcome and introduction Alison Hilliard Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning Gerard Howe Head of Inclusive Societies Department, Policy Division, Department for International Development, London Manisha Mehta Program Director, Women's Rights Program, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, New York |
| 0930-1000 | Keynote remarks Charlotte Watts Chief Scientific Adviser; Director, Research and Evidence Division, Department for International Development, London Jessica Horn Director of Programmes, African Women's Development Fund, Accra |
| 1000-1030 | 1. Why preventing violence is urgently needed Opening reflections Angela Nakafeero Gender Specialist and Technical Adviser, Ministry of Education, Kampala Andrew Morrison Division Chief, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC |
| 1030-1100 | Tea/coffee |

1100-1130

2. Buzz groups

Why do you work on violence? What drives you? What's your vision for the field?

Moderator: Lisa Witter

Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Apolitical, Berlin

1130-1245

3. Prevention of VAWG - what works, what doesn't and why: an overview

Presentation of the new WHO and UN Women RESPECT framework for policymakers on preventing violence against women, followed by an overview of the state of global evidence on VAWG prevention, including from the What Works programme

Claudia Garcia Moreno

Adolescents and at-Risk Populations Team, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO, Geneva

Rachel Jewkes

Executive Scientist for Research Strategy and Director What Works Programme, South African Medical Research Council, Pretoria

Lori Heise

Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore

1245-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

4. What works to prevent VAWG? Evidence from specific sectors

Speakers will give an overview of the evidence and reflect on implications for policy and practice, outlining entry points for action and examples from each sector. What are the common threads across successful interventions in the different sectors and what does this mean for scaling-up?

Social protection and economic strengthening

Amber Peterman

Associate Research Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina

Case study

Henri Myrntinen

Head of Gender and Peacebuilding, International Alert, London

1500-1530

Tea/coffee

1530-1645

5. What works to prevent VAWG? Evidence from specific sectors

Education

Jenny Parkes

Professor in Education, Gender and International Development, UCL Institute of Education, London

Case study

Rozina Karmaliani

AGA Khan University, Karachi

Health

Alessandra Guedes

Regional Adviser on Intra-Family Violence, Pan American Health Organization, Washington DC

Mental health and substance use

Lori Heise

Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore

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| 1645-1700 | Express tea/coffee break |
| 1700-1800 | <p>6. What works to prevent VAWG? More evidence from specific sectors</p> <p>Social norm change Lori Michau Co-Director, Raising Voices, Kampala</p> <p>Conflict and humanitarian settings Jeannie Annan Senior Director of Research and Evaluation, International Rescue Committee, New York</p> |
| 1830 | Reception and dinner |

Thursday 9 May

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| 0645-0800 | Chanctonbury Ring walk (optional) |
| 0800-0845 | Breakfast |
| 0830 | Discussion group co-facilitators briefing in the Library |
| 0900-0930 | <p>7. Reflections on the opening day</p> <p>Dorcas Coker-Appiah Executive Director, Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, Accra</p> <p>Nicolette Naylor Director, Southern Africa, Ford Foundation, Johannesburg</p> |
| 0930-1030 | <p>8. The cost of action and inaction</p> <p>VAWG drains public resources, undermines human capital and lowers economic productivity. Violence prevention is therefore essential to prevent the drain that violence imposes on businesses and the economy. However, especially in resource-constrained settings, securing significant long-term funding to scale up violence prevention will require evidence that interventions are cost-effective and financially feasible. This session will share latest evidence on the costs of violence and the cost effectiveness of violence prevention interventions, and how these costs change at scale.</p> <p>Nata Duvvury Director and Senior Lecturer, Centre for Global Women's Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway</p> <p>Anna Vassall Professor of Health Economics, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London</p> |
| 1030-1115 | Tea/coffee and photograph |
| 1115-1230 | <p>9. Scaling up what works</p> <p>What are the different ways of going to scale and the benefits and challenges of these? This session will reflect on different approaches to scaling-up evidence-based approaches, from community mobilisation and social diffusion, to implementing a national 'whole of government' strategy to prevent VAWG. It will identify lessons for developing a common agenda to scale up global efforts to prevent violence against women and girls.</p> <p>Rebecka Lundgren Director of Research, Institute of Reproductive Health at Georgetown University, Washington DC</p> |

Tina Musuya

Director, The Center for Domestic Violence Prevention, Kampala

Diego Antoni

Policy Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York

Kim Henderson

Director, Policy and Evaluation, Our Watch, Melbourne

1230-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

10. What does this mean for our work?

Breakout groups

Facilitated break out groups will have space to digest the information and evidence they have heard in the previous sessions, clarify anything that is not clear and reflect on how the evidence on preventing VAWG relates to their work.

1500-1515

Express tea/coffee break

1515-1645

11. Exploring resources: mapping the funding landscape

Based on a 2018 landscape analysis of global funding patterns and visibility within global development frameworks, this session will focus on the opportunities and gaps for ensuring increased investments and greater advocacy for violence prevention in the current global development field.

Emma Fulu

Founder, Equality Institute, Melbourne

Aldijana Sisic

Chief, UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, New York

Hakima Abbas

Co-Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), Toronto

1645-1715

Tea/coffee

1715-1815

12. What are the priorities for action and investment? How do we progress these?

Facilitated breakout groups will discuss and begin to come to a consensus on priorities for action and investment and define next steps.

1845

Reception followed by dinner

Friday 10 May

0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-0915

13. Framing of Final Day

0915-1030

14. Feedback from breakout groups and developing a common agenda: where do we want to go from here?**Moderator: Lisa Witter**

Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Apolitical, Berlin

Facilitators from Sessions 10 and 12 feedback.

Each group facilitator will report back for a maximum of 5 minutes, taking in to account all responses from the group, answering:

1. What are key big take-aways and ideas that there was consensus on?
2. Were there other ideas and insights shared that there wasn't consensus on but worth noting for further exploration?

More detailed responses from the sessions have been compiled in a shared document – this will be shown at the end of this session and for the final 15 minutes there will be a review of the priorities that have been documented, highlighting where there is agreement and shared understandings.

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

1100-1215

15. Agreements and next steps

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Returning to the shared document, the group will read over the priorities and work through the following questions, contributing to the document in real time:

1. Given the shared priorities, who is willing be part of a group going forward?
2. What are the key opportunities to take this forward in the next 2 years?
3. What can individuals/institutions do to take this forward?
4. How can we collaborate on this?
5. What do the individuals/institutions need to take this forward?
6. Who do we share the outputs of this meeting with?
7. Who will be attending Women Deliver and are they willing to announce any shared priorities?
8. Who do we want to talk to next? Who do we want to bring in to the space?

1215-1230

Express tea/coffee

1230-1245

16. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1245-1330

17. Final reflections

Kalliopi Mingeirou

Chief, Ending Violence against Women Section, UN Women, New York

1330-1430

Lunch

1430

Participants depart

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