



Programme

Preventing sexual violence initiative: shaping principles for global action to tackle stigma

Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 November 2016 | WP1508

This expert roundtable meeting will focus on the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI) priority of tackling the stigma suffered by survivors of sexual violence, and children born of rape, and the long term consequences this may have in communities, reconciliation and peace-building, as well as the urgency of addressing related needs. There will be an emphasis on conflict and post-conflict states, drawing on the experiences of the PSVI stigma workshops held in affected countries and informed by NGO and Champion working group meetings.

Themes will include: the root causes of stigma; impacts on survivors, their families and the wider community; attitudinal change and problematic narratives; domestic policies and laws; the distinction in impacts of stigma for women, men, girls and boys, and children born of rape; coordinated approaches and cooperation frameworks; appropriate service provision; and the role of faith and community leaders, the media, security and health sectors. The meeting will contribute to the development of thematic recommendations to help tackle and prevent stigma, for inclusion into a “Principles for Global Action” document that will be presented to the international community. Discussions will also seek to generate country-specific actions, for more immediate implementation by the donor community.

Participation is by invitation only: civil society organisations including survivor groups, youth, community and faith leaders, government, legal and medical experts, trusted media, military, police, and regional and multilateral bodies (UN, ICRC). There is an emphasis on active participation from conflict and post conflict countries eg Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Nepal, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Uganda, South Sudan, Burma and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Under the Wilton Park protocol and through frank and off-the-record discussion in a safe and neutral environment whereby all participants contribute on an equal footing, the meeting seeks to:

- Share lessons learned and best practice for what has and has not worked in addressing and preventing stigma, and why, in order to maximise capacity and impact on the ground.
- Inform the production of a “Principles for Global Action” document for achieving a sustained impact, including future opportunities and risks, by co-creating a list of thematic recommendations.
- Prioritise a list of actions to take forward through political lobbying, programming and advocacy opportunities, with a particular emphasis on donor countries, international organisations and governments in focus countries, to help address the immediate challenges faced by survivors.

Monday 28 November

1230-1400

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1345

Briefing for session 3 facilitators in the Library

1430-1450

Welcome to Wilton Park

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park

Introduction to meeting: where does tackling stigma fit into the overall PSVI strategy?

Baroness Anelay

Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1450-1600

1. Tackling stigma: understanding the causes and consequences

What are the risks of failing to act? How does this impact on different survivors? What are the key opportunities to maintain international profile and who needs to do what? Roles and responsibilities at community, national and global level.

Angela Atim

Co-ordinator, Watye Ki Gen, Gulu

Charlotte Lindsey-Curtet

Director of Communication and Information Management Department, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

1600-1645

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1645-1745

2. Understanding the impact of stigma and what works?

Building on the outcomes of recent workshops and other expert sources: what is the impact on survivors and their families? How is stigma manifested and what are the options for tackling it? What are the main economic and social impacts?

Christine Chinkin

Director, Centre for Women, Peace and Security and Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London

Letitia Anderson

Advocacy and Women's Rights Specialist, United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, New York

1745-1845

3. Challenges and opportunities: facilitated breakout groups

Key themes to be addressed:

- i. Judicial and legal
- ii. Police, military and peacekeeping
- iii. Health
- iv. Media, education and advocacy
- v. Faith, community and cultural leaders

Stock-take of themes and opportunity for all participants to set out concerns and priorities, including specific thematic recommendations for inclusion in the "Principles for Global Action" document.

1845-1915	Debrief for session 3 facilitators and preparation for session 5 breakout groups in the Library
1915	Briefing for world café hosts in the Library
1930	Reception followed by dinner hosted by Iain Ferguson Chairman, Wilton Park

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0800-0845	Breakfast
0900-0930	4. Reflections from breakout groups Plenary session
0930-1045	5. Effective strategies: practical steps and lessons learned Framed around the 5 key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Judicial and legal ii. Police, military and peacekeeping iii. Health iv. Media, education and advocacy v. Faith, community and cultural leaders Drawing on lessons learned and best practice examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned to date (eg what worked and what less so) • Why did it work: what obstacles and how to overcome? including ways of improving referral pathways to services and mainstreaming • What could be applied elsewhere? This is an opportunity for all participants to identify general principles and guidelines for action on stigma based on lessons learnt, as well as to put forward draft recommendations for specific country-based actions to be taken forward by the international community.
1045-1115	Tea/coffee
1115-1230	6. Causes and challenges of stigma: towards a deeper understanding of what needs to change World café session Great Hall 4 key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ineffective legal/justice frameworks • Laws, policy, discriminatory practices • Negative gender norms/harmful societal attitudes • Inadequate access to services/support Opportunity to draw on experience and expertise, identify commonalities, cross-pollinate, promote country to country learning, establish what could be done differently to effect change around stigma at the local, national and international level.
1230-1315	7. Reflections from world café Plenary session

1315-1445	Lunch
1400	Briefing for session 8 and session 10 facilitators in the Library
1445-1600	<p>8. Building good practice and developing practical responses – themes for action</p> <p>Thematic breakout session.</p> <p>What works/how to adapt? Building on ideas from preceding sessions, start to build best practice, resource pool, guide for new actors including donors, who needs to do what and future action points.</p> <p>4 facilitated groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ineffective legal/justice frameworks ii. Laws, policy, discriminatory practices iii. Negative gender norms/harmful societal attitudes iv. Inadequate access to services/support <p>All groups to discuss eg: improving accountability, increasing trust, ensuring survivor centred responses, best practice, cross learning, coordination, what would be needed for effective application across sectoral responses (including prevention of stigmatisation).</p>
1600-1700	<p>9. Gallery walk</p> <p>Tea/coffee available</p> <p>Opportunity for all to view boards and flip-charts, ask questions, compare notes, add commentary, identify synergies. Leading to:</p>
1700-1815	<p>10. Tackling stigma: towards a ‘Principles for Global Action’ document</p> <p>Breakout session: 4-6 breakout groups</p> <p>All groups to discuss the ‘Principles for Global Action’. What do sector actors and the international community need to be aware of in order to help prevent and avoid compounding stigma?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What core general principles need to be adhered to (eg do no harm, confidentiality)? • Who and what needs to be taken into consideration (eg pre-existing stigmas, cultural norms, LGBTQI+)
1815	Debrief for facilitators/resource people in the Library
1900	Reception followed by Conference dinner

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0800-0900	Breakfast and checkout
0915-1015	<p>11. Developing the global document</p> <p>Thematic breakout groups</p> <p>Fine tuning of Session 10, including new insights, light bulb moments, agreeing thematic recommendations (including country-specific recommendations where relevant), for feedback in plenary session.</p>

1015-1115

12. The 'Principles for Global Action' document: key recommendations

Plenary session

Drawing on feedback from groups: creating the "Principles for Global Action" document.
What are the main thematic recommendations and actions to be drawn from the event?
How can these be taken forwards?

Building partnerships and collaboration. How to measure and evaluate progress?

1115-1125

eQuestionnaire

Completion of online eQuestionnaire <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/wp1508>

1125-1155

Tea/coffee

1155-1245

13. Looking to the future: next steps

Chaired discussion

Respondents to include:

Baroness Anelay

Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart