Preventing and Responding to  
*Violence Against Women & Girls*  
in Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons learned across the globe

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

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<td>8:00 - 9:00</td>
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| 9:00 - 10:15| **Opening**: Chairs: Adriana Quinones, Regional Advisor, UN Women, Panama  
Alessandra Guedes, Regional Advisor, Family Violence, PAHO/WHO, USA  
Isabel Saint Malo, Vice President of Panama (10 min.)  
Luiza Carvalho, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean, UN Women, Panama (10 min.)  
Hilda Leal de Molina, Panama Country Representative, PAHO, USA (10 min.)  
Esteban Caballero, Regional Director, UNFPA, Panama (10 min.)  
Q & A / wrap-up (30 min.) |
| 10:15 - 10:45| Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 12:45| **PANEL I**: Setting the stage  
Chair: Liriola Leoteau, Director of the National Women’s Institute, Panama  
**1. UN Framework to Underpin Action to Prevent VAW**: Aim, scope and background (20 min.)  
Kalliopi Mingeirou, UN Women, USA  
**2. An overview of VAWG in the Americas and recent health system mandates**: WHO Global Plan of Action and PAHO Strategy and Plan of Action on VAW (20 min.)  
Alessandra Guedes, PAHO/WHO, USA  
**3. What works to prevent VAWG** (20 min.)  
Marcos Nascimento, FioCruz, Brazil  
**4. Essential services package for women and girls subject to violence**: a joint UN effort (20 min.)  
Neus Bernabeu, UNFPA, Panama  
**5. Q & A / wrap-up** (40 min.)  |
| 12:45 - 13:45| Lunch |

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| 13:45 – 15:45| **PANEL II: What works to prevent VAWG: Evidence based interventions from around the world**  
Chair: Karina Ruiz, Director of the Gender Based Violence Division at the National Women’s Institute, Uruguay |
|              | 1. Community and school based interventions – SASA! and Good Schools Toolkit (25 min.)  
Natsnet Ghebrebrhan, Raising Voices, Uganda |
|              | 2. Economic empowerment interventions – Stepping stones and the impact of its spread across the globe (25 min.)  
Alice Welbourn, Salamander Trust, South Africa |
|              | 3. Community based interventions – Catalyzing personal and social change around gender, sexuality, and HIV: Impact evaluation of “Puntos de Encuentro”’s communication strategy in Nicaragua (20 min.)  
Amy Bank, Association for women’s right in development (AWID), USA |
|              | 4. Programa P – Engage men in active fatherhood from prenatal care through, childbirth, and their children’s early years (20 min.)  
Giovanna Lauro, Promundo, USA |
|              | 5. Q & A / wrap-up (30 min.)                                                        |
| 15:45-16:15  | Coffee break                                                                        |
| 16:15 – 18:00| **PANEL III: Innovative prevention programs from the LAC region**                  |
|              | Chair: Nelly Jácome, Director of the Domestic Violence and Gender Division of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ecuador |
|              | 1. Masculinities and sexual violence prevention in Peru (20 min.)  
Nancy Palomino and Miguel Ángel Ramos Padilla, Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia |
|              | 2. Colombia social tolerance survey (20 min.)  
Ingrid Nathaly León, Presidential Council for Women’s Equity, Colombia |
|              | 3. Gender based violence in the work space: A collective challenge (20 min.)  
María José Chamorro, ILO, Costa Rica |
|              | 4. Study on an early parenting intervention in El Salvador (20 min.)  
Juan Carlos Salgado Tejada, ADS/Pro-Familia, El Salvador |
<p>|              | 5. Q &amp; A / wrap-up (25 min.)                                                        |
| 18:00-19:30  | Welcome Cocktail                                                                    |</p>
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| 9:00 – 10:30| **PANEL IV: What is required for programs to be adapted to different settings and to be brought up to scale: Case studies**  
Chair: Shelly Abdoool, Regional Gender Advisor, UNICEF, Panama  
1. The Intervention with Microfinance for AIDS and Gender Equity (IMAGE) model and its implementation in Peru (20 min.)  
Iris Lanao, Peru  
2. The SASAI model and its adaptation in Haiti (20 min.)  
Natsnet Ghebrebrhan, Raising Voices, Uganda, and Emanuela Paul, Beyond Borders, Haiti  
3. Gender Equity Movement in Schools (GEMS) (20 min.)  
Pranita Achyut, International Center for Research on Women, India  
4. Discussion (30 min.) |
| 10:30-11:00| Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:00 – 13:00| **PANEL V: Tools and experiences to strengthen health systems’ responses to VAWG**  
Chair: Irene Petit, Director of the Gender Based Violence Division of the Ministry of Public Health, Uruguay (TBC)  
1. PAHO/WHO tools for strengthening the health system response to intimate partner and sexual violence (30 min.)  
Alessandra Guedes, PAHO/WHO, USA  
2. Strengthening the health systems response to VAWG in Costa Rica (20 min.)  
Edda Quiróz, Ministry of Health, Costa Rica  
3. Strengthening the health systems response to VAWG in Mexico (20 min.)  
Aurora del Río, Ministry of Health, Mexico  
4. Integrating services for survivors within a range of health settings (20 min.)  
Lisa James, Futures Without Violence, USA  
5. Q & A / wrap-up (30 min.) |
| 13:00 – 14:00| Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14:00 – 15:30| **PANEL VI: Innovative programs to respond to violence against women in LAC**  
Chair: Carmen Borrego, National Coordinator of the Mental Health Division of the Ministry of Health, Cuba (TBC)  
1. Intimate partner violence during pregnancy: a pilot intervention program in Lima, Peru (20 min.)  
Sixto Sánchez, Peru  
2. Community-based action to increase survivors’ access to services in Nicaragua (20 min.)  
Margarita Quintanilla, InterCambios, Nicaragua  
3. Opening Opportunities Program in Guatemala (20 min.)  
Angel del Valle, Population Council, Guatemala |
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<td><strong>WORKING GROUPS – Advancing prevention and responses to VAW in LAC</strong></td>
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<td>Chair: Chair: Elisa Bósquez, Family Violence Focal Point, PAHO, Panama (TBC)</td>
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**Guiding questions:** (60 min. work in groups)

1. What are we doing to prevent and respond to VAW? What are we not doing?
2. What 5 key steps do we need to take to strengthen prevention of VAW in my setting (organization, community, country)?
3. What 5 key steps do we need to take to strengthen services for survivors of VAW in my setting (organization, community, country)?
4. Challenges / opportunities to prevention and response to VAW in my setting
5. What type of support (including from Governments, UN agencies, etc.) would we need to advance prevention of VAW in our settings?
6. What new directions should be explored?

**GROUP 1 (English)**
Facilitator: Amy Bank, AWID, USA

**GROUP 2**
Facilitator: Neus Bernabeu, UNFPA, Panama

**GROUP 3**
Facilitator: Francisco Aguayo, CulturaSalud, Chile

**GROUP 4**
Facilitator: Marcos Nascimento, FioCruz, Brazil

**Reporting back** (10 min. per group)
**Discussion/conclusions** (20 min.)
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| 9:00 – 10:30 | **PANEL VII – UN efforts/ tools to support prevention and responses to VAW in the LAC region**  
Chair: Florencia Barindelli, Consultant at the International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region, USA |
|              | 1. *From Commitment to Action: Policies to end VAWG in LAC* (15 min.)  
Eugenia Piza-López, UNDP, Panama |
|              | 2. *Engaging Men in Public Policies for the Prevention of VAWG* (15 min.)  
Francisco Aguayo, EME and Culture&Health Foundation, Chile |
|              | 3. *Regional Evaluation of Access to Justice as a Mechanism to Prevent VAWG* (15 min.)  
Adriana Quiñones, UN Women, Panama; and Ana Grace Cabrera, UN Women, Guatemala |
|              | 4. *The prevention of VAW & G in the educational context in LAC* (15 min.)  
Claudia Moreno Uriza, United Nations consultant, Mexico |
|              | 5. *Discussion* (30 min.)                                                                                                                  |
| 10:30 – 10:45| *Coffee break*                                                                                                                              |
| 10:45 – 12:00| **WORKING GROUPS: Moving forward: Mechanisms for strengthening the evidence, its dissemination, and uptake**  
Chair: Alessandra Guedes, Regional Advisor on Family Violence, PAHO/WHO, USA |
|              | *The Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the SVRI Forum 2017* (15 min.)  
Marcos Nascimento, FioCruz, Brazil |
|              | **Guiding questions:** (60 min. work in groups)  
1. How can we strengthen the evidence-base for prevention and response of VAW in the LAC region?  
2. How can we bring more attention to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in the region?  
3. How can we improve the uptake of evidence-based interventions?  
4. How can we improve the exchange of lessons learned across regions? |
|              | **Group 1 (English)**  
Facilitator:  
Amy Bank, AWID, USA |
|              | **Group 2**  
Facilitator:  
Constanza Hege, PAHO, USA |
|              | **Group 3**  
Facilitator:  
Pedro Vera-Pineda, OHCHR, Panama |
|              | **Group 4**  
Facilitator:  
Adriana Quinones, UN Women, Panama |
| 12:00 – 13:00| *Reporting back* (10 min. per group)  
*Discussion/conclusions* (20 min.)                                                                                                  |
| 13:00 – 13:45| **CLOSING PANEL –Country level recommendations to advance prevention and response to VAW**  
Chairs: Kalliopi Mingeirou, UN Women Program Specialist, USA  
Alessandra Guedes, Regional Advisor on Family Violence, PAHO/WHO, USA |
|              | *XXX*, Ministry of Health, XXXX (TBC) (10 min.)  
*Alejandra Negrete*, National Commission for Prevention and Elimination of Violence Against Women, México (10 min.)  
*XXXX*, Ambassador XXXX (TBC) (10 min.)  
*XXXX*, Ambassador XXXX (TBC) (10 min.) |
| 13:45–14:30  | *Farewell Lunch*                                                                                                                            |