2nd Global Ministerial Conference
on Ending Violence Against Children

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National Preparatory Consultations Second Global Ministerial

Subtitle: Preparing for the Second Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children

Guidance for governments, WHO, UNICEF and national partners

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What we will cover today

01

Why consult nationally

Purpose, objectives and expected outputs

02

How to plan the consultation

Format, preparation, participation, agenda and follow up

03

How to move priorities to action

National decisions, implementation readiness and final checks

Turn country evidence into nationally owned commitments

1 TAKE STOCK

Review progress and barriers

2 AGREE PRIORITIES

Decide what must change

3 BUILD CREDIBLE PLEDGES

Set targets, costs and roles

Make commitments measurable and implementable.

4 SECURE OWNERSHIP

Validate with government, children and civil society.

Secure Ministerial approval.

THE OUTCOME

One nationally agreed package for Manila.

A clear route to implementation after the Conference.

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Objectives of the national preparation consultations

1

Capture the national story

Agree the strongest evidence of progress, what worked and why, and the priorities that remain—forming the national story.

2

Agree an enhanced pledge

Define a transformative, measurable national commitment—forming the enhanced pledge.

3

Position leadership

Prepare the Ministerial narrative and identify how the country will lead and follow up after Manila.

Design the session for senior decisions

1) GOVERNMENT-CONVENED

Senior EVAC focal point leads

2) IN PERSON

4–6 hour, in-person session

3) INCLUDE KEY DECISION-MAKERS

20–25 senior participants

Bring political authority, financing and delivery experience.

4) A LISTENING SESSION

Create safe space for children, survivors and civil society.

Use their priorities to test the national package.

5) SUPPORT AND FOLLOW-UP

WHO and UNICEF can support preparation and facilitation.

Allow time after the meeting for approval and submission.

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Prepare the evidence and choices before the meeting

1 REVIEW

Assess existing Bogotá pledges

2 GATHER

Collect evidence, budgets and lessons

3 MAP

Identify decision-makers and missing voices

Include actors with authority, evidence and implementation experience.

4 TEST

Hold technical discussions on possible priorities.

Draft options—not final commitments.

READY FOR THE ROOM

A shared evidence base and clear choices.

Participants arrive prepared to decide.

Bring decision-makers to the table

1 GOVERNMENT LEADS

Coordinating and sector ministries

2 FINANCE & PLANNING

Budget and national planning authorities

3 CHILDREN & CIVIL SOCIETY

Safe participation and independent evidence

Use listening sessions where needed; brief media later.

4 DELIVERY & DATA

Local government, practitioners and statistics.

Academia, commissions and professional bodies.

5 PARTNERS

WHO, UNICEF and the UN country team.

Donors, IFIs and media after decisions.

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Move from the national story to a transformative step

OPEN → LISTEN → DECIDE

OPENING — 30 MIN

- **Government welcome and objectives**
- **Conference briefing and participant introductions**

STORY OF PROGRESS — 2 HOURS

- **Review national evidence and Bogotá commitments**
- **Sector perspectives: what worked and why?**
- **Agree the story the country will share**

LISTENING SESSION

- **Children, survivors and civil society share priorities safely**

AFTERNOON

TRANSFORMATIVE STEP — 90 MIN

Imagine a country free from violence against children

Identify the biggest feasible step towards that vision

Test political, institutional and financing requirements

Agree the top-line measurable commitment

CLOSE

Confirm the story, pledge, owners and follow-up

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Plan the approval and submission route from the outset

1 CONSULT

Reach shared national decisions

2 REFINE

Complete targets, costs and wording

3 VALIDATE

Secure political and Ministerial approval

Resolve technical questions before final sign-off.

4 SUBMIT

Complete the official pledge package.

Confirm the delegation's national narrative.

AFTER SUBMISSION

Keep implementation ownership visible.

Track actions, financing and annual reporting.

CONNECTING CONSULTATION OUTCOMES TO PLEDGE PROCESS

The consultation should agree:

1

Priority
The main national change to be taken forward.

2

Ownership
The lead government authority and key implementation partners.

3

Implementation direction
The intended population, timeline, financing route and accountability arrangements.

NEXT STEP

Complete the detailed wording and submission using the official pledge guidance.

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Priority issues for national discussion

1

Leadership and strategy

Name accountable leadership and align a costed national strategy with INSPIRE, national priorities and SDG target 16.2.

2

Financing and implementation

Fund agreed priorities, enforce laws and policies, and strengthen capacity, accountability and reporting.

3

Prevention and services

Scale prevention, integrate child-centred services, and use data and participation to improve accountability.

Inclusion lens

Address gender, disability, displacement, crisis settings and unequal access throughout prevention and response.

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Testing implementation readiness

1

Child-centred and inclusive

Does the proposed priority respond to children's needs and include groups facing unequal access?

2

Multisectoral and coordinated

Are roles, procedures, referral pathways and responsibilities clear across sectors?

3

Resourced and adaptive

Are the workforce, services, data, governance and financing sufficient to deliver the priority?

Final national checks

CONTENT + OWNERSHIP

National agreement

- Progress and remaining priorities have been validated.
- The national story and proposed commitment are coherent.
- Implementation responsibilities and next steps are clear.

Approval and follow up

- Children and key stakeholders have contributed safely.
- Government and Ministerial approval are secured.
- The focal point, submission route and reporting arrangements are confirmed.

Engage early—support is available throughout the process

1 WHO

Technical standards and guidance

2 UNICEF

Country support and systems expertise

3 REGIONAL OFFICES

Peer learning and quality review

Use regional consultations and technical clinics.

4 COUNTRY-LEVEL SUPPORT

Convening and participation

Government coordination
Evidence review
Safe participation

Technical preparation

Design
Implementation
Costing and financing
Drafting outputs

5 CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

Pledge platform, formal submission requirements and Conference deadlines.

Raise technical questions before final approval.

Discussion and next steps

- Have we identified the government lead and focal point?
- Have we reviewed existing commitments and evidence?
- Have we identified the right participants?
- Do we have a proposed consultation date and agenda?

- Are we clear on the priority outcomes and potential pledge?
- Is the route for approval and submission clear?
- What support do we need from WHO, UNICEF or partners?
- What are our next three actions?

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