

Event statistics

Call to Action

Annual Partners Meeting

13-15 September 2021

Registration and participation



367 event registrants (including for GBV AoR side event and CAFI preparatory sessions)



438 unique participants over the 3 days

Day 1 - CAFI: 109 participants

Day 1 - CtA: 194 participants

Day 2 - CAFI: 92 participants

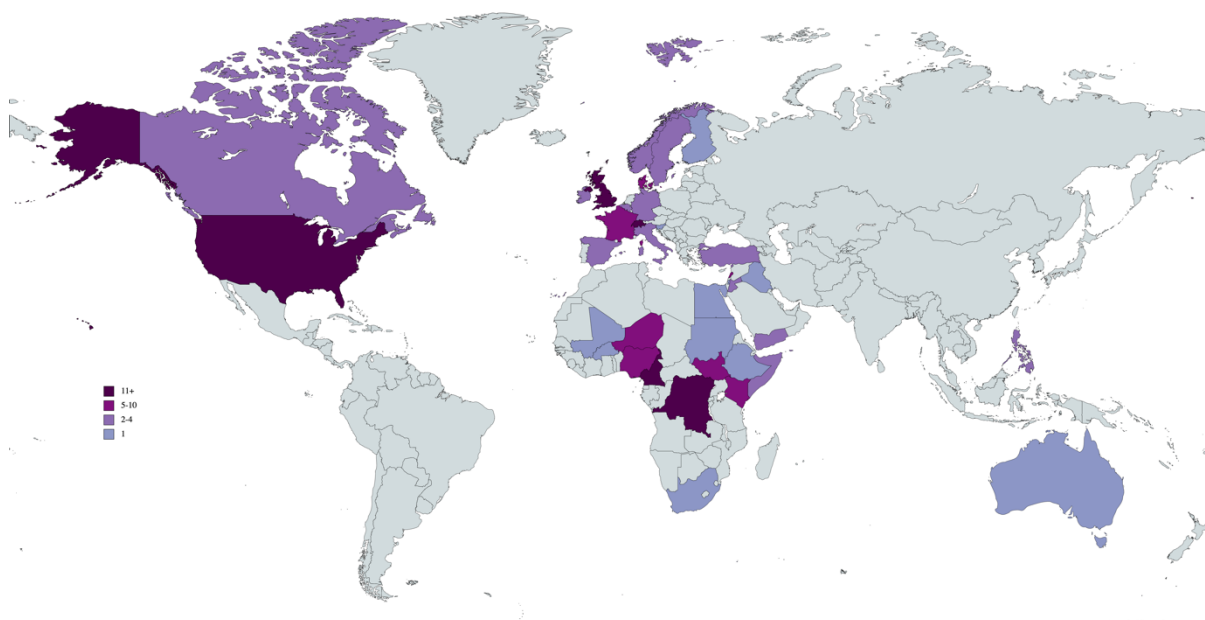
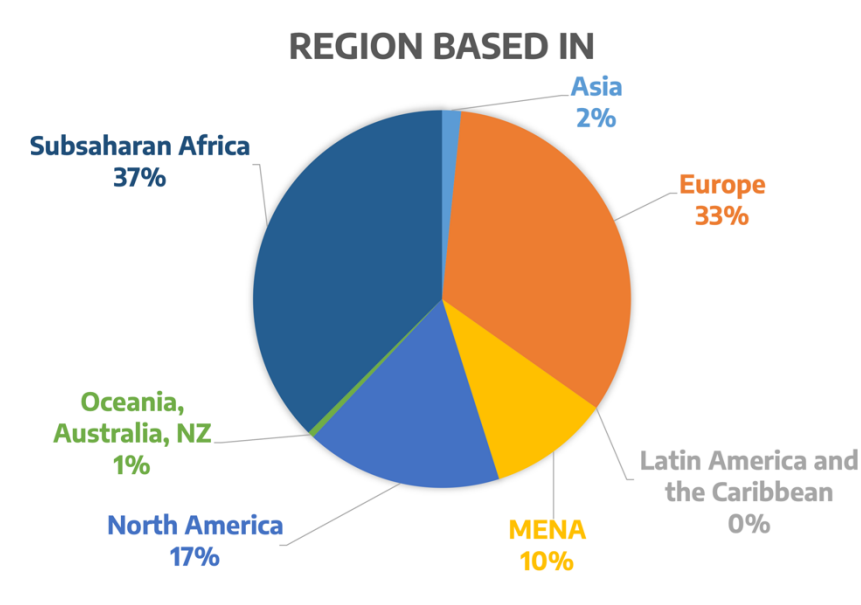
Day 2 - CtA: 175 participants

Day 2 – GBV AoR Launch: 159 participants

Day 3 - CAFI: 96 participants

Day 3 - CtA: 113 participants

Registrant statistics



Countries with registrants: 37

Top 10 countries:

| | |
|----------------|----|
| UNITED STATES | 28 |
| DR CONGO | 14 |
| SWITZERLAND | 11 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 11 |
| DENMARK | 10 |
| KENYA | 10 |
| LEBANON | 10 |
| FRANCE | 8 |
| NIGER | 5 |

Evaluation survey

Looking at the meeting as a whole, how would you rate the following? (n=51)

| | Good | Adequate | Poor |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|------|
| The content of the event | | | |
| Count | 33 | 16 | 2 |
| Row % | 64.7% | 31.4% | 3.9% |
| The format of the event | | | |
| Count | 27 | 20 | 2 |
| Row % | 55.1% | 40.8% | 4.1% |
| The audio quality of the event | | | |
| Count | 39 | 9 | 0 |
| Row % | 81.3% | 18.8% | 0.0% |
| The online event platform used | | | |
| Count | 41 | 4 | 4 |
| Row % | 83.7% | 8.2% | 8.2% |

How would you rate each of the sessions of the meeting?

| | Good | Adequate | Poor | Responses |
|---|--------|----------|------|-----------|
| Day 1 (13 September, 14:00-17:15 CEST/Geneva) Taking Stock and Bolstering the Partnership | | | | |
| Count | 25 | 11 | 3 | 39 |
| Row % | 64.1% | 28.2% | 7.7% | |
| Day 2 (14 September, 14:00-17:15 CEST/Geneva) Identifying and Agreeing Priorities for Collective Action | | | | |
| Count | 23 | 11 | 2 | 36 |
| Row % | 63.9% | 30.6% | 5.6% | |
| Day 3 (15 September, 14:00-17:05 CEST/Geneva) Addressing issues in the Partnerships' functioning/governance and Road Map 2021-2025 Commitments | | | | |
| Count | 28 | 7 | 2 | 37 |
| Row % | 75.7% | 18.9% | 5.4% | |
| Optional Session, Day 2 (14 September, 11:00-12:30 CEST/Geneva) Optional Session for Colleagues in the Eastern Hemisphere on Priorities for the Next Year for Partnership | | | | |
| Count | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Row % | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| Side Event, Day 2 (14 September, 17:15-17:45 CEST/Geneva) Launch of the GBV AoR Strategy | | | | |
| Count | 20 | 5 | 0 | 25 |
| Row % | 80.0% | 20.0% | 0.0% | |

Comments – Day 1: Taking Stock and Bolstering the Partnerships

- Parts of the day were hard to follow.
- It was good
 - كانت جيدة.
- Sessions too short
- I hope Denmark really listens to what was shared
- It would have been great to hear from a broader set of CtA partners/stakeholders about what they consider key achievements and challenges
- During many of the sessions, it seemed like partners (particularly the States) spoke about their own individual accomplishments and not those of Working Groups or the full partnership. While it is good to understand efforts taken by individual groups, but when taking stock of the actions of the collective, individual efforts should take a backseat to collective. Also, we should concentrate on gaps and forward momentum, as opposed to previous efforts or commitments made.
- - Great facilitators and loved the summary of achievements by Lena! - Norway's presentation was more about Norway than the States/Donors Working Group, which set an unfortunate tone.
- Way too much jamboard - made folks less active - less engaged
- Some parts of the session was poorly moderated which made me lose concentration.
- The joint work framework is well developed, but there is no unified and realistic mechanism for the Middle East region, so that organizations contribute within their national framework as intermediate outputs to the regional output, whether from reports or monitoring activities and case studies. I made it clear in the sessions the importance of the coalition working to support the organizations involved through funds from donors subject to submission and competition from the rest of the partner members in a call to action to move to the phase of monitoring commitments in the road map.
 - اطار العمل المشترك وضع بشكل جيد ولكن لا توجد الية موحدة وواقعية تخص منطقة الشرق الاوسط بحيث تسهم المنظمات في اطار عملها الوطني كمخرجات وسطية للمخرج الاقليمي سوا من تقارير أو أنشطة رصد ودراسة حالات لقد اوضحت في الجلسات أهمية أن يعمل التحالف على دعم المنظمات المنخرطة من خلال ازال تمويلات من مانحين تخضع للتقديم والمنافسة من بقية الاعضاء الشركاء في دعوة للعمل ليتم الانتقال لمرحلة مراقبة الالتزامات في خارطة الطريق
- Its was so explicit and interactive
- All days very well facilitated. I just was not sure what purpose for meeting, what priorities we agreed, and what next steps. I was confused about who is leading this strategy.
- I really enjoyed the individual sessions because it allows individual concerns to be raised to a more focused level in order to unearth the bottlenecks of the GBV issue.
 - J ai beaucoup apprécié les séances individuelles parce elle permet de relever les preoccupations individuelles a un niveau plus pointu afin de denicher les goulots d étranglements de la question du VBG.
- The roles of women in programming and responding to emergencies was well explained. Except that it will be better to remind organizations devoted to women's rights to take them into account but also to strengthen them with working tools.
 - Les rôles de la femme dans la programmation et réponses aux urgences était bien expliqué. Sauf qu'il sera mieux de rappeler aux organisations dévouées aux droits des femmes d'en tenir compte mais aussi les renforcer avec les outils de travail
- It is good and needs tangible implementation from all partners
 - جيدة وتحتاج لتنفيذ فعلي ملموس على جميع الشركاء بما فيهم المدرسة الديمقراطية

- Congratulations on the initiative and would like more such sessions because they were very rich and strengthen our capacities.
 - Félicité l'initiative et surtout multiplié des sessions pareille car très riche et renforce nos capacités
- More focus on lessons, and more local voices
- The confrontation of resources and means to the challenges to be taken up and not to stick to the words but to move on to concrete actions to allow all women to access funds including disabled women who are often left behind in the programs and plans.
 - Original FR: La confrontation des ressources et des moyens aux défis à relever et ne pas rester dans les dires mais passer aux actions concrètes pour permettre à toutes les femmes d'accéder aux fonds y compris les femmes handicapées qui sont souvent laissées pour compte dans les programmes et plans.

Comments – Day 2: Identifying and Agreeing Priorities for Collective Action

- There were audio cuts for us, and because of these, we were not able to follow many of the topics that were raised
 - هناك قطع للصوت وبسببنا فقدنا الكثير من المواضيع التي تم طرحها
- Group discussion presentation time is somehow short.
- Better than day 1, but still way too long and not inclusive of all groups.
- It was good
 - كانت جيدة.
- Sessions too short and not focused on priority concerns
- Good to reflect more on value add for Call to Action and what fits under the GBV AOR- also- how support to refugees fits in here- much focus on the IASC which does not include refugee contexts
- Priorities should be partner led
- I think these sessions would have benefited from having more time dedicated to them, to enable us to synthesize emerging ideas/priorities and to try to reach agreement during the meeting on collective priorities for collective action and advocacy.
- I look forward to seeing the next steps that will be proposed by the Steering Committee and hopefully agreed by WGs and across WGs. Our priorities will only mean something if we put work behind them now that the meeting has closed.
- - Great facilitators again! - Really helpful to get the accountability element brought in by Erin, as well as the look back to what CtA was about originally
- What did we decide?
- It was interactive and issues discussed were pressing and important aspects for a collective action
- I think one of the points is prioritizing the needs of the frontier women, which is quite adequate.
- Holistic management of cases of GBV, socio-professional reintegration, development of stakeholder maps, positioning of stakeholders in the design of strategic plans, etc.
 - La Prise en charge holistique des cas de VBG, la réinsertion socioprofessionnelle , l'élaboration des cartographies des acteurs, le positionnement des acteurs dans la conception des plans stratégiques....
- It was the most important because moving forward, the action plan will be based on this
- We need to develop detailed regional plans and define the duties of each organization.
 - مناسب ويحتاج الى وضع خطط اقليمية مفصلة وتحديد واجبات كل منظمة.

- Difficult in such a short time, also the virtual format makes it difficult for everyone to participate

Comments – Day 3: Addressing issues in the Partnerships' functioning/governance and Road Map 2021-2025 Commitments

- It was interesting
 - C'était intéressant
- I appreciated the collective action envisaged by all parties to bridge the gaps between commitments and implementation.
 - J'ai apprécié l'action collective envisagée par toutes les parties pour combler les écarts entre les engagements et la mise en œuvre.
- For the roadmap, we REFED, we have already benefited from the training on LOCALIZATION, I remember very well that there were nine themes that Care International, through DFJ / Goma, showed us that we must first start by participating in cluster and sub-cluster meetings, and we are there
 - Pour la feuille de route, nous REFED, nous avons déjà bénéficié de la formation sur la LOCALISATION, je me rappelle très bien qu'il avait neuf thématiques que Care International en passant par DFJ/Goma, nous a montré qu'il faut tout d'abord commencer par la participation dans des réunions de cluster et sous cluster, et nous y sommes
- Group discussion presentation time is somehow short.
- It was very clear and I learned new things that I've never heard before
- It was good
 - كانت جيدة.
- There is a need to discuss advocacy and the different levels further
- - Great facilitators again! - The presentation about Norway was, unfortunately, again, about Norway and Norway's position (or the representative's position?) and did not reflect the States/Donors Working Group adequately. Why?? It was also surprising to see Norway replace the UK co-chair at the very last minute. Again, why? The way in which the Norwegian representative treated the (female) facilitator when he'd gone over time was unacceptably rude - particularly in a forum about gender equality and GBV.
- OK - what did we decide?
- That the government can assume its responsibilities as a guarantor to facilitate the partnership and also make the funds available to send the roadmap across the community and enforce the roadmap to fight GBV in all areas
 - Que le gouvernement puisse prendre ses responsabilités en tant que garant pour faciliter le partenariat et aussi disponibilité des fonds pour faire parvenir la feuille de route dans tout le milieu et faire respecter la feuille de route pour lutter contre le VBG en tout milieu
- The road map was well spelled out and everyone's opinion on how it should look was good
- Am committed to the addressing in the partnerships functioning/governance and Road map 2021-2025
- Development of strategic documents, sharing of relevant and timely information, Effective implementation of strategic documents, respecting commitments and sustaining achievements ...
 - L'élaboration des documents stratégiques, le partage d'informations pertinentes et au moment opportun, Mise en œuvre effective des documents stratégiques, respecté les engagements et pérenniser les acquis...

- It was not really clear
- Very good
 - جيد جدا

Comments – Optional Session for Colleagues in the Eastern Hemisphere on Priorities for the Next Year for Partnership

- It was very useful
- Great facilitator!
- I appreciate meeting organisers arranging this timezone for inclusion, otherwise its difficult to participate in this forum. I felt it was a good use of time to focus on priority setting for the year ahead.

Comments – Optional Session for Colleagues in the Eastern Hemisphere on Priorities for the Next Year for Partnership

- Excellent launch, very concise and enthusiastic speakers
- Great to see more close collaboration between the CtA and GBV AoR as both grow and hopefully strengthen.
- A bit more on the content of the strategy.
- Great launch event - short, sweet, and to the point!
- It was great!
- Good brief session.
- That this launch of the GBV AoR Strategy will be global, national, and local
 - Que cette mise en oeuvre du lancement de stratégie GBV AoR sera mondial, international, national et local
- Very to the point and informative.
- The information was very clear and the messaging was on point. The connection was excellent
- Fine

Do you have any other feedback that we can take into account for upcoming events?

- We wish for frequent meetings, as well as to allow women activists and representatives of civil society organizations, especially women, to be in the Arabic language so that we can convey our voice
 - نتمنى لقاءات متكرره وكذلك فسخ المجال لناشطات وممثلات عن منظمات المجتمع المدني خاصة النسويه واتمنى ان تكون باللغه العربيه كي نتمكن من إيصال صوتنا
- Just wishing for the meaningful participation of women / girls with disabilities through their structures for their inclusion in programs and planning.
 - Juste souhaiter une participation significative des femmes/filles handicapées à travers leurs structure safin de leur inclusion dans les programmes et planification.
- The timeframe for various presentations would have to be increased as presentations are usually too short
- In general, three days is way too long for a virtual annual meeting. Some of the sessions were hard to follow, especially those with less experienced moderators.
- Thanks for all the fantastic work to pull this together- the intensity of the prep really came through. I would've appreciated more decision-oriented sessions and conversations about the future of the partnership, but look forward to more conversations going forward.
- Generally - WAAAAAAAY too much in the agenda (this is why I ranked format as poor). Would have been much better to have many fewer topics and allow actual discussion and not have to keep cutting everyone off. Every time it felt like we were starting to get into a topic that needed real discussion, we were stopped b/c of time constraints. Unclear how that's helpful for the future. Also too many jamboards without real discussion of the points raised on them. Please please please next time don't overload the agenda so much. Esp if the event is virtual, perhaps have 2 annual meetings that each have fewer agenda items than trying to race thru everything in a few hours.
- To publish a list of interested donors in our region in order to communicate with them (the Middle East region)
 - ان يتم نشر لائحة بالمانحين المهتمين في منطقتنا للتواصل معهم، منطقة الشرق الاوسط
- The design of the meeting needs to be done externally to ensure the agenda is strategic - this meeting was a checkbox exercise
- It was a lot of jam boards, definitely miss the in person event, cannot be replaced online. The participation was active but whenever we delved into issues the session ended. I really appreciated the addition of interpretation, however, the Spanish was missing. As said in the conclusion- there were a number of discussions that were started that need to take the deeper dive.
- Translation was great. Organization and support were great. Loved the interactive element of jam board. PHAP and WRC did a great job
- I don't see any space in comments above to provide feedback on day 3 sessions around functioning and governance? One piece of feedback is that I wish the stakeholders WG presentations had been followed by a space for discussion where the WG groups get to ask each other some questions and/or follow up on the priorities shared by each working group, with the goal of identifying common priorities, synergies or opportunities for collaboration.
- Just to reiterate the need for grassroot women participation who are generally victims; the need for a restitution at country level for those who couldn't participate; ownership of initiative by country WLO for effectiveness, inclusion and sustainability

- Virtual events are a huge challenge during these covid times. While I think it might have been hard to get more time from people, only having a few hours over three days made it challenging to dive deep into the topics as we need to continue doing to move CtA forward. Hopefully through follow-up discussions, this won't be a problem in the end, but if we do have to continue virtual meetings far into the future, I would consider adding another day so that timezones can be respected but we also have more time for discussions.
- Better information ahead of time.
- - Please do NOT hold the Annual Meeting in September - everything was too last minute, with the agenda only being shared in the second half of August.
- - Better not to start the meeting on a Monday - especially a week after the start of the school year for many with children.
- - Denmark's position as lead was not really clear, as there were many points raised during the meeting, which were not responded to in the Danish presentations - including the repeated calls to respond to the Women of Tigray.
- - The mix of Zoom, Jamboard, and Menti with breakout rooms was great to get participation all around, as was the interpretation.
- - Having Spanish interpretation would be helpful next time for Latin American WLOs.
- Less jamboard! More LIVE DEBATE !!
- In general, and I had the same experience last year, three days is just too much when the annual meeting is virtual. Although I think the annual meeting was in theory well planned with break-out rooms and all, I lost concentration in the midst of it. Also, I appreciate the idea of welcoming everyone to moderate sessions, it is vital that moderators know their task well. Especially the first day was hard to get through because of not too experienced moderators. If the format of three days is kept for next year, I would recommend dividing the meeting more into 'key' and 'optional' sessions as otherwise it just becomes painful for everyone.
- Unfortunately it feels like the main, burning issues were neither discussed nor resolved. Solutions were not unpacked in sufficient detail to drive change, and there was not enough discussion. It did not feel action oriented, despite being a call to action!
- Meeting of such nature should be done periodically to keep stakeholders abreast of activity dynamics.
- Maybe in person would feel more clear.
- The timeframe allotted was too short and there should have been a bi ref session for questions and answer.
- Meeting could be reduced to two days. More strategic discussions on how to strengthen the partnership should be prioritized next time. Important with specific high level participation at certain segments.