

**Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies  
Annual Partners Meeting  
November 5-7, 2019**

The Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (Call to Action) is a multi-stakeholder initiative launched in 2013 to fundamentally transform the way gender-based violence is addressed in humanitarian emergencies. The aim is to drive change and foster accountability so that GBV is addressed from the very start of every humanitarian response. This includes having policies, systems and mechanisms in place to mitigate gender-based violence risks, especially violence against women and girls, and to provide safe and comprehensive services to those affected by gender-based violence. There are currently 85 partners, including states and donors, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

In September 2015, the Call to Action Road Map 2016-2020 was launched, providing an overarching guiding framework that sets out common objectives, targets and a governance structure, to ensure that pledges are translated into concrete and targeted actions on the ground. The governance chapter of the Call to Action Road Map outlines the working methods of the Call to Action partners during the lifecycle of the Road Map, including an annual partner meeting.

As the current lead of the Call to Action, the Government of Canada, is organizing the 2019 Annual Partners Meeting with the Women's Refugee Commission and members of the Steering Committee.

The **objectives** of the 2019 Annual Partners Meeting include:

- 1) Addressing challenges and identifying opportunities, both immediately and through the updating of the Road Map.
  - a. Deciding on priorities for collective work in 2020 and develop action plans to address gaps and take these priorities forward.
  - b. Confirming the process for drafting and finalizing the Road Map 2.0.
- 2) Reflecting on progress made against the implementation of the 2016-2020 Road Map and delivering the final push to achieve commitments made under the 2016-2020 Road Map.

The **sessions** will start with concise presentations in plenary, and facilitators will have an opportunity to share more information during the breakout groups as needed. Most sessions will have considerable time set aside for breakout group work to provide concrete recommendations on addressing various challenges and opportunities, including edits to the Road Map. Partners will fill out a survey to rate their preferences for **breakout groups** ahead of the meeting. Breakout groups will be arranged with partner preferences and balanced representation in mind.

There will also be time allotted for states and donors, international organizations, and non-governmental organization **working groups** to meet to coordinate their priorities. Finally, there will be a **marketplace** where partners can showcase the latest research, resources, and tools pertaining to GBV. The marketplace will be accessible during the high level event and visits are encouraged during coffee and lunch breaks.

### **Session 1 – Setting the Stage**

Presentations will set the scene for the next three days by reviewing how the GBV in emergencies landscape has changed since the Call to Action began. This will include showcasing the research on [What works in preventing gender based violence?](#) to better understand the prevalence, forms and drivers of violence against women and girls in conflict and humanitarian settings that has significant implications for the field. As Call to Action partners look at the next phase of our work through the updating of the Road Map, it is critical that partners are knowledgeable about the current state of research on violence against women and girls in humanitarian settings, while also having a clear view of what more needs to be accomplished.

### **Session 2 – Gender Equality, PSEA, & Intersectionality**

Presentations will cover: the outcomes of the [February Road Map](#) brainstorming meeting for integrating protection from sexual exploitation and abuse within the Call to Action; the findings from the report on [Moving Forward with the Gender Equality Objective of the Call to Action Road Map](#) and other opportunities to articulate linkages between gender inequality, GBV and the Women, Peace, and Security agenda; and opportunities to strengthen intersectionality considerations within the Call to Action to better meet the needs of people who are at heightened risk, such as those who identify as LGBTQI, women and girls living with disabilities, men and boys, adolescent girls, elderly populations, and others.

The first breakout group will suggest changes that should be made to the Road Map to better deliver on gender equality through the Call to Action. The second breakout group will suggest changes that should be made to the Road Map to better reflect protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. The third breakout group will suggest changes that should be made to better integrate intersectionality considerations in the Road Map.

### **Session 3 – Learning from Field Pilots & Strengthening CSO Engagement**

Presentations will cover: opportunities that the Call to Action offers at the global level for local CSOs and considerations for improving how the Call to Action works with local CSOs; lessons learned from the DRC & Nigeria Road Map Pilots, including the role of local CSOs; the GBV Accountability Framework; ECHO Workshops and the Grand Bargain Localisation Workstream Global Meeting; the AoR localization regional workshops and opportunities for future country-level implementation of the Call to Action.

The first breakout group will identify immediate actions partners can take to advance a coordinated approach to field-level implementation, including the institutionalization of the GBV Accountability Framework. The second breakout group will identify immediate actions partners can take to better engage local and women-led CSOs, including possibly establishing a capacity sharing/mentoring program within the Call to Action. The third breakout group will suggest changes that should be made in the Road Map in light of the lessons learned from field implementation of the Country Road Map pilots, the GBV Accountability Framework, and ECHO Workshops. The fourth breakout group will suggest changes that should be made in the Road Map to make it more meaningful for local CSOs.

#### **Session 4 – Governance and Accountability**

Presentations will focus on the issues identified in WRC's Internal Memo, including inactive partners, reporting challenges, and the process for joining the Call to Action and whether a broader range of partners should be targeted. Presentations will also note the findings of the Call to Action commitments analysis.

The first breakout group will identify opportunities for increasing the engagement of inactive partners, including increasing the rate of reporting by partners. The second breakout group will present recommendations for which actors should be targeted for joining the Call to Action and the process for joining the Call to Action. The third breakout group will suggest changes that should be made to the governance section of the Road Map for enhanced effectiveness and accountability, including quality of reporting. Participants are encouraged to ground the conversations in lessons learned and best practices, including evidence-based accountability experiences of the GBV Accountability Framework.

#### **Session 5 – New Guidance and Evidence**

Presentations will cover new tools and guidance available (i.e. Minimum Standards, GBV Accountability Framework) and the plenary discussion will focus on what implications these resources have on updating the Road Map and necessary next steps.

#### **Session 6 – Updating the Road Map**

Following instructions, breakout groups will work on enhancing the outcomes and key action areas that are currently in the Road Map. The first breakout group will review outcome 1 – policies and standards; and outcome 2 – coordination. The second breakout group will review outcome 3 – tools and processes; and outcome 5 – specialized services. The third breakout group will review outcome 4 – funding and outcome 6 – knowledge and skills. The fourth breakout group will propose new outcomes and/or key actions areas. Recommendations will be further discussed and reconciled in plenary.

## **Session 7 – Collective Action**

Presentations will cover the findings of the [Where's the Money?](#) and [Funding a localized, women-led approach to protection from Gender Based Violence](#) reports and the steps taken by OCHA following the Oslo SGBV Conference to better track GBV funding, the upcoming advocacy opportunities, considerations for future coordination with other SGBV pledges, noting the Oslo Conference and the upcoming Global Refugee Forum and the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Plenary discussions will identify opportunities to increase and better track GBV funding in a coordinated approach, collective advocacy, and steps for increasing coordination with other processes. This discussion will frame the subsequent work plan development for each working group, including on funding, advocacy, and the GBV Accountability Framework.

## **High Level Event – The Future of the Call to Action: Working in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus**

The *2016-2020 Road Map* has served partners as an overarching guiding framework that set out common objectives and targets to ensure partner's commitments translate into concrete and targeted actions on the ground. With the *2016-2020 Road Map* coming to an end next year, now is an opportune time to reflect on how the gender-based violence landscape changed since 2016, what has been achieved, the gaps, and lessons learned. These reflections are key in strategically identifying the collective way forward for the international community to prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence in the coming years.

This high-level event will feature a selection of short speeches, with each individual sharing their vision for the future of the Call to Action and how it can be leveraged in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

The speeches will be dispersed throughout the reception, with opportunities for audience interaction in between. During this time, guests are also encouraged to see the marketplace to learn more about how different Call to Action partners are delivering on their commitments to collectively achieve the outcomes set out under the Call to Action. Audience members would consist of Call to Action partners and others working to address GBV. Refreshments and tapas will be served during the reception.

### **Speakers:**

- H.E. Ms. Leslie Norton, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva – will open the event
- Ms. Manisha Thomas, Women's Refugee Commission – moderator
- Working with Development Actors

- Jos Verbeek, Special Representative to the WTO and UN, World Bank – building on evidence to address gender-based violence in fragile and conflict-affected settings (TBC)
- Working with Peace Actors
  - Ms. Antonia Mulvey, Founder and Executive Director of Legal Action Worldwide (LAW) – holding perpetrators accountable and strengthening elements of justice within the Call to Action
- Working with All Actors
  - Mr. Yusuf Amos, Clear View Integrity Foundation, Nigeria – effectively working with local CSOs to advance the outcomes of the Call to Action and ensuring the sustainability of efforts
- Interventions
  - Ms. Shoko Arakaki, Director of Humanitarian Response Office, UNFPA – GBV Minimum Standards, scaling up commitments

<b>AGENDA</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Room(s)</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Facilitator(s)</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2019</b>			
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Espace Motta	Setting up Marketplace	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Level 3 outside room 5 & 6	Registration	
9:00 am – 9:50 am	5 & 6	Welcome; Introductions; Review of Agenda	<b>Canada; WRC</b>
9:50 am – 10:30 am	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 1: Setting the Stage</b> 35 minutes – Presentation 5 minutes – Q&A	<b>IRC; DFID; CARE</b>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Outside room 5 & 6	Coffee Break	
10:45 am – 11:15 am	5&6 - NGO 19 – IO 20 – S & D	Working Group Meetings to Coordinate	Working Group Co-chairs
11:15 am – 2:00 pm	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 2 – Gender Equality, PSEA, &amp; Intersectionality</b> 20 minutes – Presentations 10 minutes – Q&A 1 hour – Breakout discussions on 1) Gender-equality (Room 5 & 6); 2) PSEA (Room 19); 3) Intersectionality (Room 20); 45 minutes – Lunch 30 minutes – Report back in plenary	<b>WRC; UN Women; UNICEF; OECD; Oxfam; Islamic Relief Canada; CARE</b>
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Espace Motta	Lunch	
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 3 – Learning from Field Pilots &amp; Strengthening Local CSO Engagement</b> 30 minutes – Presentations 15 minutes – Q&A 15 minutes – Coffee Break 1 hour – Breakout discussions on 1) Field-level implementation – immediate actions (Room 5+6); 2) Engaging Local CSOs (Room 20); 3) Changes to the Road Map - Field-level implementation (Room 19); 4) Changes to Road Map - Local CSOs (Room 8); 30 minutes – Report back in plenary	<b>GBV AoR; WRC, UNFPA, CARE, ActionAid, ECHO; Local CSO from DRC; Clear View Integrity Foundation Nigeria; Coalition for Humanity South Sudan</b>

<b>High Level Event</b>			
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Espace Motta	<b>HIGH LEVEL EVENT</b>	Canada
<b>Wednesday, November 6, 2019</b>			
9:00 am – 9:15 am	5 & 6	Overview of Agenda for the Day	Canada
9:15 am – 11:35 am	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 4 – Governance and Accountability</b> 20 minutes – Presentations 10 minutes – Q&A 45 minutes – Breakout discussions on 1) Increasing engagement (Room 5&6); 2) New Partners (Room 19); 3) Governance (Room 20); 15 minutes – Coffee Break 50 minutes – Report back in plenary	WRC; Canada; ECHO
11:35 am – 12:30 pm	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 5 – New Guidance and Evidence</b> 35 minutes – Presentations 20 minutes – Discussion in plenary	UNFPA; IMC; GBV AoR
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Espace Motta	Lunch	
1:15 pm – 4:30 pm	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 6 – Updating the Road Map</b> 15 minutes – Instructions 1.5 hours – Breakout discussions on 1) Outcomes 1 & 2 (Room 5 & 6); 2) Outcomes 3 & 5 (Room 20); 3) Outcomes 4 & 6 (Room 19); 4) New Outcomes (Room 8) 15 minutes – Coffee Break 45 minutes – Report back in plenary	WRC; IMC; IRC
<b>Thursday, November 7, 2019</b>			
9:00 am – 9:30 am	5 & 6	Review of Progress: Separating Issues Relating to the Road Map versus 2020 Work	Canada; WRC
9:30 am – 11:00 am	5 & 6	<b>SESSION 7 – Collective Action</b> 20 minutes – Presentations 1 hour, 10 minutes – Plenary Discussion	IRC; Canada; ActionAid; OCHA
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Outside room 5 & 6	Coffee Break	
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	5&6 - NGO 19 – IO	Working Group Meetings to Draft Work Plans	Working Group Co-Chairs

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12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Espace Motta	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	5&6 - NGO 19 – IO 20 – S & D	Working Group Meetings	Working Group Co-Chairs
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Outside room 5 & 6	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	5 & 6	Report Back Highlights from Working Group Meetings in Plenary	Working Group Co-Chairs
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	5 & 6	Confirm Next Steps for Collective Action and Updating the Road Map	WRC
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	5 & 6	Closing Remarks	Canada