Side Event of the Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children

2026 Into the Light Global Index Launch: From Evidence to Action on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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Please note: Speakers and session details are subject to change. Please visit Childlight Website for the latest information.

01 Overview

What gets measured gets seen - and what gets seen can be prevented. This open-to-all launch event will unveil new findings from Childlight's Into the Light Global Index, bringing the scale and prevalence of child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) into sharper focus across Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and East Asia and the Pacific. Using a prevention-focused public health lens, the event will connect powerful new evidence with the people and systems that can act on it. The programme will move from headline findings to survivor and civil society perspectives on why better data matter and how evidence can drive action. It will then turn to technology-facilitated CSEA, with a cross-country panel exploring how governments are translating evidence into national action plans and cross-government coordination for online child safety. Drawing on examples from at least four countries, the discussion will highlight what coordinated national responses look like in practice and how evidence can help shape them.

The central message is simple and urgent:

If we recognise it, we can count it. If we count it, we can prevent it.

02 Session Objectives

- Interpret the 2026 **Into the Light Index** findings across multiple data sources and sectors, including what they reveal about the scale and nature of CSEA and law enforcement responses across the three focus regions.
- Examine how countries are translating evidence on technology-facilitated CSEA into coordinated action, drawing on examples of national action plans and cross-government approaches to online child safety.
- Explore what different sources of data can reveal about CSEA and opportunities for prevention and response, including the complementary insights provided by population-based surveys, administrative and frontline data, child helpline data, and child sexual abuse material (CSAM) data.

03 Speakers

- Mr Paul Stanfield, Chief Executive Officer, Childlight
- Professor Deborah Fry, Global Director of Data, Childlight
- Professor Michael Salter, Director, Childlight East Asia & Pacific Hub, UNSW Sydney
- Executive Director May Flores, National Coordinating Centre for Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, Philippines
- Ricardo de Lins e Horta, Director of Digital Safety and Risk Prevention at the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Brazil
- National government coordinating centres for online safety from other countries (tbc)
- Other Into the Light Index data and action partners from child helplines, justice, health, youth and survivor organisations (tbc)