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

The Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children: What the Latest Evidence Means for Policy and Practice

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In partnership with	The Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children

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01 Overview

What does the latest global evidence tell us - and what should we do differently because of it? This open-to-all event brings the forthcoming Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children into direct dialogue with policymakers, researchers, practitioners and partners attending the VAC Ministerial. Drawing on a major international collaboration of 28 Commissioners, 33 scientific collaborators and numerous early career researchers, the session will spotlight emerging evidence on the epidemiology, economic and societal costs, prevention and response to violence against women and children. **It will move beyond evidence for evidence's sake**: delegates will hear what the findings mean for policy, investment and intervention, explore new insights on technology-facilitated violence, and engage with country examples showing how research can be converted into prevention-focused action.

02 Session Objectives

- Understand the emerging findings of the Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children and how they can sharpen priorities for policy and practice, including new evidence on the epidemiology and the economic and societal costs of violence.
- Examine the latest global evidence on what works to prevent and respond to violence against women and violence against children, including effective interventions and policy approaches and emerging evidence on technology-facilitated violence.
- Connect global evidence with country experience to inform national action and identify opportunities to strengthen prevention and response.

03 Speakers

- Dr Felicia Marie Knaul, Associate of the Chancellor, UCLA, and Co-Chair, The Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children
- Dr Flavia Bustreo, Co-Chair Lancet Commission on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children and Chair of the Advisory Board for the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)
- Professor Deborah Fry, Global Director of Data, Childlight – Global Child Safety Institute
- Core scientific team of the Lancet Commission Report
- Lancet Report Commissioners and country partners attending the Ministerial