



## 8th High-level Cross-Regional Round Table

9-11 May 2018  
Thimphu, Bhutan

### DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1 – 9 May	
Morning	<p><b>Session 1 - Opening Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of the Government of Bhutan</li><li>• SAIEVAC Representative</li><li>• SRSG VAC</li></ul> <p><b>Session 2 - Update on global initiatives on violence against children</b></p> <p>SRSG update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</li><li>• 2018 HLPF and voluntary national reviews</li><li>• Preparations for the 2019 HLPF and UN General Assembly review of progress, and the opportunity presented by the forthcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CRC.</li></ul> <p><b>Session 3 - Regional initiatives on ending violence against children and opportunities for strengthening the role of regional organizations and institutions in promoting and monitoring progress towards reaching the targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b></p>
Afternoon	<p>This session will provide an opportunity for representatives of regional organizations and institutions to highlight their most strategic achievements, challenges and promising initiatives to advance the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence against Children and the realization of the violence-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>In the lead up to 2019 - which marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CRC and the first General Assembly review of progress made in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda - regional organizations and institutions will be able to highlight their anticipated plans in support of the High-Level Political Forum and of the voluntary national reviews (VNRs). They will also be invited to outline actions foreseen for the incorporation of VAC in national development plans and legislation, in addition to the consolidation of data on VAC at the regional and national levels.</p>

	<b>Day 2 – 10 May</b>
<b>Morning</b>	<p><b>Session 3 (CONTINUED) – Regional initiatives on ending violence against children and opportunities for strengthening the role of regional organizations and institutions in promoting and monitoring progress towards reaching the targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>Continuation of the discussions from the previous day.</p>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<p><b>Session 4 – Harmful practices, positive practices and engagement with religious leaders</b></p> <p>In preparation for the open session on Day 3, this session will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views by representatives of regional organizations and institutions on activities undertaken to prevent and address harmful practices, to promote positive and nurturing practices, and to engage with community and religious leaders to prevent and address violence against children.</p> <p><b>Session 5 – Identification of key themes for the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Cross-Regional Round Table</b></p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to have an initial discussion regarding the Conclusions and Recommendations for the Cross-Regional Round Table, to be further refined on Day 3</p>
	<b>Day 3 – 11 May</b>
<b>Morning</b>	<p><b>Session 6 – OPEN SESSION - Harmful practices and positive practices</b></p> <p>This session will be open to a wider range of participants and will address the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International standards and commitments to prevent, respond to and promote the abandonment of harmful practices.</li> <li>• Regional action plans and initiatives</li> <li>• The role of religious leaders in enhancing children’s protection from violence.</li> <li>• Civil society action and support</li> </ul>

<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Session 7 – Closing session</b>  Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Cross-Regional Round Table  Hosting of 9 <sup>th</sup> Cross-Regional Round Table and discussion regarding thematic focus
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