



OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

UNITE! INVEST TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

DRAFT AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 22 November 2023

Time: 10:00 am through 11:30 am (1hour 30 minutes)

Location: ECOSOC Chamber and [livestream](#)

Language Interpretation: Arabic, English, French and Spanish

Objectives:

- **Mobilize all member states to allocate a national budget to prevent violence against women and girls**, including through their own national action plans and prevention across education, health, and social protection sectors by incorporating VAWG prevention.
- **Advocate for increasing Official Development Assistance (ODA)** towards prevention of VAW, in line with national priorities and to support policy formulation, if feasible.
- **Call for greater support, and increased long-term, sustainable investments** from states, the private sector, foundations, and other donors **to autonomous women's rights organizations** working to end violence against women and girls in all their diversity.
- Mobilize support, and long-term, sustainable, and flexible investments in prevention, by inviting member states, donors, and stakeholders to **make commitments linked to the Action Coalition on GBV and through corporate and individual support.**

10:00 – 10:03 AM	Welcome Video: UNiTE! Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls!
10:04 – 10:05 AM	1st Performance, <i>Spoken word by Amanda Rose Rodrigues</i>
10:06 – 10:32 AM	<u>Opening Remarks</u> Dennis Francis, President of the 78 th Session of the General Assembly Video message by Amina J. Mohammed , Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Sima Bahous, UN Women Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director Phatteeya Yongsanguanchai, Youth Advocate
10:33 – 10:36 AM	2 nd Performance, <i>Sing for Hope and Veronica Stern</i>

10:37 – 10:53 AM	<p><u>High Level Roundtable: Investments to prevent VAW and the role of different actors.</u></p> <p>Mayra Jimenez, Minister for Women and Gender Equality, the Dominican Republic</p> <p>Ambassador Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of the EU to the UN</p> <p>Ambassador James Larsen, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN</p> <p>Diana Arango, Sr. GBV Specialist, World Bank</p>
10:53 – 10:56 AM	UNTF Video
10:57 – 10:59 AM	<i>Zoya Kalinsky – Breaking the cycle of violence</i>
11:00 – 11:20 AM	<p><u>Why Investing in prevention matters? What does the evidence say?</u></p> <p>Lori Michau, Co-founder, Raising Voices</p> <p>Monica Aleman, International Program Director, Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice, Ford Foundation</p> <p>Moderator, Announcement of new commitments to Generation Equality and Action Coalition GBV</p> <p>Sergio Fernández de Córdova, Executive Chairman, PVBLIC Foundation</p> <p>Tesmerelna Atsbeha, Co-sponsor of the Accelerator to Prevent Gender-Based Violence and Co-host of the GBV Funder Forum.</p>
11:21 – 11:25 AM	Closing Remarks and Call to Action.
11:26 – 11:28 AM	Closing Performance, <i>Spoken word by National Youth Poet Laureate of the United States '23, Salome Agbaroji</i>
11:29 – 11:30 AM	Host Closes