

High-level roundtable on promoting investment case for ending violence against children

12 March 2024

Concept Note

BACKGROUND

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) has been [promoting investment](#) in integrated approaches to ensuring child protection and wellbeing as a central part of her advocacy with States.

Within the framework of this advocacy objective, the Office of the SRSG has a cooperation agreement with the Government of Iceland. Based on the experience of Iceland and other States, this project is developing a model protocol and toolkit to support States in establishing or strengthening integrated services for children's protection and wellbeing. The project will in particular promote and support States in assessing the high return on investing in these services.

The Minister of Education and Children of Iceland, H.E. Ásmundur Einar Daðason, has engaged extensively with other States on this theme, providing support and advice based on the experience of Iceland. The SRSG-VAC has also engaged extensively with States to identify examples of good practice and to promote the investment case for preventing and ending violence against children through high-level advocacy opportunities, bilateral engagement with State delegations in New York and Geneva, and in her country visits.

As a follow-up to this engagement, the Minister of Education and Children of Iceland and the SRSG-VAC are convening a high-level roundtable on investing in integrated services to ensure children's protection and wellbeing, bringing together champion States that have expressed interest in this theme and in the work being pursued by Iceland and the SRSG.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Identify opportunities to mobilize other States and stakeholders to promote the investment case to prevent and end violence against children at the regional and global levels, including for the UN Summit of the Future to be hosted in September 2024.
- Facilitate peer-learning between States on integrating services for child protection and wellbeing, and on assessing the cost of violence and return on investing in violence prevention.
- Seek input from participants on how to maximize the relevance, impact and support provided by the tools being developed.

DATE AND FORMAT

The meeting will be held online on **Tuesday 12 March 2024** from **16:00-17:00 Geneva time**.

It is envisaged that simultaneous interpretation will be made available, depending on the requirements of participants.

The meeting will be held under the Chatham House rule. A summary of the discussion will be made available to participants but without attribution.

PARTICIPANTS

It is envisaged that participation in the discussion will be at ministerial level. Other participants at the meeting will include senior representatives of the United Nations and other international organizations.

It is envisaged that technical experts will also participate to inform and support the discussions, as needed.