



SACG Meeting

South Asia Coordinating Group on Action against Violence against Children (SACG)

19 June 2014, Negombo, Sri Lanka

Jetwing Sea Hotel

Concept Note and Tentative Programme

The Meeting of the UN/INGO inter-agency South Asia Coordinating Group on Action against Violence against Children (SACG) and the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat is being organized by the ILO (SACG Chair) on 19 June 2014 in Negombo, Sri Lanka. It is being held back-to-back with the 4th regional meeting of the National Coordinating and Action Groups against Violence against Children (NACGs), which is being organized by the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat on 17 and 18 June. The meetings will bring together the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat, NACGs chairs and co-chairs from the eight South Asian countries and representatives of SACG member agencies to review and reinforce action to end violence against children in South Asia.

The SACG works with SAIEVAC (SAARC Apex Body on Children), the National Action and Coordinating Groups against Children (NACG), children, young people and other stakeholders, including the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children (SRSG VAC) to end all forms of violence against children in South Asia, through advocacy, institutional strengthening and technical support.

At their meeting on 19 June, the SACG members will review and update the status of their progress to-date, in line with the four strategic areas identified as priorities for 2014:

- Strengthening and institutionalizing Child Participation,
- Strengthening and institutionalizing Civil Society Participation through the National Action and Coordinating Groups on Action against Violence against Children (NACG),
- Strengthening regional monitoring mechanisms, and
- SACG Advocacy and communication.

Meeting participants will be focal points of SACG Member and Associated agencies responsible for South Asia, which include: ILO (Chair), WVI (co-Chair), Child Helpline International, ECPAT International, Plan International, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes (Tdh), UNICEF, UNODC, and UNFPA; South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) as a Special Member; and Associated agencies - Centre for Reproductive Rights, Planète Enfants, and UNESCO.

Objectives of the SACG Meeting

- To discuss and identify SACG support to strengthening and consolidation of the national mechanisms to facilitate achievement of the SAIEVAC-NACG-SACG targets – in line with the

outcomes of the consultations at the 4th NACG meeting and in view of the SACG Priorities and workplan for 2014; and adjust the workplan accordingly.

- Review with SRS and agree on the technical, financial and organizational support to the SAIEVAC Technical Consultation on Children with Disabilities; establish the SACG Advisory Committee for the Technical Consultation.
- Review progress along the four priority areas and update the 2014 SACG workplan;
- Information sharing by the SACG members;
- SACG Technical Working Groups: updates, membership and planned action;
- Discussion on Chair and Co-Chair for 2015-16.
- Any other business

Expected Outputs

- Updated SACG Workplan, including members' commitments, for 2014.
- Updated Plan of SACG Support to the 4th Technical Consultation and its in-country preparatory processes, with a focus on NACG and child participation.
- Updated status of member agencies and SACG Technical Working Groups

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Meeting Venue

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(Draft Agenda attached below)



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18 February 2014
SAIEVAC SRS-NACG-SACG Tripartite Discussion¹


15:00 – 17:00 (Jetwing Sea Hotel)

19 February 2014
SACG Meeting
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Chair: Sherin Khan (ILO)
 Co-Chair: Mark Kelly (WVI)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion leads</i>
08:30 – 09:00	Intros and adoption of Agenda - SACG Focal point changes	<i>Sherin Khan</i>
09:00 – 10:30	NACG Strengthening and Coordination - Outcomes of the 4 th SAIEVAC NACG Regional Consultation - Update from the NACG Technical Group and Review of SACG 2014 Goal 2: <i>Fully formalized and Structured NACGs in all 8 countries in the Region</i> (Re: SACG Workplan and Report of SACG February Meeting/Dropbox) Outcomes of the 4 th SAIEVAC NACG Regional Consultation	<i>Rinchen Chopel Rasa Sekulovic, Ron Pouwels</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Tea</i>	
10:45 – 11:45	SACG Technical Working Group on Child Participation - Review, discussions and consensus on the way forward for SACG (strategy at the national-regional level; linkages to support to NACG strengthening) - Advisory group formation; focal person at SAIEVAC SRS	<i>Junita Upadhyay Others?</i>

¹ (Re: 4th NACG Regional Meeting Agenda for changes or updates).
 SACG Chair and Co-Chair and SACG's Technical Advisory Group leads invited to participate in SAIEVAC SRS 4th NACG Regional Consultation, 17th-18th June 2014 in Negombo.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific issues and recommendations pertaining to children's participation at the 4th Technical Consultation <p>Review of SACG 2014 GOAL 1: <i>Institutionalize Child Participation in SAIEVAC mechanisms in South Asia</i> (Re: SACG Workplan and Report of SACG February Meeting/Dropbox)</p>	
11:45 – 13:00	<p>SAIEVAC 4th Technical Consultation: Children with Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review on technical, financial and organizational support to SAIEVAC - Establishment of the SACG Advisory Committee for the Technical Consultation 	<i>Sherin Khan Rinchen Chopel, Rasa Sekulovic</i>
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14.45	Information sharing by the SACG members	<i>TBD? All Agencies</i>
14.45 – 16.30	<p>2014 SACG Workplan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review progress within the Priority areas not discussed in other sessions and update SACG Workplan for those areas 	<i>TBD? All Agencies</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Tea	
16:45 – 17:30	<p>SACG Institutional matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on Chair and Co-Chair for 2015-16 - Pending membership letters - Communication and use of SACG Resource – the Dropbox (suggestions for improvements) - Membership criteria – for endorsement <p>AOB</p>	<i>Sherin Khan All Agencies</i>
17:30 – 17.45	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap of urgent and priority follow-up - Next SACG Meeting and end-of-year review and meeting 	<i>Sherin Khan Thank you!</i> 

Note:

Background material and reference and working documents are available in the **SACG Dropbox** in their respective folders. Some are being shared again electronically via emails for convenience. (For information on access or to request electronic versions via email, please contact Sherin)

Basis for discussion on SACG 2014 Priorities: *SACG Workplan and Report of SACG December Meeting*

Session leads and all other members are requested to share any other background or reference information via e-mail with meeting participants. Thank you!

