



## UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

*Building the evidence base through strategic investment in civil society initiatives to end violence against women and girls*

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**Venue:** Conference Room 3, UN Secretariat

**Date and Time:** 14 February 2017, 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

**Chair:** Ms. Gail Farngalo, Vice President of the UN-Women Executive Board and Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations

### **Presenters:**

- **UN-Women Representative:** Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme
- **UN-Women Representative:** Maria Noel Vaeza, Director, Programme Division, UN Women
- **Government of the United Kingdom Representative:** H.E. Martin Shearman, Ambassador, Mission of the United Kingdom to the UN
- **Government of Switzerland Representative:** Chantal Oltramare, Program Manager, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- **UN Trust Fund Programme Advisory Committee Representative:** Laura Londén, Deputy Executive Director (Management), UNFPA

### **Agenda and Time:**

- ❖ **Welcome Remarks & Chair:** H.E. Ms. Gail Farngalo, Vice President of the UN-Women Executive Board and Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations (3 min)
- ❖ **Statement:** Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme (5 min)
- ❖ **Presentation:** *“Building the evidence base through strategic investment in civil society initiatives to end violence against women and girls”:* Maria Noel Vaeza, Director, Programme Division, UN Women (7 min)

- ❖ **Statement:** H.E. Martin Shearman, Ambassador, Mission of the United Kingdom to the UN (5 min)
- ❖ **Statement:** Chantal Oltramare, Program Manager, Swiss International Development Agency (5 min)
- ❖ **Statement** Laura Londén, Deputy Executive Director (Management), UNFPA (5 min)
- ❖ **Discussion with Member States:** (30 min)

## **Objectives**

On the occasion of the first 2017 regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund), managed by UN-Women on behalf of the UN System and the Governments of Switzerland and the United Kingdom will host a lunch briefing on the implementation of the UN Trust Fund's Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and present its work on leveraging its grant giving for evidence building purposes. The UN Trust Fund has built up a comprehensive body of knowledge on the kinds of solutions that generate positive impact and the contexts in which they are most effective. Going forward, the aim of the UN Trust Fund is to effectively "harvest" this knowledge, first by analyzing and evaluating the evidence and second by making it accessible to the global community working to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

## **Background**

Since 2010, the UN Trust Fund has prioritized strengthening its monitoring and evaluation (M&E) processes and capacity in order to better utilize the wealth of knowledge generated by its large grants portfolio. This included setting up mandatory training for all of its grantees on M&E concepts and tools, requiring baseline and end-line studies for all grants, and the development of a Grants Management System (GMS) for daily monitoring and management of its grant portfolio.

In 2015, UN Trust Fund developed a new five-year Strategic Plan 2015-2020 with the mission to "advocate for and finance innovative approaches for preventing and ending violence against women and girls, to catalyze learning from global evidence collected from the programs funded by the UN Trust Fund and to leverage its unique mandate and convening power to foster global giving to end violence against women and girls". The UN Trust Fund will achieve this mission through three inter-connected pillars of its work:

1. Grant giving to initiatives to prevent and end violence against women and girls;
2. Building a global Evidence Hub on ending violence against women and girls based on the evaluated results of UN Trust Fund grantees; and,

### 3. Advocating for global giving for work on ending violence against women and girls.

In order to capitalize on its specific and unique body of knowledge and experience, the second pillar of the UN Trust Fund's Strategic Plan forms a strong link between the first pillar and the third pillar, namely for the purpose of identifying effective initiatives and approaches so that global resources can be allocated accordingly. The overarching aim is to contribute significantly and effectively to building a stronger evidence for scaling up sustainable global efforts and funding to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.