



MEDIA ADVISORY

Global Summit to Tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation

What: The Global Summit to Tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation.

Highlights for journalists:

- Coverage of the Opening Session;
- Group photograph;
- Interview opportunities.

When: 11-12 December 2019 starting at 9:00 hrs.

Where: The Global Summit will take place at the African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Who: The **Global Summit to Tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation** will be co-hosted by the African Union Commission Department of Social Affairs, in partnership with other stakeholders, including: WePROTECT Global Alliance and the UK Government. Across the two-day event, delegates will be provided with the knowledge, tools and networks required to understand the nature and prevalence of online child sexual exploitation, and the means to implement a strategic global response.

Why: The main objectives of the summit are to:

1. Raise attention and enhance understanding of online child sexual exploitation amongst high-level decision makers;
2. Hear from political leaders, senior representatives from international organisations and subject-matter experts on the threat;
3. Exchange experiences, good practice and positive developments amongst WePROTECT Global Alliance members and strengthen solidarity within the Alliance;
4. Launch a range of key products, including a new Global Threat Assessment and Strategic Global Response to inform the global response to online child sexual exploitation;
5. Incorporate the voices of children, including survivors of online child sexual exploitation, and have them heard by key decision makers;
6. Facilitate breakout sessions, including on the technology landscape, regional threats and resilience-building among children;
7. Encourage the expansion of the WePROTECT Global Alliance and welcome new members into the Alliance; and

8. Launch the revised structure of the WePROTECT Global Alliance and its priorities for coming two years.

Participants:

The Summit will bring together high-level representatives of governments, the private sector/ industry, civil society organisations, regional mechanisms/ entities, and specialized agencies of the United Nations. In total, the summit will have approximately 700 participants.

Representatives of the media, are invited to cover the event.

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