2nd Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children

Coalition for Good Schools

The Coalition for Good Schools at the Second Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children

16-19 November, 2026 | Manila, the Philippines

The Coalition's co-founders and members will be in Manila to highlight:

'Safe and enabling schools' as a key breakthrough strategy for VAC prevention at scale

The perspectives and voices that are often missing onto this global stage

OUR MANILA PROGRAMME

Main Conference

18 Nov 14:00-14:30	**Dipak Naker & Bryanna Marinas will co-host the Day 1 plenary session "The Power of Partnerships" with Jose Fernando Mejia, Sangeeta Saksena and Karen Devries.**
18 Nov 16:00-17:30	**Sunita Menon will chair a panel discussion in the Day 1 (B1) parallel session "Ending Violence, Enabling Learning: A call to lead, fund and deliver safe schools" with Safe to Learn.**
19 Nov 11:00-12:30	**Shanaaz Mathews will be part of a Day 2 (A2) parallel session hosted by WHO in the main conference on "The Critical Role of Mental Health in Violence Prevention."**
19 Nov 13:45-15:30	**Hope Wambi & Saba Lishan will speak at the Day 2 (A3) parallel session "Regional Solutions Exchange-A Safer Africa for Every Child: Leadership, Accountability & Collective Action to End VAC."**
19 Nov 13:45-15:30	**The Coalition will co-host a Day 2 parallel (D3) session, where Prossy Nakanjako will speak into "Reimagining the future of violence prevention and response."**

Join our Official Satellite Event

The Role of Frontline Actors: Engaging the Education Sector to Prevent Violence Against Children in Schools

This event will bring together Shanaaz Mathews, Karen Devries, Hope Wambi, Jose Fernando Mejia, Sunita Menon, Sharanya Gautam and Dipak Naker, who will examine how frontline actors build productive and trust-based relationships with education decision-makers; and how civil society can become active partners in steering intersecting national conversations on education and prevention.

16 November, 9:00 to 10:30 | Manila Marriott Hotel, MGB – Executive Rooms 7 & 9

Register for in-person event | Not in Manila? Join the livestream!

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Key Satellite Events

Global South Civil Society Actors: Building a Foundation for Shared Action to Prevent Violence Against Children at Scale

In partnership with strategic allies, the Coalition will co-host a **full-day satellite event** focused on the role of frontline, Global South-rooted practitioners, researchers and networks who have provided decades of leadership on VAC prevention. Read more.

17 November, 9:00 to 16:30 | MHM The Den and Veranda, Manila Marriott Hotel
(Please note: the event is invite-only)

From Evidence to Action: Evidence and Data-driven Action for Safe and Enabling Learning Environments

The Coalition's Latin America Hub will join the Center for Global Development, UNICEF and Safe to Learn for a **satellite event** sharing the latest evidence and country-level experience to strengthen efforts to prevent VAC in and around schools, how governments are using evidence to inform national efforts, and gaps in knowledge, implementation and policy. The session features **Lina Maria Saldarriaga** and **Sohini Bhattacharya**.

16 November, 10:45 to 12:00 | Executive Rooms 7 & 9, Marriott Hotel at Newport, Manila
Register for the event here.

Other Events we are watching

16 Nov 16:45-17:45	**Cities for Children (Asia Hub)** will host a satellite event "From Legislation to Classrooms: Ending Corporal Punishment Through School-Based Interventions", with **Madeeha Ansari** & **Stella Ayo-Odongo. Register.**
16 Nov 8:45-17:00	**Dr. Bernadette Madrid** will co-host the full day AKO PARA SA BATA Conference under the theme "From Practice to Scale: Experiences and Innovations in Philippine Child Protection." Invite only. **Information here.**
17 Nov 10:15-11:45	**Shanaaz Mathews** will be part of a panel for the satellite event convened by What Works Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls, UNESCO and All In. **Register here.**
17 Nov 14:00-16:45	**Safe to Learn** will host its flagship satellite event in Executive Rooms 7 & 9. **Register here.**
MISSING VOICES!	**The Missing Voices** project will be featured prominently throughout the conference venue, including a Day 2 plenary session led by Helen Morton and featuring Coalition co-founder **Sohini Bhattacharya.**

The Coalition will provide AI interpretation services via Interprefy for all safe and enabling schools satellite events in Arabic, English, French, Indonesian Bahasa, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Filipino and Urdu.

This conference is only one step of our collective journey. Your leadership is critical! Reach out to us for more information or ways to get involved. Questions? Email Devin Faris - Global Programme Coordinator at devin@coalitionforgoodschools.org.