

Help advocate for your national government to support a Human Rights Council Resolution on Engaging Men & Boys to be approved this week!

WHAT?

MenEngage Alliance has been following a Resolution being presented in June 2017 at the Human Rights Council in Geneva before Member States, which addresses **Engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls.**

WHY?

If adopted, this resolution would be the **first fully dedicated international document** ever to have been adopted in our field of work, and would mean the beginning steps are in place towards ensuring concrete commitments are required of all States - in developing policies, campaigns, educational and programing interventions focused on engaging men and boys.

HOW?

Over 80 countries have signed-on in support of the resolution, but many more States need to be mobilized in order for the resolution to be approved. The final vote by Member States will occur on **Thursday June 22nd, 2017**, so we are sending out a Call to Action across our alliance to put pressure on States who have not yet agreed to back the resolution, in order to gain their support.

There are several ways of engaging in this process within your country:

1. **Find out if other CSOs, especially women's rights and gender justice organizations are engaging in advocacy** at the national level in your country and join in their efforts.
2. **Contact your government's Ministry or Department of Foreign Affairs or Foreign Relations that is coordinating your country's position** in the Human Rights Council and ask to have a meeting or a call as soon as possible. If not available, send an email.
3. **Find out who is heading your country's mission in Geneva** - both Ambassadors and delegates and ask to have a call or send an email as soon as possible.
4. **Share the [Draft Resolution](#) and the MenEngage Human Rights Council [Policy Brief](#) and [Oral statement](#) with them.**
5. **Ask your government for a firm commitment** to support the resolutions as presented by the sponsoring and co-sponsoring States.
6. **Remind your government that they are internationally and nationally bound** - through previously established and ratified international and national laws and mechanisms - to uphold the elimination of all forms of violence against all women and girls.
7. **Engage in media advocacy** - use the Policy Brief to write a country relevant summary on what is happening and why there is a need for your government to support the resolution, and disseminate it across social media, print media, radio, television and any other channels you have access to.

WHEN?

This is a rapid response call to action, as the resolution will be voted on Thursday June 22nd, 2017!

WHO?

We are calling for your support to mobilize your government's commitment specifically from the following countries, since they have not yet backed the resolution: **Burundi, Cambodia, Dominica, DRC, Ethiopia, Grenada, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malawi, Mali, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, St. Lucia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.**

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