



**SOUTH ASIA INITIATIVE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
(SAIEVAC)**

**2nd Governing Board Meeting
29-30 September 2011**

Recommendations

The 2nd SAIEVAC Governing Board Meeting was convened in Kathmandu on 29 and 30 September 2011 following the 2 days Regional Children’s Consultation on 25 and 26 September 2011 and the 2nd SAIEVAC Technical Consultation on Care Standards and Child Friendly Services from 27 to 29 September 2011.

The Board meeting was attended by all the eight Member States, the two Child Representatives, one CSO Representative, the SACG Chair and the two child observers.

The 2nd Governing Board facilitated by the Director General of SAIEVAC Secretariat and supported by the SACG Co-Chair, after considering the different agenda items provides the following decisions, directives and recommendations:

- 1. Considering the Follow Up Report of the Recommendations of the 1st GB Meeting, the Board members endorsed that:**
 - a. All Board Members make efforts to institutionalize SAIEVAC activities within the national agenda and raise budgetary support. To this effect, the Board directs the Secretariat to initiate discussions with the respective Governing Board Members and Coordinators to identify the opportunity;
 - b. The Secretariat find ways and means of enhancing the communication and linkages with the Governing Board Members and the Coordinators;
 - c. The Governing Board Members also ensure proper coordination and handing over of the SAIEVAC responsibilities as and when they relinquish the position and communicate this to the Secretariat.

- 2. The Board considering the Report and the outcome of the 1st Technical Workshop on Legal Reform:**
 - a. Adopted the report including the outcome after directing that appropriate amendment as per the text provided be made on page 6 under India section, last line;
 - b. Directed the Secretariat to create an interactive portal for children on the SAIEVAC Website;
 - c. Directed the SAIEVAC Secretariat collect and/or develop guidelines on e-networking for child representatives, so as to raise their awareness on potential risks and educate other children on both perils and benefits of virtual social networking. The SAIEVAC Secretariat will place these on its website.

3. **The Board considered the Recommendations of the 2nd Technical Workshop on Care Standards and Child Friendly Services and endorsed the recommendations in total.** However, the Board raised the importance of working closer with the media to promote effective interventions for ending violence against children, and of enhancing child sensitive and ethical reporting and capacity development of the media.
4. **Deliberating on the Organizational and Operational Issues for the SAIEVAC Secretariat:**
 - a. The Board unanimously endorsed the extension of the duration of the Chairperson and the Auditing Committee to 2 years and execute necessary amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Governing Board;
 - b. The Board also endorsed the participation of the Child Board Members and CSO Members to one year as observer, and one year as full-fledged members (two years in total);
 - c. The Board endorsed that for an initial period of two years it will convene Board Meetings twice a year subject to availability of resources.
5. **The Board, after receiving the report on the parallel meeting of the NACG held on 29 September under the agenda item of SAIEVAC National Mechanisms and Coordination,** expressed their appreciation to the positive effort in that direction and directed the Secretariat to report to the Board Members as soon as some tangible progress is received from the SACG/NACG.
6. **The Board considering the agenda item on Regional and National Level Advocacy for Apex Body Consideration and the SAIEVAC Charter: appraisal and approval In-Principle endorsed that:**
 - a. The Board Members will support the application process by initiating advocacy on the SAIEVAC Apex Body Application with the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs;
 - b. The Board also expressed appreciation to the Governing Board Member of Maldives on the interest of Maldives to host the SAIEVAC Secretariat in case the Government of Nepal is not in a position to do so. It, however, called on the Government of Nepal to make the official approval of hosting the SAIEVAC Secretariat in Nepal a matter of priority.
 - c. The Board approved in-principle the SAIEVAC Charter tabled by the SAIEVAC Secretariat and directed that the Secretariat also circulate the Charter to the Board Members for their feedback by end October 2011. The secretariat will also prepare the final draft for the consideration of the next Board Meeting.
7. **Considering the briefing on the Global Progress Survey on Violence Against Children,** the Board directed the SAIEVAC Secretariat to circulate the soft copy to the Board Members so that they can initiate work to complete the survey within the stipulated timeframe.

- 8. Considering the agenda item on Follow Up Regional Consultation on Violence Against Children 2012, the Board endorsed that:**
 - a. The Secretariat initiate formal communication with the Government of Srilanka to finalize the hosting of the conference;
 - b. The tentative time frame for the consultation will be the 2nd week of May 2012 to allow for adequate time to provide input into the global agenda;
 - c. The SAIEVAC Secretariat and the SACG will at the earliest circulate a detailed proposal on the consultation for the information and guidance of the Board Members;
 - d. Possible linkages be explored of the consultation with other SAARC Children's events to maximize the opportunity.

- 9. Under the agenda item on Special Proposed Activities for 2011 – 2012 to follow up on 1st and 2nd Technical Consultation, the Board:**
 - a) The Board acknowledged the Draft Progress Review on Corporal Punishment and directed the SAIEVAC Secretariat to circulate the draft to the Member States with a deadline to revert back by end October 2011
 - b) The Board endorsed the concept note for the End Corporal Punishment Campaign 2012 - 2013 and the proposal to explore it being launched in Maldives under the leadership of the Maldives GB Member;
 - c) The Board also approved the brief concept note on 'Children of SAARC: How child-friendly are the South Asian Governments? An Assessment' and directed the Secretariat to circulate a detailed proposal to the GB members as soon as it is ready to initiate the process.

- 10. Under Any Other Issues the following aspects were raised and considered that:**
 - a. SAIEVAC come up with a logo if after November 2011 the Apex Body Application is further delayed;
 - b. The children's participation be further reinforced by strengthening the processes and linkages with the respective governments including the setting up of effective networking for children at the regional level;
 - c. The data and information pertaining to SAIEVAC thematic areas be strengthened through a dedicated follow up with Member States and that the SAIEVAC Website provide a portal for housing such data;
 - d. The SAIEVAC Secretariat also follow up with the SAIEVAC national mechanisms to initiate the generation of a baseline for the SAIEVAC 5 year workplan, including the thematic areas;
 - e. The Secretariat communicate with the respective Board Members to initiate Registration of SAIEVAC National Chapters;
 - f. A future technical consultation be convened on harmful traditional practices;
 - g. The SAIEVAC Secretariat share documents tabled at the Governing Board meeting at least two weeks in advance.

- 11. Under the agenda item Dates for the 3rd Governing Board Meeting, the meeting endorsed that it will be held during the Follow Up Regional Consultation tentatively scheduled in the 2nd week of May 2012 in Colombo.**