IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	WePROTECT: Combating online child sexual abuse with the MNR
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Session Organizer	Jim Prendergast
Chair/Moderator	Ernie Allen
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Jim Prendergast
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	Jacqueline Beauchere, Chief Online Safety Officer, Microsoft Thiago Tavares, CEO of SaferNet Brasil, Board Member of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI) Susie Hargreaves, CEO Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) Clara Sommarin, UNICEF
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	Never before has it been easier for those who want to sexually exploit children to make contact with potential victims around the world, share images of their abuse and encourage each other to commit further crimes. Only a comprehensive, coordinated, global response that brings together governments, the technology industry and international and civil society organisations will end this heinous crime, the WePROTECT Global Alliance is that response. The WePROTECT Model National Response to Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse helps countries to establish and develop coordinated national responses to online child sexual exploitation.
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	Ernie Allen (EA) introduced the session by giving a brief history and overview of the WePROTECT Global Alliance. EA emphasized that the heinous crime of Online child sexual exploitation could only be tackled with a coordinated global response and that the WePROTECT Global Alliance is that response; bringing together 70 countries, 20 technology companies and 17 major international organisations including UNICEF and INTERPOL. EA described how the initiative's work is central to the achievement of SDG 16.2 to end violence against children. EA introduced the Model National Response (MNR) and emphasized that this tool was not prescriptive but rather enabled countries to assess their current response, identify gaps and prioritise national efforts. EA called the audience to action by asking for their help, ideas, advocacy and involvement. Jacqueline Beauchere (JB) then gave a presentation on industry's role in the WePROTECT Global Alliance and their responsibilities in the development of a MNR. JB gave an overview of the threat from an industry perspective citing NCMEC data that thus far in 2016 its CyberTipline has handled more than 7 million reports of child sexual exploitation. JB emphasized that this large scale issue can only be addressed through multi-stakeholder action. JB stressed that

| | innovation by the tech industry is crucial and used the development of Microsoft's PhotoDNA tool as an example of how industry can work to remove child sexual abuse imagery from the internet. JB called for industry representatives in the audience to become involved.

Thiago Tavares (TT) and Susie Hargreaves (SH) then gave a presentation on Civil Society's role in the WePROTECT Global Alliance and MNR. TT spoke about the work SaferNet Brasil conducts to improve children's safety online. TT discussed the strong relationship between the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI) and the WePROTECT Global Alliance and how the initiative is a 'game changer' in coordinating a global response. SH gave an overview of the threat, citing the latest IWF data that demonstrates the huge scale of the crime and that victims are often very young children. SH described the importance of effective reporting hotlines and the central role hotlines (supported by appropriate mechanisms to remove content, safeguard victims and prosecute perpetrators) have in developing a MNR.

Clara Sommarin (CS) then gave an update on the progress of programs initiated by UNICEF in 2016 in partnership with the WePROTECT Global Alliance. CS provided an overview of the 17 countries that received grants (from the WePROTECT Global Alliance 15/16 funding) describing how the grants had helped build various elements of a MNR EG: the creation of specialized law enforcement investigative units in El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Jordan and others. CS outlined the purposes and progress to date of the UN Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and the associated Global Fund, highlighting the key role of the WePROTECT Global Alliance going forward. |
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| Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs) | It had been intended that Colonel Freddy Bautista of the Colombian National Police would be on the panel to discuss the role of law enforcement in the development of the MNR. Unfortunately Colonel Bautista was unable to attend. The discussion opened, however, with a Brazilian prosecutor from Sao Paolo speaking about the challenges faced by law enforcement and the importance of multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency cooperation. The prosecutor also stressed the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach as advocated by the MNR.

This was followed by a lively, interactive and stimulating discussion that included remote participation. It was a global audience and discussion included representatives from Europe, Nigeria, Indonesia, UAE and USA. It was also a multi-stakeholder audience including representatives from government, industry, civil society, academia and the media. There was discussion about how the WePROTECT Global Alliance works in harmony with other initiatives tackling online child sexual exploitation EG: the Technology Coalition as well as with initiatives that have a broader online safety scope EG: |

	protecting children from online bullying, hate speech and such like.

There was then a discussion around age verification, online privacy and the need to differentiate between protecting minors from harmful content and stopping illegal content. This was followed by a discussion on live streaming (see takeaway points below) and then conversation around work to prevent potential perpetrators from committing a crime with discussion of the German Project Dunkelfeld and the UK Stop it Now campaign. The discussion ended with a conversation about the initiative's future (see takeaway points below). |
| Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs) | The need to tackle live streaming of child sexual exploitation and abuse - A representative in the audience from the UAE opened a discussion about tackling the online streaming of child sexual exploitation and abuse. This generated a conversation about how the technology industry could best stop illegal online streaming, associated challenges (EG: the privacy of internet users), work currently being undertaken and the need for further innovation.

Audience enthusiasm to work with the WePROTECT Global Alliance – there was great conversation amongst those that have been supported by the WePROTECT Global Alliance (EG: from Sonia Livingstone talking about the Global Kids Online research and toolkit funded by the initiative) and those that wish to work with the initiative in the future EG: representatives from Nigeria and Indonesia.

The need for further cooperation – there was a discussion about the End Violence Against Children fund, the cost of capacity building and implementing the MNR and future success. A key takeaway was that success in eliminating online child sexual abuse is reliant on greater cooperation and galvanizing global action. EA stressed that the initiative and its partners were supporting critical projects, measuring what works and demonstrating best practice but more needed to be done. EA emphasized that success depends on securing high-level commitment by governments, the technology industry and international and civil society organizations and then leveraging political will and existing resources to develop a global response to tackling this crime.

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