



South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children [SAIEVAC]

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Dhaka: 19 August 2014- The 5th Governing Board Meeting of SAIEVAC (South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children) is being organized from 19th -21st August 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The high powered Governing Board meeting is being organized by the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat, supported by the South Asia Coordinating Group on Action Against Violence Against Children (SACG) and hosted by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The Governing Board (GB) Meeting is being attended by Members representing all SAARC member states Governments, Children (as GB Members and Observers), SACG, Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Observers and the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) National Coordinators.

Her Excellency Meher Afroze Chumki M.P., Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presided over the Inaugural Ceremony as the Chief Guest and delivered the key note speech. While highlighting about the active role played by Bangladesh in SAIEVAC, in partnership with children and Civil Society Organizations, she spoke about the important role played by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, in the promotion of Children's Rights in Bangladesh.

Among other dignitaries present at the meeting were Mr. A.Y.M. Golam Kibria, Acting Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ms. Tahmina Begum, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and current Chairperson of the SAIEVAC Governing Board, Dr. Rinchen Chopel, Honorable Director General of SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat, Dr. Md. Aminul Islam, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and SAIEVAC National Coordinator.

In accordance with the Agenda circulated, the business sessions of the meeting will include a reporting on the Follow up Actions from the 4th Governing Board Meeting. Other key agenda items include the presentation and endorsement of the Draft Regional Action Plan on Child Marriage, Reporting on the SAIEVAC-South Asia Association of Child Helpline (SAACH) Consultation, Review of the Missing Child Alert (MCA) Project, Progress of the Corporal Punishment Campaign Project, Briefing on the outcomes of the 4th NACG Meeting, Mapping of the Positive Care Practices, Proposal on Ending Child Labour in South Asia, reporting of the recently held SAIEVAC Academy Consultation, milestones for the planned 4th Technical Consultation on Children with Disabilities, Regional Child Participation Conference and the Status Report of the SAIEVAC-SAARC Development Fund Project and operation plans.

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