



Session Outcome Document

Global Strategies for Child Online Protection and Tackling Tech-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence

SWGfL

11 July 2025, 11:30–12:30 CEST

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Agenda/Session/344>

Key Issues Discussed: Looking Beyond 2025

- **Global COP frameworks:** The revised ITU *Child Online Protection Guidelines* were presented as a rights-based, scalable framework for governments and stakeholders. Panellists discussed their successful regional adaptation across Europe, including in Moldova, Ukraine, and Malta.
- **Multistakeholder coordination:** Implementation success in COP requires cross-sectoral collaboration—governments, educators, law enforcement, ISPs, NGOs—as demonstrated in Malta’s holistic approach and the ITU Europe Office’s assessments in 7+ countries.
- **Emerging harms:** Speakers emphasised the rising urgency of tech-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV), particularly *non-consensual intimate image abuse (NCII)*, which disproportionately affects women and intersects with other online harms.
- **Survivor-centred innovation:** *StopNCII.org* was highlighted as a globally accessible, privacy-preserving tool that uses device-side hashing to prevent the distribution of intimate images—now integrated with 15+ platforms and available in 25+ languages.
- **Legal advancement:** The inclusion of NCII in Article 16 of the UN Cybercrime Convention was described as a landmark, establishing NCII as a globally recognised cybercrime with associated obligations for law enforcement, judiciary, and platforms.
- **UNODC strategy alignment:** The session reinforced the need for aligned definitions, shared standards, and joint action across jurisdictions. UNODC’s global strategy emphasises legal harmonisation, capacity building, and adoption of preventative technologies.
- **Call for platform accountability:** Despite some voluntary compliance, panellists called for wider platform integration of preventive technologies and enforcement of accountability measures within national legal systems.



Tangible Outcomes of the Session

- **Visibility and uptake of global frameworks:** Participants were signposted to the ITU COP Guidelines, UNODC strategy, and StopNCII.org as practical tools for adoption and implementation.
- **Cross-sector dialogue:** The session fostered collaboration between international organisations, government representatives, NGOs, and academics.
- **Recognition of StopNCII.org as a global good:** The platform's proactive, frictionless design was endorsed as a model for safety-by-design innovation aligned with WSIS and SDG commitments.

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan

- Scale the adoption of the ITU COP Guidelines globally, with support for localisation, translation, and assessment to meet national contexts.
- Promote platform accountability for TFGBV, including legal and regulatory incentives for adopting proactive safety tools such as hashing technologies.
- Embed NCII and TFGBV into national cybercrime strategies, in line with Article 16 of the UN Cybercrime Convention and UNODC's global framework.
- Advance shared digital standards, enabling states, platforms, and civil society to collaborate using consistent definitions, risk models, and forensic protocols.
- Centre the voices of women, children, and survivors in all digital policy discussions, implementation frameworks, and technological innovation.