



United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign
Latin America and Caribbean Regional Chapter

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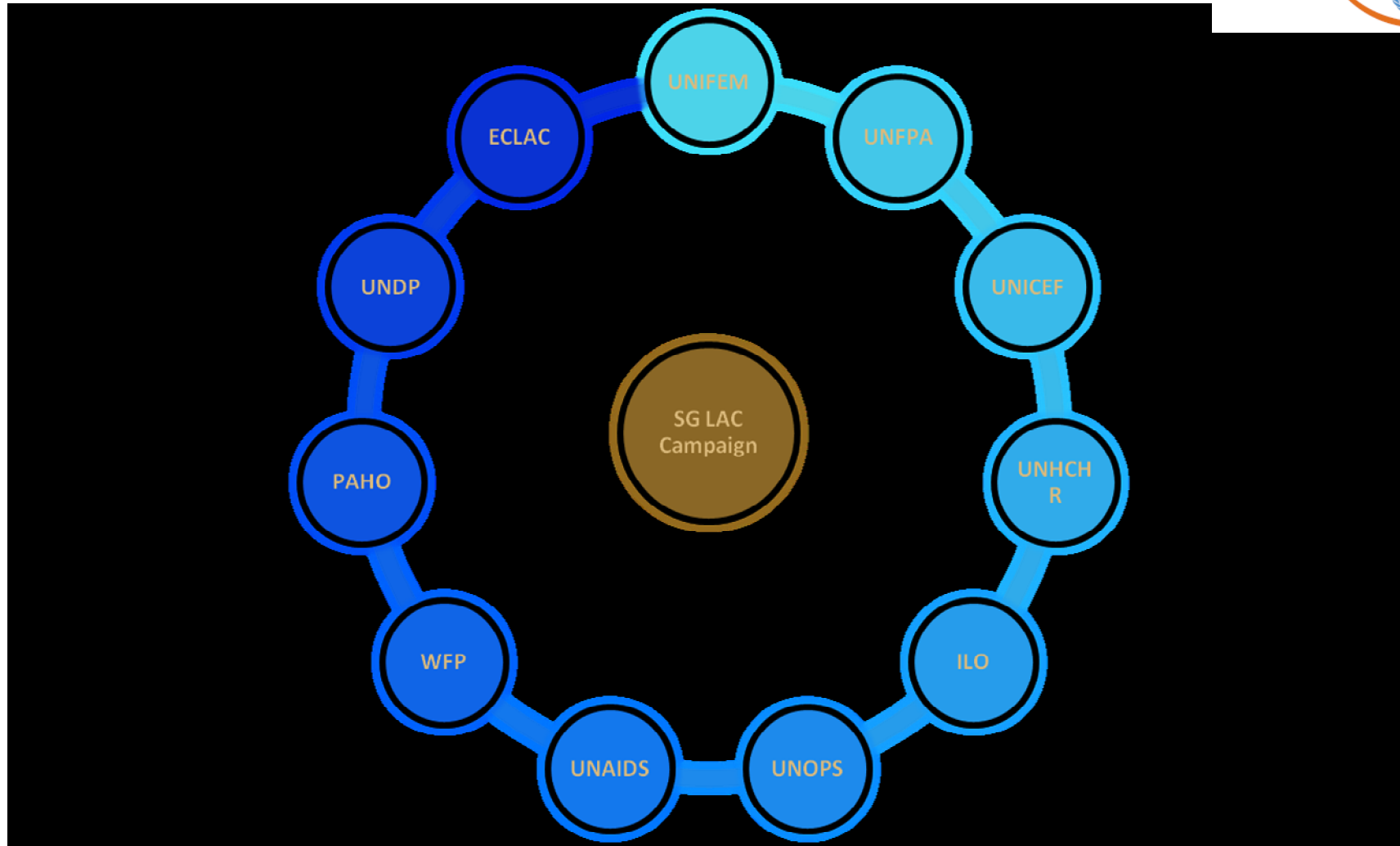
Regional Campaign's Characteristics



- Mandate for an inter-agency regional campaign
 - ▶ SG Global Campaign pillars, UN lead by example.
 - ▶ 41st SC Meeting for the Regional Conference on Women for Latin America and the Caribbean (Bogota, 2008).
 - ▶ Agreed that UNIFEM will coordinate, with the support of UNFPA, and in coordination with ECLAC and other agencies.



INTER-AGENCY PARTICIPATION



- In collaboration with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) and the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Cooperation.
- + Governments, Civil Society, Academia and other actors.

Regional Campaign's Characteristics



- Objective

“To end impunity and prevent violence against women and girls through the implementation of national and international legal frameworks while supporting governments and mobilizing civil society and key stakeholders”.

- Framework for Action

- ▶ **VAW in any form** is a violation to women's human rights
- ▶ **International and regional legal frameworks and conventions** :CEDAW,CRC, Inter American Convention - Belem do Para-
- ▶ **Ensuring a holistic and comprehensive approach to VAW**



Regional Campaign's Characteristics



- Pillars of Work
 - ▶ Adoption of measures to protect women and girls
"Stop impunity"
 - ▶ Strengthening Preventive Actions
"Not even one more"
 - ▶ Public and multi-sectoral awareness
"We are all responsible"



Process to Date

- **Concept note of Campaign's Framework** agreed and distributed among UN Regional agencies (log frame to be further developed)
- **Campaign's Framework** presented to regional women's machineries at the 42nd Steering Committee Meeting
 - ▶ Member Countries agreed on supporting the Campaign and requested UNIFEM to produce a database.
- **LAC Regional Directors Team**
 - ▶ LAC RDTs agreed on establishing an Regional Directors Group on the SG campaign.
 - ▶ UN agencies to contribute based on mandate, comparative advantage, etc.



Preparatory Activities for the Campaign



- **Regional consultations** with governments, civil society, academic community, media & private sector.
- **Mapping Study** of programs and projects of UN agencies.
- **Coordination meetings** among UN agencies.
- Articulation with current **regional, national and local campaigns**.
- Analysis of **launching modalities** at the regional and national level.



Another UN Inter-agency effort on ending VAW

UN TRUST FUND

- GA Resolution 50/166 (1996)
 - ▶ UNIFEM as Administrator on behalf of UN
- Inter-agency Consultative Mechanism (~ 20 UN agencies/NGOs)
 - ▶ Programme Appraisal Committee
- Reports to the UN Commission on the Status of Women & the Commission on Human Rights



How it Operates

- **Annual Call for Proposals:** supports implementation of the SG's Campaign five key outcomes for country level actions.
- To date, the UN Trust Fund has supported **291 initiatives in 119 countries** with more than **US\$ 44 million**.
- **Issues covered:** law reform, national action plans, data collection, social mobilization /prevention, sexual violence in conflict situations.



INTER-AGENCY PARTICIPATION 2008

- The Trust Fund is the **only global VAW grant-making mechanism to bring together so many UN agencies in the process.**
- Last year **4 Resident Coordinators** in the Andean region participated in the PACs (=good practice).

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| • ESCAPUNHCR | • World Bank |
| • UNICEF | • FAO |
| • UNIFEM | • ILO |
| • UNDP | • OHCHR |
| • UNCCD | • Regional Commissions Office |
| • UNESCO | • UNAIDS |
| • UN-HABITAT | • UN Action on Sexual Violence in Conflict |
| • UNODC | • UNFPA |
| • WFP | |

- + Amnesty Int'l, Human Rights Watch, Centre for Women's Global Leadership
- + Government, NGO stakeholders, experts (field levels)

“Violence against women is an issue that cannot wait. A brief look at the statistics makes it clear. At least one out of every three women is likely to be beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Through the practice of prenatal sex selection, countless others are denied the right even to exist. No country, no culture, no woman young or old is immune to this scourge. Far too often, the crimes go unpunished, the perpetrators walk free.”

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