



## **Guidance for submitting a proposal for a session at the Uganda 2026 ISPCAN Rise Up Policy Forum**

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal for a session at the Rise Up Policy Forum in Kampala, Uganda on 25-26 June 2026. We are delighted that you are considering joining us in this work!

The programme will include plenary sessions, technical workshops and 60-minute interactive sessions organised by partners. There will also be a poster display (see our separate guidance on submitting a poster). Any partner organisation or individual can propose a 60-minute interactive session or technical workshop. Proposals from governments are particularly welcome.

**The deadline for submitting a proposal for a Rise Up Policy Forum session is 4 May 2026** (Governments can continue to make proposals beyond this date, subject to programme capacity.) We will let you know if your session proposal has been accepted by **11 May 2026**.

All session organisers and speakers must register to attend the whole Huddle and Rise Up Policy Forum from 24-26 June 2026.

**Session proposals should be submitted on the ISPCAN Uganda 2026 Rise Up Policy Forum [webpage](#).**

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### **Overview**

The **ISPCAN Rise Up Policy Forum** is a global initiative to catalyse progress in child protection through a public health and system strengthening approach<sup>1</sup>. It aims to build on momentum and help translate into practical action the country pledges made during the 2024 Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children by bringing together governments, policymakers, researchers, practitioners, survivors, advocates, funders and more, to share knowledge, integrate research with practical policy response, drive innovation, and advance bold evidence-based solutions to prevent and address child abuse and neglect more effectively across diverse regions and systems.

The forum will serve as a community of practice and learning, where countries and partners can engage in knowledge and capacity building, cross-sector collaboration, and the co-creation of child protection strategies. It supports system strengthening by aligning with global frameworks such as INSPIRE, the CRC, SDGs and the Child Protection System Strengthening Framework for Action, building on regional calls to action including the ARISE Africa outcome statement, and providing actionable solutions grounded in local data and realities. The annual forums at international and regional levels will create a sustained global dialogue aimed at transforming child protection into a more robust, data-informed, collaborative, innovative and preventive system.

Read the concept note for the Uganda Huddle and Rise Up Policy Forum [here](#).

Find out more about ISPCAN's Rise Up Policy Forum initiative [here](#), and see the highlights and programme from the first Rise Up Policy Forum in Vilnius in 2025 [here](#).

## Rise Up Policy Forum session requirements

All sessions must:

- Include or be relevant to government perspective and work on child protection. Ideally each session should include a government speaker (most likely technical, at any level of government).
- Be interactive (see below in 'Session format')
- Advance public health and system-strengthening approaches to child protection, addressing one or a combination of the six fundamental pillars (see below)

## Session public health and system strengthening themes



### <sup>1</sup> Six pillars of a public health and system-strengthening approach to preventing child abuse and neglect:

1. Ensure effective governance and multi-sectoral coordination
2. Improve policies and legislation.
3. Advance data driven and evidence-based solutions to ending violence, abuse and neglect of children.
4. Invest in national action plans, capacity building and bringing solutions to scale.
5. Ensure child rights through universal access to a continuum of child protection prevention, early intervention, and response services.
6. Establish mechanisms for child, survivor, and community participation in solutions.

Aligned with: <https://childprotectionsystems.com/framework-for-action/>

It is likely that sessions will relate to more than one public health/system strengthening theme - we ask that you choose one as the overarching theme.

## Priority sub-themes

We welcome proposals that address the following sub-themes:

- Country progress case studies presented by governments and their cross sectoral partner(s)
- Taking a public health and system strengthening approach to child protection
- Best practice and case study examples of effective multisectoral governance and coordination in different contexts, from national to local level
- Best practice and case study examples of implementing national data systems in different contexts
- The latest developments in data, research, knowledge and evidence in the African region
- Investment case and return on investment of child protection interventions, innovative funding models and building domestic capacity through sustainable funding
- African issues, contexts and solutions
- Prevention and breakthrough strategies to end child abuse and neglect in Africa (including parenting support and safe school initiatives)
- Best-practice examples of bringing together policy, research and practice to address a child protection issue
- The role of faith and cultural communities in child protection.

## **Session format**

We encourage proposals of sessions in a range of creative and engaging formats, for example, problem solving workshop, multi-sectoral briefing, interactive case study activity, presentation of best practice with Q&A, discussion among a group of countries and sectors on a particular topic with audience interventions, round table policy discussion, etc. Please consider the best format for your topic.

A priority objective for the policy forum is to enable active participation and exchange among all delegates. All sessions should include audience interaction for a minimum of 40% of the time and have a maximum of three speakers.

We will prioritise proposals that provide for audience participation, multi-sectoral dialogue, collaboration and shared learning; and address how we can come together across sectors, and across research, practice and policy, to practically address child protection challenges.

Online participation will not be possible; all speakers must attend in person, and must therefore register for the whole event. (The exception is where a government speaker becomes unavailable at late notice, and if a replacement can't be found then a short video of their intervention can be included.)

## **Presentations, audio/visual material, interactive platform**

Session organisers will be asked to upload session presentations near to the event. Short videos can be included. An interactive platform such as Slido will be used throughout the day to support active participation. Session organisers can include Slido in their session plans.

## **Session output resources**

Each session should produce a concise output, ideally a policy brief using the ISPCAN Rise Up Policy Brief template (see an example [here](#)). However other resources such as an infographic, video, collective statement or plan, or other may also be welcome.

## **You will be asked to provide the following information about your proposed session:**

1. Name, organisation and email address of the session organiser
2. Title of the session
3. Organisation(s) hosting the session
4. Which country the session relates to, if any
5. Session aims (maximum of three bullet points)
6. What child protection challenge(s) the session addresses
7. Which public health/system strengthening theme the session falls under
8. Which sub-theme the session addresses
9. What practical solution(s) will be provided
10. What 1-3 key questions the session will address
11. What format the session will take, and how it will be interactive
12. What language the session will be delivered in (and whether translation into other languages will be provided)
13. Which contributors or speakers are expected to take part in the session
14. What output resource will accompany the session
15. Session description (maximum 150 words)

Please submit your session proposal [here](#).

Thank you for your interest!

Please contact Bess Herbert at [policy@ispcan.org](mailto:policy@ispcan.org) if you have questions or need help.