



# SVRI Forum 2026

## Abstract Guidelines

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# The SVRI: A field builder

Building and sharing evidence to end violence



- Founded in 2003 - now a global network of 13,000+ members advancing research on VAW and VAC.
- Research capacity everywhere is essential for social progress.
- Yet, funding remains uneven and many voices remain unheard.
- SVRI strengthens this space - amplifying underrepresented voices, supporting equitable research, and influencing change through partnership and capacity strengthening.

*When we stop counting, we stop seeing - a reminder that evidence is not just data, it's visibility and accountability.*



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# About the Forum



**SVRI  
FORUM**

**5  
days**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- 23 Workshops (must register)
- Opening and welcome event

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Opening / closing plenaries
- Abstract driven panels
  - Research / programme abstracts
  - Panel abstracts
  - Dialogic sessions (topics identified through survey)
  - Four-minute presentations
  - Poster presentations

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Participant Driven Events
- Also woven throughout the week.

*Where research,  
practice, and  
connection come  
together.*



# Forum Themes

- Understanding root causes, risk & protective factors
- Strengthening prevention strategies
- Strengthening response services
- The role of technology in perpetuating & preventing violence
- Strengthening the science: Research methods, scaling, practice-based knowledge
- Using research for advocacy & policy change
- Building a healthy evidence ecosystem

<https://www.svriforum2026.org/>



# How the Forum is Created & Convened

- Co-creation
- Equity
- Inclusion
- Cross-sector
- Justice
- Participant & survivor centred
- Trauma-informed



# Abstracts

## Your abstract

- Summarises what you will present at the conference
- Shows how your work adds value to the field
- Connects to a Forum 2026 theme or research agenda priority (regional, global or thematic)

## Abstract categories

- Research-based: For presenting new evidence or findings.
- Programmatic: For sharing implementation experiences / programmes
- Panel: for 3-5 abstracts on a theme (different projects/programmes)

## Abstracts accepted in English, Spanish, French



# Review Criteria

## Relevance:

Does your abstract address a Forum 2026 theme or evidence gap?

How does your research contribute to the prevention of violence against women and children, or advances equity, ethics, or inclusion.

## Methods / Model:

- For *research*: Are design, sampling, and analysis appropriate? Do you have ethical approval for the research?
- For *programmes*: Is there some evidence? What is the theory of change?



## Significance:

Do findings or lessons advance understanding or practice?

## Contribution:

Does your work offer practical recommendations or insights for future programmes, policy, or research?

## Abstract Submissions

- Closes 30 January 2026
- Notification June 2026

