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Mini-Conference hosted online by WWSOSA in partnership with the Faith Action to End GBV Collective, 4th October 2022

**THEME: The National Strategic Plan on GBV and Femicide:
What Does Accountability Mean for the Faith Sector?**

We invite you to join us to explore the role of the faith sector in the build-up to the Presidential Summit on GBVF 2 at the beginning of November, under the theme:

Accountability, Amplification, Acceleration Now!

As the faith sector, many of us have contributed directly to the struggle to end GBV and mitigate its impact in our own contexts as well as jointly through the Faith Action Collective, but there is much more to do. We have already contributed to the first two annual Presidential NSP Reports as a recognised sector partner in achieving the NSP. We will also be called up on to account for our contributions, achievements, challenges and future plans at the upcoming National GBV Summit 2.

Key panellists will kick-start the conversation, but it is critical that we reflect together on the question of Accountability and what it means for us as the faith sector.

This is the first of several conversations related to GBV and how we are addressing it in our diverse faith communities, with the aim of gaining increasing clarity for the directions we need to take, both collectively and in our own faith communities, in the context of the broader movement to achieve the National Strategic Plan on GBV and Femicide.

In this brief conference, we will seek to answer some of the following questions, and no doubt others will emerge to lead us forward.

WHY BE ACCOUNTABLE?

- Our faith and moral obligation is to offer hope, healing and safety
- We are part of our broader communities and nation

To WHOM?

- How is our work survivor-informed and why be accountable to survivors?
- Do we account internally in our own faith communities for how we address GBV in our teachings and practice?
- Do we need to account to the NSP structures, both Government and Civil Society?

For WHAT?

- How do we understand our ministries in the context of GBV?
- What is our response to survivors?
- What does our prevention work address?

And HOW?

- How can accountability systems be built into our current structures and accountability frameworks?
- What else do we need to do to ensure we are accountable and avoid any blind spots?

This mini-conference and similar conversations will offer space for multiple voices from diverse faiths to contribute to the broader conversations on the NSP at this critical time in our history.

Join us and make your voice a part of this national dialogue.

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