The combined evidence is disheartening, disturbing and calls for direct and urgent action.

Access to the internet is increasingly viewed as a fundamental human right.

It is crucial to ensure that this digital public space is a safe and empowering place for everyone.
A VIRAL SPREAD OF VIOLENCE

In the last two decades, violence has spread onto virtual platforms and online spaces, where the Internet globalizes, facilitates and compounds its impact.
SYSTEMIC CONCERN

- Cyber-crime & fraud
- National laws
- Human rights
- Internet governance
- Cultural norms

Cyber VAWG is a systemic concern
Where to from here?

(i) Sensitization  (ii) Safeguards  (iii) Sanctions

• Preventive measures through public sensitization and consciousness-raising;

• Promotion of safeguards for safety and equality on the Internet for all users;

• Putting in place and enforcement of sanctions.
SENSITIZATION
- Prevent VAWG through change in societal attitudes & norms
  - Society to prevent all forms of VAWG through changing norms, training, learning, campaigning, and community development
  - Justice and security/police to integrate Cyber VAWG concerns into all criminal and cyber-security training

SAFEGUARDS
- Oversight & monitoring to minimise risks for women & girls
  - Industry to maintain responsible Internet infrastructure & customer care practices
  - Development of technical solutions. Promote due diligence & duty to report abuse

SANCTIONS
- Adapt & apply laws & regulations
  - Develop laws, regulations and governance mechanisms
  - Courts and legal system to enforce compliance and punitive consequences for perpetrators
  - Consultations on a cyber civil rights agenda
Online diligence, monitoring and reporting against violence and related crimes is everybody’s business.

We are all digital citizens, which represents an evolution in our norms - the ways we think about our rights and entitlements, our personal responsibility, our collective responsibility and ownership of this global public commons.