

Side event at the 30th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Enhancing police and justice responses to gender-based violence against women



Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021 | Time 13.10-14.00 CEST (Vienna time)

Summary:

Gender-based violence, including trafficking in persons, targets or affects women and girls disproportionately. About 1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced sexual and other forms of violence.

Crimes involving violence against women are severely under-reported and unlikely to end in conviction. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further reduced access to essential police and justice services for women, despite reports of increased levels of gender-based violence.

The event aims at sharing experiences and tools, such as the *Handbook on Gender-Responsive Police Services for Women and Girls subject to Violence*, the *Handbook on Effective Prosecution Responses to Violence against Women and Girls* and the *Handbook for the Judiciary on Effective Criminal Justice Responses to Gender-based Violence against Women and Girls*, and good practices on criminal justice responses to gender-based violence against women, particularly in light of the impact of COVID-19 and in view of possible future emergencies. The event will provide a space for learning and interaction among Member States, civil society and UN partners.

Speakers include:

- **Kalliopi Mingeirou**, Chief, Ending Violence against Women and Girls Section, UN Women
- **Mirko Fernandez**, Police and Security Sector Reform Expert, Canada/Chile
- **Marcelo Colombo**, Head of the Unit against Human Trafficking and Exploitation PROTEX at the Public Prosecutors Office in Argentina / Technical Secretariat of REDTRAM
- **Patsilí Toledo**, Adjunct professor, University Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona, Spain
- **Claudia Baroni**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Justice Section, UNODC

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