

On the occasion of the **International Day for the Elimination of  
Violence Against Women** we invite you to take part in the

## SYMPOSIUM ON **FEMICIDE**

**The Killing of a Woman because...  
She is a Woman**



**A Global Issue that Demands Action!**

**26 November 2012**

**Vienna International Center (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5 1220 Vienna  
Multi Media Room, G 0545, 10 am - 6 pm**

Femicides, comprising the killing of women and girls because of their gender, are rarely investigated and prosecuted. Presentations of international experts will deal with the most serious forms of violence against women, as well as good practices and ways in which these can be addressed.

## FEMICIDE – a Global Issue that Demands Action

*A symposium organized by the Academic Council on United Nations System and the Small Arms Survey; sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Austria, Chile, El-Salvador, Norway the Philippines, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by UN Women, the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner and the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women; and supported by the Permanent Missions of Bosnia Herzegovina, Germany, Peru, South Africa, Spain, and Switzerland, the United Nations Vienna and the Renner Institute.*

9:30 – 10:00      **Arrival of participants**

10:00 – 10:40      **Opening remarks**

- Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women (video message)
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Christine Stix-Hackl, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Vienna
- Ms. Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek, Federal Minister for Women and the Civil Service (message)
- Mr. Sandeep Chawla, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- H.E. Ambassador Susan le Jeune D'Allegeershecque, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Vienna, "Preventing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations"

10:40 – 11:00      **Coffee Break** *sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations Office in Vienna*

11:00 – 12:30      **Session I: What is Femicide? Introduction to an urgent global crisis.**

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations in Vienna

Speakers:

- Diana E.H. Russell, Ph.D. & Prof. Emerita of Sociology; Pioneer & Expert on Femicide and other forms of Violence and Sexual Abuse of Women and Girls
- Ms. Rita Banerji, Founder of the "50 Million Missing Campaign" (video message)
- Ms. Maria Isabel Vicandi Plaza, Alternate Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations in Vienna
- Mr. Sami Nevala, Team Coordinator Statistics and Surveys, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Ms. Angela Me, Chief Statistics and Surveys Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- 12:30- 13:00      **Discussion**
- 13:15 – 13:30      **Opening of the Photo Exhibition at the Delegate’s Dining Room**  
**Opening remarks from her Royal Highness, H.E. Ambassador Princess**  
**Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand**  
*The exhibition is being sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the*  
*United Nations in Vienna and by the Small Arms Survey*
- 13:30- 15:00      **Lunch reception, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the**  
*United Nations in Vienna*
- 15:00 – 16:00      **Session II: How Do We Fight Femicide? Best Practices and Strategies.**
- Chair: H.E. Ambassador Eugenio Maria Curia, Permanent Representative of  
Argentina to the United Nations in Vienna
- Speakers:
- Ms. Francisca Pérez Cotapos, Penal Lawyer, Unit for the Prevention of Domestic Violence in Chile
  - Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director of the Centre for Social Research in India, President of Women Power Connect (WPC)
  - Ms. Barbara Spinelli, Italian Lawyer and Women’s Rights Activist
  - Ms. Gulcar Karademir, International Free Women’s Foundation
- 16:00- 16:45      **Discussion**
- 16:45 – 17:00      **Break**
- 17:00 – 18:00      **Session III: How Do We Fight Femicide? Ways forward and presentation of**  
**the *Vienna Declaration On Femicide*.**
- Chair: Dr. Eduardo Vetere, former Head of the UN Crime Prevention and  
Criminal Justice Programme
- Speakers:
- Dr. Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Research Director, Small Arms Survey
  - Ms. Ilona Graenitz, Chairperson of the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women
  - Diana E.H. Russell, Ph.D. & Prof. Emerita of Sociology; Pioneer & Expert on Femicide and other forms of Violence and Sexual Abuse of Women and Girls
- 18:00                **Evening reception sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European**  
*and International Affairs*