

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 1040 Vienna  
Multi Media Room, G 545, 10 am - 6 pm**

Femicides, comprising various forms of violence against 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.

### **REGISTRATION**

To participate in the symposium/to enter the UN building please register by **November 20** at [register.acuns@gmail.com](mailto:register.acuns@gmail.com) the latest!

## FEMICIDE – a Global Issue that Demands Action

*A symposium organized by the Academic Council on United Nations System, Small Arms Survey, and by the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women; sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, by the Permanent Missions of Thailand and the United Kingdom, and supported by the Permanent Missions of Bosnia Herzegovina, Chile, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Spain and the United Nations Vienna*

### Preliminary Program

- 9:30 – 10:00      **Arrival of participants**
- 10:00 – 10:40      **Opening remarks**
- Mr. Sandeep Chawla, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
  - Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women (Video message)
  - H.E. Ambassador Susan le Jeune D'Allegeershecque, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to Austria
- 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 in a Global Issue.**
- Chair: Representative of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office in Vienna (tbc)
- 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. Angela Me, Chief Statistics and Surveys Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
  - Mr. Erik Larson, International Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc)
  - Mr. Sami Nevala, Team Coordinator Statistics and Surveys, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
  - Ms. Rita Banerji, Founder of the "50 Million Missing Campaign" (video message)
- 12:30- 13:00      **Discussion**

13:15 – 13:30

**Opening of the Photo Exhibition in the Rotunda**  
**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 Office in Vienna*

13:30- 15:00

**Lunch Break**

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 Austria

Speakers:

- 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. Nursel Kilic, Director of the International Free Women's Foundation
- Ms. Francisca Pérez Cotapos, Chilean Penal Lawyer (tbc)
- Mr. Max Alberto Diener Sala, Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Mexican Ministry of the Interior (tbc)

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: H.E. Ambassador Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, Permanent Representative of the Phillipines to Austria (tbc)

Speakers:

- Dr. Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Research Director, Small Arms Survey
- 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

**Reception** sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs