

Twenty-five years of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women: the femicide watch initiative and the role of international and regional mechanisms in its prevention

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Femicide is defined as the killing of women because of their sex and/or gender. It constitutes the most extreme form of violence against women and an offence to human dignity, fostered by the dominance of patriarchal societies, the persistence of harmful gender stereotypes and unequal power relations between women and men. Femicide remains one of the main causes of murder among women. More than half of the 87.000 women killed in 2017 died at the hands of those closest to them. Of that figure, 30.000 women were killed by their intimate partners.

Objectives

- Evaluate the progress made in preventing gender-based killings by international and regional mechanisms as well as the remaining challenges;
- Share good practices and lessons learnt toward ending to femicide;
- Discuss key recommendations for preventing and ending femicide.

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Opening remarks

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Closing remarks

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