Data and information on Violence against Women to target effective policies

Side Event to the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
Italy, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

New York, 16 March 2015
16:45 – 18:00
Conference Room E – GA Building

The event is organized by the Italian Government, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the UN Statistics Division (UNSD). The event will be an opportunity for gender experts to take stock of methodological advances in measuring violence against women and of good practices in translating data into effective policies.

Provisional Agenda

16:45-16:50 1. Welcome and introductions (Chair: Salvatore Zappala, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations)

16:50-17:05 2. Data and analysis on femicide (Charity Kagwi - UNODC)
The presentation will focus on measuring femicide acknowledging its limitations and benefits. It will highlight how femicide can be regularly collected and analysed. Based on the data presented, conclusions will be drawn on the deep root causes of femicide which seems hard to eradicate even in contexts where other types of violence have been successfully addressed.

17:05-17:20 3. Statistics on Violence against Women (Francesca Grum- UNSD)
The presentation will cover: an overview of international standards to produce statistics on violence against women from surveys; data availability; highlights from the chapter on violence against women from the forthcoming World’s Women 2015 publication.

17:20-17:40 4. From data to policies (Linda Laura Sabbadini-ISTAT)
The Italian National Statistical Office will share their experience on how the results of a recent survey on violence against women were used to inform policies in the country.

17:40-18:00 6. Discussion