

Online Conference: Femicide Prevention and Monitoring

24 November, 2020

UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Dubravka Simonovic, called on all states in 2015 to prevent the gender-related killing of women, to establish a femicide watch and to publish a detailed analysis of the cases on November 25, each year.

The Public Defender of Georgia expressed readiness to create Femicide monitoring mechanism (Femicide Watch) in 2016 with the technical support of UN Women Georgia. Within the scope of the mentioned mechanism, Public Defender's Office prepares special reports annually. It provides a detailed analysis of court decisions to evaluate the real scope of the problem of Femicide, the applied protection and prevention measures and shortcomings in naming the problem. The monitoring aims to examine the information and statistical data on the investigations and criminal prosecutions underway in the law enforcement agencies, which was not analyzed previously. Monitoring of cases of Femicide is an essential and effective mechanism for the prevention of the crime by improving national policy and protective mechanisms for the victims.

Since 2016, Public Defender issued five special reports on Femicide¹, revealing the gaps and shortcomings in the investigation and court level. Also, Public Defender of Georgia already organized three international conferences on Femicide Watch to discuss the issue of Femicide, as a systemic problem with the relevant authorities, local NGOs and keynote speakers from Argentina, Serbia, Croatia, Israel and Armenia. The Conference served as a platform to share the best practices for further improvement of methodology for data collection and analysis. Apart from this, Public Defender of Georgia prepared 5-year Femicide Watch Report (2014-2018 years)², which made it possible to measure the progress achieved and identify the shortcomings that hamper the elimination of problems.

The Online conference aims to present and review the local and international practices of femicide monitoring and prevention to improve the data analysis and statistics effectively. On the online conference human rights institutions from around the world, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against

¹ Information is available on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3mP5Ym1>

² The report was created according to the recommendation of the Consultative Council established under the femicide Watch mechanism.

women, its causes and consequences, Dubravka Simonovic, local and international gender experts, UN agencies, embassies and diplomatic corps, government agencies, civil society representatives will be invited, including other interested parties.

Participation in the online conference will be available through the ZOOM platform; the link and the agenda of the conference, which will be sent to the participants later. Translation on Georgian, Spanish and English will be available.

The online conference is organized by the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia with the technical support of the UN Women.

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09:00 - 09:30 (CET)	<u>Opening Remarks</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nino Lomjaria, Public Defender of Georgia - Ulrik Tideström, Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia - Sabine Machl, UN Resident Coordinator in Georgia - Lela Akiashvili, Prime Minister's Advisor on Human Rights and Gender Equality Issues
09:30 – 09:45 (CET)	Key-note Address: Femicide Globally – Existing Situation and Challenges
	Dubravka Simonovic , UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences
09:45- 10:20 (CET)	Femicide Monitoring and Prevention – Country Profiles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tamar Dekanosidze, Expert, Georgia - Juan Jose Bockel, Ombudsman of Argentina - Vedrana Lacmanovic, Autonomous Women's Centre, Serbia - Saide Mobayed, Femicide Watch Online Platform, UNSA <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Ekaterine Skhiladze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia</i></p>
10:20 - 11:00 (CET)	<u>Discussion</u>