



Making laws work to end violence against women and girls
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DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 12 June 2017

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

10:00 – 10:45 **Conference opening**
Greetings and introductions by co-organizers

11:45 – 11:00 **Group photo and break**

11:00 – 12:45 **Plenary panel 1: Fundamentals of domestic violence and sexual violence**
Latest data and statistics for the region
Causes and consequences of domestic violence and sexual violence
Processes and challenges of legal reforms on violence against women in the region
Case study on sexual violence
Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

12:45 – 14:00. **Lunch and Delegation Meetings**

14:00 – 15:00 **Keynote address**
Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

15:00 – 15:15 **Introduction to learning tracks**

15:15 – 15:30 **Break**

15:30 – 17:30 **Break-out session 1**

1) Good practices in civil and criminal justice system response to violence against women and girls

Assessing dangerousness
Responding to intimidation
Working with reluctant and recanting witnesses
Overcoming common defences
Holistic sentencing

2) Good practices in multi-sectoral collaboration (MSC) in implementing laws on violence against women and girls

The nature and dynamics of domestic & sexual violence
International and regional laws governing MSC
UN Women guidelines on MSC
Distinguishing between coordinated community response (CCR), multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs), and fatality review teams
Principles that guide a CCR
Role of law enforcement in a CCR
Role of advocacy in a CCR
Role of prosecution in a CCR
CCR problem solving
Confidentiality
Problem solving in action: police coordination with other sectors

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

9:30 – 11:00	Plenary panel 2: International and regional framework on ending violence against women and girls CEDAW, the Istanbul Convention and the Sustainable Development Goals implementation processes Government, parliament and NGO participation in the treaty body reporting process Multi-sectoral collaboration in law reform, policy making and monitoring implementation at the national level Question-and-answer session and plenary debate	
11:00 – 11.15	Break	
11.15 – 13:00	Break-out session 2 1) Good practices in civil and criminal justice system response to violence against women and girls (continued) 2) Good practices in multi-sectoral collaboration (MSC) in implementing laws on violence against women and girls (continued)	
13.00 – 14:00	Lunch and Delegation Meetings	
14:00 – 15:30	Break-out session 3 1) Good practices in civil and criminal justice system response to violence against women and girls ((continued) 2) Good practices in multi-sectoral collaboration (MSC) in implementing laws on violence against women and girls (continued)	
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 17:30	Plenary panel 3: Coordination of Essential services for victims and accountability for offenders UN Joint Global Programme on Essential Services Council of Europe norms and standards Good practices in essential services: shelters, hotlines and crisis centers, health services and legal services Coordination case study: Bulgaria Question-and-answer session and plenary debate	

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

9:30 – 10:45	Break-out session 4 1) Good practices in civil and criminal justice system response to violence against women and girls (continued) 2) Good practices in multi-sectoral collaboration (MSC) in implementing laws on violence against women and girls (continued)	
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Delegation meetings and development of plan of action	
12.30 – 13:30	Lunch / delegation meetings and development of plan of action (continued)	
13:30 – 14:30	Learning track rapporteurs report	
14:00 – 15:30	Delegation reports and action planning	
15:30 – 16:00	Closing session	
