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Role of Community Policing to Reduce Violence Against Women & Femicide

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Community policing by law enforcement agencies is a vital dimension of social protection for women. Law Enforcement can and should protect women from violence in the home and the community, in the private and public spaces, by family, state, and non-state actors, and including against femicide. Though laws may be in place, they are often not enforced adequately. Rural women, women in remote areas, extremely poor women, disabled women, widows, elderly women, and multiple others, have special needs for law enforcement to be responsive, and especially at the community level. This must be done with dignity and respect, for women to overcome social and economic risks and barriers. The goal of increased gender equality must include community law enforcement awareness and training on gender issues, and provide community-integrated, prioritized social protection services and sensitivity. This Panel will build on the Routledge Book: Domestic Violence in International Context, which features global experts on domestic violence in 31 countries.

Distinguished Speakers:

- Dr. Diana Peterson – Author: Domestic Violence in International Context - IPES-International Police Executive Symposium
- Dr. Dubravka Simonovic – UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women – Invited
- Dr. Amanda V. McCormick – Interim Director, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice – Fraser U, British Columbia, Canada
- Police Officer Ben Stickle – Professor of Criminology Middle Tennessee State University
- Dr. Lori A. Post – Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine – Women, Drugs & Opioids, Community Violence Against Women
- Ms. Stephanie Reardon & Ms. Kim Doyle – Joint Chief Executives, LimeCulture Community Interest Company – UK Government Advisors on Violence Against Women
- Mr. Carlos Avalos – Arizona State University School of Public Affairs – Police & Corruption

Moderator: Ms. Lois A. Herman – Managing Director WUNRN, Women’s UN Report Network