

Panel 2

Multisectoral services and responses for women and girls subject to violence

Wednesday, 6 March 2012, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Panellists

Dr Eva Giberti is currently the coordinator of "Victims against Violence Programme" to address emergency calls from victims of violence in order to assist and protect them (Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina). She publishes on violence against women and teaches courses on the topic at national and international universities. Dr Giberti provides counselling services to children and adolescents and is a member of various State committees addressing different forms of violence against women. She was Rapporteur of the Second Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking of Persons organised by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) in March 2009 in Buenos Aires.

Ms Akima Thomas is the founder, 21 years ago, of the Women and Girls Network in the United Kingdom which provides services to women and girls subjected to violence, and serves currently as its Clinical Director. She is a member of advocacy fora addressing violence against women and has developed services for victims/survivors at national level for the Rape Crisis Federation. She has also developed accredited training programmes for advocates of women victims of violence on behalf of the UK Home Office.

Ms Rashida Manjoo currently serves as the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, a mandate of the UN Human Rights Council (since 2009). She holds a part-time post as Professor in the Department of Public Law at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Professor Manjoo is the former Parliamentary commissioner of the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), a constitutional body mandated to oversee the promotion and protection of gender equality. Prior to that, she was involved in social context training for judges and lawyers, where she has designed both content and methodology during her time at the Law, Race, and Gender Research Unit, University of Cape Town and at the University of Natal, Durban. She has held numerous visiting professorships including most recently at the University of Virginia, US.

Ms Betty Mwewa Timba Ngulube has worked for the Zambia National Police since 2002, where she now holds the rank of Senior Superintendent. She has served as coordinator of police victim support units, and since 2010, has been the Co-ordinator for the Community Services Directorate, Lusaka Division. Her duties include investigations especially of crimes against women and minors, provision of counseling to victims of gender-based violence, development of training materials, implementation of training as well as of community awareness-raising programmes on gender-based violence and crime in general, with a focus on crime prevention, record management, promotion of co-ordination between the community/public, NGOs and the police service.

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Ms Luisa Marcal is a qualified Nurse and mid-wife. In December 1999 she began working as a nurse counselor with PRADET, Psychosocial Recovery & Development in East Timor, which provides psychosocial services in Timor Leste. She helped to establish the first Mental Health service in Timor Leste. Since 2002, she has worked with PRADET as the Coordinator of Fatin Hakmatek: Safe Room, which is located in the grounds at Dili National Hospital, to provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse with safety, emergency counselling, medical treatment and forensic documentation of injuries with ongoing referral to appropriate agencies or services. On 3 April 2012 she graduated as a Medical Forensic Examiner at (INS) Health Institute National in Dili, Timor Leste.