



UN Commission on the Status of Women 57 - Panel

Latin America & The Caribbean - Prevention & Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls

Thursday, March 7, 2013

United Nations Headquarters - North Lawn Building

Room CR-7

6:30 p.m.

Violence against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Diaspora, in the public and private spheres, impacts gender human rights, social justice, equality, and empowerment. This CSW 57 High Level Panel will offer analysis of international human rights documents, a review of existing domestic violence data, and findings of extensive groundbreaking research studies in the region. The varied regional cultural dimensions, and challenges, will be integrated into the presentations. In addition, this Panel will include discussion of policies, programs, and movements bringing progress against domestic violence in Latin America, Caribbean, and the Diaspora.

Distinguished Speakers:

- **Ms. Margarita Cedeno de Fernandez -Vice President of the Dominican Republic**
- **Ms. Michelle Bachelet - UN Women Executive Director - Invited**
- **Ms. Rashida Manjoo - UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women - Invited**
- **Ms. Roxana Reyes, Deputy Attorney General for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic**
- **Ms. Jodie Roure – Lawyer - Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY - Researcher & Book, Violence Against Women in Latin America & The Caribbean**
- **Ms. Yamila Gonzalez Ferrer –Lawyer, Board of Directors Secretary for National Union of Cuban Jurists**
- **Ms. Maria Dolores Fernos - Attorney, Professor, InterAmerican University School of Law - Former Women's Advocate, Puerto Rico Government**
- **Testimonials from Latin American Women Victims of Violence**

Moderator: Ms. Lois A. Herman - Coordinator WUNRN, Women's UN Report Network

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