



Emerging Evidence on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) in Conflict Settings:

ADVANCING THE DIGITAL DIMENSION OF THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA

CCPCJ

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Room M7 Vienna International Centre (VIC), Vienna, Austria



Background

The digital sphere has become a space where gender-based violence increasingly manifests, through the spread of hateful narratives, online harassment, and coordinated attacks targeting women leaders, peacebuilders, journalists, and human rights defenders. Technology-facilitated gender-based violence reflects the evolving nature of security threats in the digital age, extending violence into the virtual spaces where peace, security, and public discourse are increasingly shaped.

This event will present new findings from UNICRI's research on technology-facilitated violence and gender-based disinformation affecting women working across peace and security contexts. The research sheds light on patterns and impacts of online violence targeting women in security forces, peacebuilding, journalism, and women's rights advocacy and highlights how digital abuse not only harms individuals, but also undermines women's participation and leadership in peace and security processes.

Objectives



Convening Member States, UN entities, international institutions, experts, and civil society to exchange perspectives and strengthen collaboration.



Providing a platform to discuss emerging trends, share good practices, and identify effective policy and operational responses.



Advancing evidence-based approaches and cross-sectoral partnerships to strengthen the integration of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda within the digital sphere.

Agenda

16.30-16.40	OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H. E. Debora Lepre, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna• Mr. Leif Villadsen, Acting Director, UNICRI
16.40-16.50	REVIEW OF FINDINGS OF UNICRI REPORT “THE DIGITAL FRONTLINE: EMERGING EVIDENCE ON TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN FRAGILE AND CONFLICT SETTINGS” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Margherita Sofia Zambelli, Gender Expert, UNICRI
16.50-17.15	EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION <p>Moderated by: Ms. Manuela Brunero, Programme Officer, UNICRI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Elmaja Bavcic, Adviser on Gender Equality, OSCE• Ms. Nadia Al-Sakkaf, Independent Researcher• Ms. Francesca Bosco, Independent Senior Expert
17.15-17.25	Q&A SESSION
17.25-17.30	CLOSING REMARKS

The event is a Side-Event to the 35th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and will take place in-person in **Conference Room M7** at the Vienna International Centre. You may register in advance [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code below.

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