



亞太家庭組織

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

The Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific

ACUNS

“Symposium on Violence Against Elderly Women”

24th November 2017

Report



Before Meeting Starts – Speakers’ panel

The Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific (OFAP) attended the “ACUNS (Academic Council on the United Nations System) Report Meeting of the Symposium on Violence Against Elderly Women” on the 24th November 2017 in Vienna, Austria by President Mr. Nuno Maria Roque Jorge.

The event coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and attracted over 80 attendees from 15 countries.

Mr. Jean-Luc Lemahieu of UNODC delivered a powerful opening remarks message. He spoke of the urgency to protect elderly women from violence and suggested that more research and more accurate statistics are necessary in order to develop effective strategies to prevent such violence.



Opening Remarks

The first panel discussed about the Criminal Justice issues. They described the social, political and economic disempowerment of elderly women. And presented reasons why elderly women are targeted and gave suggestions for improving elderly women's access to justice.

Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific is also the co-organizer of the second panel with ACUNS, focused on preventative and support measures for elderly women. They all emphasized the need for more thorough statistics and law reforms. In the panel, both the obstacles and preventative measures as well as specific examples for intervention were presented.

Femicide Watch Platform

- ❖ *"Femicide means the killing of a woman because she is a woman, or the killing of a girl because she is a girl."*
- ❖ *"Feminicidio means the killing of female because of their gender" (Collins English Dictionary)*

Objectives:

- Educate, raise awareness and inform about femicide from a transnational perspective
- Transfer knowledge across regions, borders, levels, disciplines
- Add context and meaning
- Help identify gaps, blind spots and potentials for concerted action and research



Mr. Nuno Jorge, as Official Delegate of Macau-OFAP



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- Increase visibility of key actors' multifaceted work

Achievements:

- Prototype officially launched 1 May 2017 on the occasion of the 26th session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- First partners and endorsements
- First 100 selected postings by FWP Editorial Team
- One staff member financed by Erasmus stipend
- Full platform concept available including budget
- Hosting provided by UNSA for free
- Launch of twitter account @FemicideWatch



Attendees of the Meeting

To raise the awareness towards elderly violence, OFAP also sponsored for the Femicide publication (Volume VII) of ACUNS that was launched in the same event during the conference. We are hoping that 'eliminating all forms of violence against women and children' can be achieved along with the target of the 2030 Development Agenda for Sustainable Development.

