



ICPC's 8th Annual Colloquium on Crime Prevention  
Women's safety  
Querétaro, Mexico

The 8th Annual Colloquium on Crime Prevention of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) is dedicated to women's safety, a shared concern for many governments, policymakers, non-governmental organisations and citizens. The Colloquium will serve as a platform for exploring how approaches to women's safety have evolved over the years, and for identifying responses to problems by showcasing innovative strategies and practices that have been implemented in different countries around the world.

Since the 1970s and 1980s, issues related to violence against women in both private and public spheres have increasingly become a central concern at the international level. The UN Secretary General's 2006 *In-depth Study of all Forms of Violence Against Women* emphasises that violence against women is a human rights violation and a significant barrier to achieving gender equality.

Although women's safety is a universal concern, the situation in each country is unique. Differing cultural, political and economic contexts have made it difficult to measure and compare violence against women and to evaluate the efficacy of implemented strategies and practices. Furthermore, the increase in transnational crimes affecting women, including trafficking, forced labour, and sexual exploitation is a major issue. Moreover, the level of women's safety has been found to be closely linked to the overall status of women. In order to fully understand women's safety, it is imperative to take a gendered approach.

Experience suggests that the elimination of violence against women can be greatly assisted through integrated strategies that take into consideration the role of gender. Inspiring strategies taking global approaches at the national and local government levels and innovative practices will therefore be presented. The effectiveness of women's safety initiatives is often linked to the quality of the partnerships maintained between different sectors and stakeholders, including government, business, civil society, non-governmental organisations and others. Building inclusive and safe communities for women through informed urban design, and accommodation for diversity, will also be discussed. The role of women as active leaders in preventing crime will be explored. We will seek to identify tools

that have been developed to assist in the implementation of effective, evidence-based programmes (safety audits, guides, awareness-raising campaigns, etc.).

In addition to workshops and presentations, the ICPC will also organise a Cities Forum, bringing together elected officials and municipal representatives from around the world, to highlight the role of municipalities in creating safe living environments for women. These discussions will underline the importance of integrating gender at all stages of prevention strategy development, and the links between women's safety and overall community safety.

### Registration:

To register for the Colloquium, we invite you to visit the official Colloquium website at: <http://seguridad.queretaro.gob.mx/cipc2008/en/registro/procedimiento.html>



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# Preliminary Programme

Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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### Opening Session and Presentation of the Topic:

#### Women's Safety: a Shared Global Concern

*Presentation of women's safety approaches, analysis of emerging trends and dissemination of some innovative practices in different countries.*

### Plenary Session:

#### Understanding the Realities of Violence against Women

*Broad view of different forms of violence against women worldwide, taking into account cultural, economic and social diversity.*

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### Workshop 1: Measuring Violence: a Challenge to Developing Effective Programmes

*To better understand and address the complexity of violence against women: presentation of some data collection tools that can support women's safety programmes (victimization surveys, violence observatories).*

### Workshop 2: Transnational Crime and its Impact at the Local Level

*Transnational crime (eg. human trafficking, smuggling of migrants, forced labour, etc.) has a direct impact in communities: analysis of some inspiring practices (eg. Awareness-raising campaigns, associations for the protection of victims, etc.).*

### Workshop 3: Violence against Women and Community Safety

*Violence affects some groups or individuals in society in a specific way: analysis and description of some innovative practices that target immigrants, Aboriginals, elderly women, etc.*

### Workshop 4: Men's Role in Women's Safety

*Men are key partners in changing attitudes and behaviors related to women's safety. Analysis of experiences of working with men (sensitization programmes with men and boys, etc.)*

Conclusions and recommendations

Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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**Keynote Address:**

**Safety, Gender Mainstreaming and Gender-Based Programmes**

*Presentation and analysis of gender mainstreaming and gender-based programmes and their importance in community safety*

**Plenary Session:**

**Women's Safety: Key Developments and Principal Challenges at the International Level**

*International panorama of key developments and primary challenges for women's safety*

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**Workshop 5: Creating Safe and Inclusive Communities for Women**

*Inclusive communities take diversity into consideration in the development of safety strategies and programmes: analysis and experiences in social development, urban planning, transport, etc.*

**Workshop 6: Building Effective Partnerships**

*Presentation of initiatives that mobilize multi-sector stakeholders and build unique and effective partnerships.*

**Workshop 7: Involving Women in Crime Prevention**

*Women can play active roles in improving safety for themselves and for their community. Analysis of experiences in mobilization, mediation and the involvement of women in security governance.*

**Workshop 8: Developing Integrated Strategies**

*Presentation of integrated strategies on women's safety (elaboration of policies, victim assistance, sensitization, capacity-building, etc.). Presentation of programmes implemented at the national and local levels.*

Conclusions and recommendations

Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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**Keynote Address:**

**The Role of Cities and Local Governments in Women's Safety**

*Presentation and analysis of the role of local governments in the development of women's safety strategies and programmes*

**Plenary Session:**

**Cities and Local Governments Forum**

*Roundtable with local authorities on implementing women's safety strategies and initiatives at the municipal level.*

Conclusions and Recommendations