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***Strengthening the Response to  
Cyber Violence Against  
Women and Girls  
in the SADC Region  
(Hybrid Session)***

***Date:*** 19 October 2022  
***Time:*** 13h00 - 14h30  
***Venue:*** Vienna, BDR-A

Cyber violence against women and girls (CVAWG) is highly prevalent in the SADC region. However, capacity strengthening, awareness, legislation, are only starting to address the gravity and scope of the problem. The Regional Programme for Gender Based Violence has provided capacity building for criminal justice practitioners on CVAWG, highlighting challenges and strengthening practices, standards and guidance for application and policy development.

The event will provide an opportunity to launch a newly drafted handbook on CVAWG. Further the session will allow an opportunity to reflect on the challenges in implementing recently drafted cybercrime legislation in South Africa to respond to CVAWG. The event will further provide an overview of capacity building endeavours, gender mainstreaming in counter-cybercrime efforts in the SADC region. Some standards and guidance for the region contained in relevant Model Laws related to Cybercrime and Gender Based Violence will be shared. Participants will be able to discuss challenges and promising practices within the region and globally.

## SPEAKERS

**Ms Ghada Waly**

*Executive Director, United Nations Office at Vienna*

10 mins

**Ambassador Molekane**

*South African Permanent Mission in Vienna*  
(introduction of Hon. Minister Lamola)

**Hon. Ronald Lamola**

*Minister for Justice and Correctional Services, South Africa*

12 mins

**Regional Court President Jakkie Wessels**

*Limpopo, South Africa*

12 mins

**Ms Linda Naidoo- Project Officer**

*Regional Office for Southern Africa*

12 mins

**Ms Boemo Sekgoma**

*Secretary General for SADC PF*

12 mins  
(online)

**H.E. Ambassador Faouzia Mebarki, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**

*Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes*

10 mins

**Messages of Support**

10 mins

## MODERATOR

**Ms Jane Mary Ongolo**

*Regional Representative, Regional Office for Southern Africa*

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