



**Spotlight Initiative**  
To eliminate violence against women and girls



## **Spotlight on: Cooperation in Latin America for the elimination of violence against women and girls** The EU-UN Spotlight Initiative high-level launch of the Latin America regional programme

### *Statements*

**H.E. Juan Orlando Hernández**

President of Honduras

**Carlos Castaneda**

Foreign Minister and Chancellor of the Republic of El Salvador

**Sandra Jovel Polanco**

Foreign Minister of Guatemala

**Miguel Ruiz Cabañas**

Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico

**Gustavo Zlauvinen**

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs of Argentina (tbc)

### *Speakers*

**Amina J. Mohammed**

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

**Federica Mogherini**

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission

**Neven Mimica**

European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development

**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**

Executive Director, UN Women

### *Panellists*

Argentina: **Ada Beatriz Rico**, Observatorio de Femicidios Director

Colombia: **Natalia Ponce de León**, Natalia Ponce de León Foundation President

El Salvador: **Morena Herrera**, Feminist and social activist

Guatemala: **Otilia Lux De Coti**, Social leader and politician

Honduras: **Jessica Sánchez**, Grupo de Sociedad Civil Coordinator

### *Spotlight Champions*

**Cecilia Suárez**, Ariel Award and Emmy International nominated Mexican actress

**Vandana Hart**, creator and host of “We Speak Dance”

The event will be moderated by **Jackeline Cacho**, Peruvian/American journalist and TV producer

**27 September 2018 from 8 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 1, United Nations HQ, New York**

*About Spotlight Initiative: In September 2017, the EU and the UN launched a new, global, multi-year initiative focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls. With an unprecedented commitment of €500 million from the EU, the Spotlight Initiative will deploy targeted, large-scale investments in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific and the Caribbean, aimed at achieving significant improvements in the lives of women and girls. [Learn more.](#)*