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## Invitation Conference Breaking the Silence on Violence Against Women

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Aula, University of Aruba

Globally, gender-based violence remains a pervasive issue, with violence against women and girls being a particularly prevalent phenomenon. Recent studies, such as Mr. A. Rasmijn-Marval's research on "Women's Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence in Heterosexual Relationships in Aruba and the Negative Health Consequences," have shed light on the alarming reality within our own community. Shockingly, one out of three women and girls in Aruba falls victim to domestic violence.

This form of violence is not confined to physical abuse but extends to psychological, sexual, and institutional violence. The consequences for survivors are profound, impacting not only their physical health but also leaving lasting effects on their mental well-being, financial independence, and social standing within their communities. Violence against women and girls represents a blatant violation of their fundamental human rights, demanding urgent and comprehensive action for eradication.

Join us for a crucial conference where we delve into the specific forms of violence experienced by women and girls in Aruba. We will explore the root causes and the factors that contribute to the prevalence of violence against women (VAW) in our community and highlight intersectional inequalities in women's experiences. Through open dialogue, we aim to identify the challenges hindering ongoing efforts to address this phenomenon.

Together, stop the culture of silence and work towards a safer, more equitable future for women and girls in Aruba.

#### **Speakers & Facilitators:**

**Dr. Benedicta Deogratias, LLM (University of Aruba):** Violence against women as a human rights violation and form of discrimination.

**Mrs. Miangela Ras (CEDEHM):** Addressing the root causes of violence against women on Aruba- What are our priorities?

**Mrs. Cintia Quant (FCVR):** Protecting and supporting victims and survivors of violence against women.

**Mrs. Vania Arendsz (HIAS):** Intersectionality, discrimination and gender-based violence.



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