1. Call for Proposals
The Department of Social Development as the lead and coordinating Department for the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Violence against Women and Children will be hosting the research symposium on behalf of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster. This research symposium seeks to create a platform for researchers, policy developers, and practitioners to share empirical evidence and experiences regarding violence against women and children. The themes for the research symposium are as follows:

- THEME 1: Trafficking in women and girls
- THEME 2: Domestic violence and intimate partner violence
- THEME 3: Sexual Harassment and workplace violence
- THEME 4: Violence against women in schools
- THEME 5: Cyber violence against women

2. Objectives
The main objectives of the research symposium are as follows:

- To raise awareness on violence against women and children and analyse the causal factors.
- To identify and share best practice models in prevention of violence against women and children.
- To make concrete action proposals for prevention of violence against women and children for consideration by the Inter-Ministerial Committee.

3. Call for papers
Academician, researchers, civil society organisations and practitioners are cordially invited to submit papers on themes for consideration. Full papers along with abstract not exceeding 500 words must be submitted by email. Abstracts without full paper will not be considered. All submissions must be made in word format. Deadline for submission of research papers is **20 January 2018**. The papers should be submitted to Ms Lebo Molai at LeboM@dsd.gov.za or MolebatsiN@dsd.gov.za

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