



Inter-American Community of Crime Observatories
Second Discussion
Panelists' Profiles

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Mr. González is the director of the Observatory of Studies on Coexistence and Citizen Security in the Providence of Córdoba. He works as an adjunct professor at the National University of Villa María and as a postgraduate professor in training programs on Violence Analysis at the National University of Córdoba. As a scientific researcher on issues regarding gender violence, he is part the Federal Network for Femicide Studies and the Working Group on Violence of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO).

Previously, he served as the Executive Director of the Regional Impact Assessment System for Citizen Security policies in Latin America, IDB Project/National University of Villa María.

Roberto González holds a B.S in Political Science from the Catholic University of Córdoba.

Luís Fernando de Oliveira Linch
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Mr. Linch is currently director of the State Observatory of Public Security, Manager of the Law on Access to Information of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, and Manager of the National System of Statistics of the Ministry of Justice of Brazil

Previously he worked as secretary of the Integrated State Management Office. He was also head of the Criminal Statistics Division and of the State Observatory on Violence against Women.

Mr. Linch holds a law degree and specializes in criminal law, criminal litigation, public security management, and police administration. He is also a criminal analyst and has attended courses in statistics, data modeling, and georeferencing. Mr. Linch is Lieutenant Colonel of the Military Police; he joined the institution in 1989.



Giovanna Andrea Brand Casas
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Since February 2020, Ms. Brand Casas has been the coordinator of the Security Observatory of the Secretary of Security and Justice in the Municipality of Cali. Previously, between December 2012 and May 2019, she served as the Executive Director of the Foundation for Family Orientation (FUNOF, for its Spanish acronym), where she was responsible of coordinating 22 annual social projects in 25 departments of Colombia. Additionally, between April 2008 and November 2012, she worked as the Coordinator of Cooperation Projects, executed by COPOVALLE with resources from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID, for its Spanish acronym). Before that, between 2005 and 2007, she was an advisor on Public Policy and Planning for displacement and youth.

Ms. Brand Casas has extensive experience in organization management, direction, implementation, follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of high-impact social projects as well as public policies. She has been involved in the coordination of processes for vulnerable populations such as children, adolescents and youth; women, ethnic groups, migrants. Furthermore, she has acquired knowledge in the areas of human rights, security, access of justice and coexistence, victims of armed conflict, gender and gender-based violence, health and psychological care, humanitarian assistance, and poverty.

She holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Valle, and she is currently a second-semester Master's degree student in Administration at the same university. Her undergraduate degree is in Social Communication from the National Autonomous University of Occident.

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Jorge Mera is the Coordinator of the Citizen Security Observatory of Citizen Security Council (CSC). Before that, he worked for the CSC as a Georeferencing Information Analyst in a number of crime behavioral studies.

Mr. Mera has experience working for both the public and private sectors. In the public sphere, he worked as the territorial planning analyst and technician in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), specifically in Zonal Coordination 6 of the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education. Within that same Zonal Coordination, and under the Ministry of Education, he also served as the Zonal Director of Educational Professional Development. Additionally, he participated in the project of the Territorial Heritage Agenda for Planning Zone 7, among others. In the private sphere, his experience focuses on the logistical and



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He graduated as an Information Systems Engineer from the University of Azuay in Cuenca, Ecuador, where he later obtained a Master's degree in Geomatics with a mention in Territorial Planning.