



## **UN Human Rights Council Session 23 - Panel**

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & THE HUMAN RIGHT TO PEACE**

**May 31, 2013**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 p.m.**

**Palais des Nations - Room XXV**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

The goal of this Panel to define the serious and protracted violence against women dimensions in conflict, and the reason why women past, present, and future, want peace. The Panel will address the importance of the Human Right to Peace as a mechanism for advocacy for peace. The unique feature of a Human Right to Peace is that it would provide a UN document of substantive commitment of Member States to create a culture of peace, not react after the traumas of war and conflict. The Human Right to Peace would help protect the human rights defined in many important UN documents, as Security Council Resolution 1325, but so often lost or elusive before, during, and after conflict, especially for women and girls.

#### **Distinguished Speakers:**

- **Prof. Carlos Villán Durán, President of the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law - SSIHRL**
- **Mr. Christian Guillermet, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN Geneva & Chairperson of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on a UN Draft Declaration on the Human Right to Peace - Invited**
- **Ms. Janine Moussa, Due Diligence Project, Co-Director**
- **Ms. Marie-Claude Julsaint, World YWCA Global Programme Manager Violence Against Women**
- **Mr. Jussi Ojala, Finn Church Aid, Senior Adviser on the Right to Peace**
- **Ms. Colette Samoya, Bangwe et Dialogue-Africa Great Lakes Women - Chair of NGO CSW Geneva Committee on the Human Right to Peace - Statement**
- **Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network - Power Point**

Moderator: Ms. Christina Papazoglou, Programme Executive for Human Rights, World Council of Churches