



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

### **UN UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) & VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS**

**May 30, 2013**

**9:30 am - 11:00 am**

**Palais des Nations - Room XXVI**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

The UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review of UN Member States is an important mechanism/opportunity for NGO's to review gender components of individual country UPR Reports on human rights. The Final Reports of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group often contains gender-focused text that can be very useful in advocacy for the human rights of women and girls.

"The issue of violence against women was by far the most prominent of UPR Review recommendations made by countries on women's rights.....Within violence, the issue that received the more attention was Domestic Violence...which was followed by Female Genital Mutilation and Rape, and also Sexual Violence."

#### **Distinguished Speakers:**

- **OHCHR - Chief of Women's Rights & Gender - Ms. Isha Dyfan**
- **Due Diligence Project - Ms. Janine Moussa, Co-Director**
- **Center for Women's Global Leadership - CWGL, Rutgers University - Ms. Radhika Balakrishnan, Executive Director**
- **Women's International League for Peace & Freedom - WILPF - Ms. María Muñoz Maraver**
- **WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network - Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator - UPR Power Point**

**Moderator: Ms. Afton Beutler, President Worldwide Organization for Women – WOW**