



Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD), together with **World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)** and **World YWCA**, representing the **Working Group on Violence against Women and Girls, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva (NGO CSW)**

are pleased to invite you to the following side event

“15 years of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women: gains, challenges and the way forward”

**Friday, 5 June 2009
13:00 - 15:00
Room XXV, Palais des Nations**

Keynote speakers

Ms. Kyung-wha Kang

UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (opening remarks)

Ms. Yakin Ertürk

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Ms. Madhu Mehra

Researcher and drafter of the “15 Years of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Its Causes and Consequences”

Mr. Philip Alston

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Ms. Renu Rajbhandari

Chairperson, WOREC, Nepal

Ms. Madeleine Rees

Head, Women’s Rights and Gender Unit, OHCHR

Moderator: **Ms. Mariana Duarte**, Coordinator, Violence against Women, OMCT

Sandwiches and refreshments will be kindly provided by the Canadian and Turkish permanent missions from 13:00 – 13:15.