

**Meeting Agenda**

**Regional Consultation with the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences in the MENA region**  
**Corinthia Hotel Khartoum – Sudan**  
**23 – 25 September 2013**

**DAY1. Monday 23 September 2013**  
**Pre-session with NGOs**

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8.30a.m. – 9.00a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9.00a.m. – 9.30a.m.	<b>Introduction</b> Mr. Nazar Abdelgadir, <i>Executive Director Geneva Institute for Human Rights</i>
9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.	<b>Overview of the role of the Special Procedures</b>
11.00a.m. – 11.15a.m.	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
11.15a.m. – 13.00p.m.	<b>Overview of the role of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</b>
13.00p.m. – 14.30p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30p.m. – 17.00p.m.	<b>Practical session on how to work with Special Procedures</b> Technical know-how on how submitting individual cases, providing analysis and information on violence against women, advocating in favour of an open invitation, and disseminating, following-up and implementing the work of the Special Rapporteur on VAW
17.00p.m – 17.15pm	<b>Closing Pre-session</b>

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**DAY2. Tuesday 24 September 2013**  
**First day – Regional consultation**

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9.00a.m. – 9.30a.m.	<b>Opening Session</b> Mr. Nazar Abdelgadir, <i>Executive Director Geneva Institute for Human Rights</i>
9.30a.m. – 10.00a.m.	<b>Brief introductions by participants</b>
10.00a.m. – 11.00a.m.	<b>Overview of the Role of the United Nations <i>Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women</i></b> Ms. Rashida Manjoo, <i>UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</i>
11.00a.m. – 11.15a.m.	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
11.15a.m. – 11.30a.m.	<b>Objectives and expected outcomes of the Regional Consultation</b>
11.30a.m. – 12p.m.	<b>Overview of the Role of the <i>UN Women in the MENA Region</i></b> Ms. Jebbeh Forster ; <i>Representative of UN Women in the Sudan</i>

12.00p.m. – 13.00p.m.	<b><u>Session One</u></b> <b>Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in countries in transition</b> (Country Group 1) Dr. Husnia Alkadri; Head of Gender-Development Research & Studies Centre (GDRSC) Sana'a University; Yemen
13.00p.m. – 14.30p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30p.m – 15.30p.m.	<b><u>Discussion on Session One</u></b> <b>Sharing experiences and identification of challenges</b>
15.30p.m. – 15.45p.m.	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
15.45 p.m. – 16.45p.m.	<b><u>Session Two</u></b> <b>Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in Gulf Countries</b> (Country Group 2) Ms. Asma Alghanim; Lawyer and Legal advisor from Kuwait
16.45p.m. – 17.45p.m.	<b><u>Discussion on Session Two</u></b> <b>Sharing experiences and identification of challenges</b>
17.45p.m. – 18.00p.m.	<b>Wrap up session</b>

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### **DAY3. Wednesday 25 September 2013**

#### **Second day – Regional consultation**

09.00a.m. – 09.15a.m.	Opening and recapitulation of first day discussions
09.15a.m. – 10.15a.m.	<b><u>Session Three</u></b> <b>The consequences of armed conflict on Violence against Women</b> (Country Group 3) Dr. Amna Rahma; Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies (BBSAWS) - Sudan
10.15a.m. – 10.30a.m.	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
10.30a.m. – 11.30a.m.	<b><u>Discussion on Session Three</u></b> <b>Sharing experiences and identification of challenges</b>
11.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.	<b><u>Session Four</u></b> <b>Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in the rest of the region</b> (Country Group 4) Ms. Joumana Merhi; Executive Director; the Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering; Lebanon
12.30p.m. – 14.00p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00p.m – 15.00p.m	<b><u>Discussion on Session Four</u></b> <b>Sharing experiences and identification of challenges</b>
15.00p.m. – 16.00p.m.	Habits and Traditions and Violence Against Women in the MENA region; Prof. Amel Grame; Arab Civilization and Gender Studies University of Manouba, Member of the Tunisian Democratic Women Association (ATFD)Tunisia
16.00p.m. – 16.15p.m.	<b><u>Discussion</u></b> <i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
16.15p.m. – 17.45p.m.	<b><u>Open discussion with UN representatives</u></b> <b>Discussion of strategies for confronting challenges</b>
17.45p.m – 18.00pm	<b>Closing session</b>