

Geneva Institute for Human Rights

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

8.30a.m. – 9.00a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
9.00a.m. – 9.30a.m.	<i>Introduction</i> Mr. Nazar Abdelgadir, <i>Executive Director Geneva Institute for Human Rights</i>
9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.	<i>Overview of the role of the Special Procedures</i>
11.00a.m. – 11.15a.m.	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
11.15a.m. – 13.00p.m.	<i>Overview of the role of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</i>
13.00p.m. – 14.30p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30p.m. – 17.00p.m.	<i>Practical session on how to work with Special Procedures</i> 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	<i>Closing Pre-session</i>

DAY2. Tuesday 24 September 2013 First day – Regional consultation

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

12.00p.m. – 13.00p.m.

Session One

Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in countries in transition (Country Group 1) Dr. Husnia Alkadri; Head of Gender-Development Research & Studies Centre (GDRSC) Sana'a University; Yemen

13.00p.m. – 14.30p.m.

14.30p.m – 15.30p.m.

Lunch

Discussion on Session One

Sharing experiences and identification of challenges

Tea and Coffee Break

Session Two

Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in Gulf Countries (Country Group 2)

Ms. Asma Alghanim; Lawyer and Legal advisor from Kuwait

16.45p.m. – 17.45p.m.

Discussion on Session Two

Sharing experiences and identification of challenges

Wrap up session

17.45p.m. – 18.00p.m.

DAY3. Wednesday 25 September 2013
Second day – Regional consultation

09.00a.m. – 09.15a.m.

09.15a.m. – 10.15a.m.

Opening and recapitulation of first day discussions

Session Three

The consequences of armed conflict on Violence against Women (Country Group 3)

Dr. Amna Rahma; Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies (BBSAWS) - Sudan

Tea and Coffee Break

Discussion on Session Three

Sharing experiences and identification of challenges

11.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Session Four

Overview of the impact of the culture and tradition on Violence against Women in the rest of the region (Country Group 4)

Ms. Joumana Merhi; Executive Director; the Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering; Lebanon

Lunch

Discussion on Session Four

Sharing experiences and identification of challenges

12.30p.m. – 14.00p.m.

14.00p.m – 15.00p.m

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

Discussion

Tea and Coffee Break

16.00p.m. – 16.15p.m.

Open discussion with UN representatives

Discussion of strategies for confronting challenges

16.15p.m. – 17.45p.m.

17.45p.m – 18.00pm

Closing session