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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

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4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Palais des Nations - Room VIII

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Violence against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean in the public and private spheres, impacts gender human rights, social justice, equality, and empowerment. This Human Rights Council Session 23 High Level Panel will offer analysis of international human rights documents, a review of existing domestic violence laws and data, court interpretations on domestic violence, socio-economic, cultural, and judicial obstacles that impede justice, and findings of extensive groundbreaking research studies in the region. The varied regional cultural dimensions, and challenges, will be integrated into the presentations. In addition, this Panel will include discussion of policies, programs, and movements bringing progress against domestic violence in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Diaspora. This panel is also co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the UN Geneva.

Distinguished Speakers:

- **Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Geneva**
- **Ms. Rashida Manjoo - UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women - Invited**
- **Ms. Minou Tavarez Mirabal – Daughter of Minerva Mirabal of the Dominican Republic’s Mirabal Sisters & Congresswoman**
- **Ms. Jodie Roure - JD, PhD, Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY - Research & Book on Violence Against Women in Latin America & the Caribbean**
- **Ms. Maria D. Fernos - First Women’s Advocate of Puerto Rico, Attorney, & Associate Professor of Law at InterAmerican University, Puerto Rico**
- **Ms. Andrea Parra - Director & Clinical Professor, Program of Action for Equality and Social Inclusion (PAIS), University of Los Andes School of Law, Colombia**
- **Ms. Kimberly Bautista, Filmmaker - *Justice for My Sister* & Human Rights Advocate**
- **Testimonial from Caribbean Woman Survivor of Violence**

Moderator: Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator WUNRN – Women’s UN Report Network

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