



## **International Women's Day 2010 : Watershed for Women's Human Rights and Empowerment**

**DATE: Monday, 8 March 2010**  
**TIME: 10.00 - 12.00**  
**PLACE: Palais des Nations**  
**Room XXIII**

### **General Public invited**

*Translation English/French*

**10:00- 11:00am:**

#### **“2010: Watershed for Women's Human Rights and Empowerment”**

*Focus on the integration of women's rights in the UN System with reference to innovative ideas, such as a better co-ordination between CEDAW and the UPR of the Human Rights Council.*

Moderator: Conchita Poncini, (IFUW) President CoNGO CSW- Geneva

Speakers:

Ms . Nevethenam Pillay; High Commissioner for Human Rights (invited)  
HE Mr. Marius Grinius, Ambassador of Canada to the UN  
HE Mr. Carlos Portales, Ambassador of Chile to the UN  
Ms.Muriel Berset, Minister, Head of Office, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs  
HE Mr. Evan P. Garcia, Ambassador of the Philippines to the UN (invited)  
HE Mr. Javier Garrigues, Ambassador of Spain to the UN (invited)  
HE Ms. Venetia Sebudandi, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UN (invited)

**II. 11:00- 12:00:**

#### **“Beijing + 15: Creating New Mechanisms to Accelerate the Implementation of the Platform for Action”**

*Session II will consider the effectiveness of some of the emerging mechanisms such as the recently adopted UNGA resolution to set up a composite entity in the UN on women, implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on “Women, Peace and Security”, as well as SCR 1820, 1888 and 1889*

Moderator: Krishna Ahojapatel (WILPF) Vice- president, CoNGO CSW-Geneva

Speakers:

Mr. Patrice Robineau, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Ms. Joanina Karugaba, SGBV Technical Specialist UNHCR - Implementation 1820  
Ms. Bineta Diop, Director, Femmes Africa Solidarite,  
Ms. Stephanie Joubert, Expert Cordaid, “1888 & 1889”  
Ms. Annelise Ebbe, President, WILPF , “Beijing+15 & 1325”  
Ms. Natalie Fisher-Spalton, Deputy General Secretary, YWCA, “Gender Equality  
Architecture Reform” GEAR

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