



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - SESSION 20
Harmful Traditional Practices Against Women & Girls Panel
Laws vs. Practice: Rhetoric vs. Reality

June 27, 2012

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Palais des Nations – Room IX - Geneva

Distinguished Speakers:

- **UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women - Ms. Rashida Manjoo - Statement**
- **UN Special Rapporteur on Torture & Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment - Mr. Juan E. Mendez (Invited)**
- **Chief of Women's Rights & Gender - OHCHR + Working Group on Discrimination Against Women in Law & Practice - Ms. Isha Dyfan**
- **UNFPA - Ms. Alanna Armitage, Director Geneva Office**
- **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child - Former Vice Chair, Ms. Moushira Khattab - Egypt - Former Minister for Family**
- **Dr. Sima Samar - Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission - Statement**
- **Girls Not Brides: Global Partnership to End Child Marriage & International Center for Research on Women - Ms. Marianna Brungs**
- **HelpAge International - Ms. Bridget Sleep, Rights Policy Adviser**
- **World YWCA General Secretary & President of NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva, Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda**
- **Justice for Iran - Ms. Shadi Sadr, Board - Attorney, Human Rights Defender, Stop Stoning Forever - Statement**
- **WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network - Power Point - Ms. Lois A. Herman, WUNRN Coordinator**

Moderator - Dr. Adebisi Adebayo - Inter-African Committee Geneva