



Group of Friends of the Rights of Older Persons

***Violence Against Older Women
Time for Global Action to address the Last Taboo
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2019***

Human Rights Council 41st session

Side Event: Friday 28 June 2019 13:00-14:30

Conference Room VIII, Palais des Nations

Violence against older women remains largely a taboo subject as the gender aspects of elder abuse and violence against older persons are too often obscured.

This side event will unveil some data on the violence and barriers that older women encounter across settings, regions and cultures and will also present some progress in research and interventions.

Moderator: **Monica Ferro**, Director UNFPA Geneva

Opening words:

- H.E. Ambassador **Milorad Šćepanović**, Permanent Representative of Montenegro
- H.E. **Alejandra Costa**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay
- Message from **Rosa Kornfeld-Matte**, Independent Expert on the rights of older persons

Panelists

Ida Mukuka Nambeya, Senior Advisor, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Zambia: *Violence and discrimination against grandmothers*

José Ferreira-Alves: Universidade do Minho, Portugal: *Meanings of abuse from the older women's perspective*

Ruthy Lowenstein-Lazar, Head of the Center for Clinical Education ("Matters") and Lecturer at the Haim Striks School of Law, Israel: *A lens on Sexual Assault Prosecutions*

Lale Say, Coordinator Adolescents and At-risk Populations, RHR, WHO: *Reporting on the Violence Against Women SDG indicators*

Interventions from the floor and an interactive debate will follow the panel

Closing remarks: **Susan Somers**, President, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

webcast will be available at: <http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/treaty-body-webcast-ii/>