

## PROGRAMME

**Caste-based Violence against Women: *The role of the UN in combatting caste-based violence and discrimination (UN HRC26 side-event)***

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 13.00-15.00 pm, Room XXIII, Palais des Nations**

The side-event is sponsored by Human Rights Watch, International Movement against all forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), Minority Rights Group, Franciscan International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and organised in association with International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN).

**Moderator:** Ms. Jyoti Sanghera, Chief, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR

13:00-13:30

### **Introductory statements**

Opening statement/keynote speech by Ms. Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Screening of footage from film on the 2014 Dalit women march in India

Skype comment by Ms. Shikha Bhattacharjee, Human Rights Watch researcher on study "Manual Scavenging"

13:30-14:20

### **Keynote Presentations**

Key challenges in eliminating violence and discrimination against Dalit women and girls in India

*Asha Kowtal, General Secretary of All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM)*

Combatting caste-based violence, discrimination and inequality in South Asia

*Durga Sob, Feminist Dalit Organisation, Nepal*

*Manjula Pradeep, Director, Navsarjan Trust, Women in Governance-India*

Ms. Rita Izsák, Independent Expert on Minority Issues

14:20-15:00

### **Comments from the floor**

#### **Discussion**

#### **Closing remarks**

*Ms. Saraswathi Menon, Director, Policy Division, UN Women*