**Health-Sector Response to Gender-based Violence**

Gender-based violence against women and girls is among the most widespread violations of human rights, taking a significant toll on physical, psychological, sexual, and reproductive health. Health workers can play a critical role in addressing the health and psychological needs of survivors and referring them to other essential services as part of a comprehensive response to the problem.

**Organisers:** UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office and WHO Regional Office for Europe

**Moderator:** Ms. Eef Wuyts, International Advocacy Manager, IPPF European Network

**Speakers:**

*2013 WHO Clinical and Policy Guidelines on Responding to Intimate Partner Violence*

Ms. Isabelle Yordi  
Technical Officer, Vulnerable Groups, Gender and Human Rights, WHO

*2014 UNFPA & WAVE Resource and Training Package ‘Strengthening Health-System Responses to GBV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia’, which offers practical guidance for healthcare professionals, health-facility management, and policymakers*

Ms. Maria Rösslhumer  
Executive Manager, WAVE, Austrian Women’s Shelter Network, and Women’s Helpline Against Violence

*Regional and country experience in health-sector response to gender-based violence*

Ms. Liga Šerna  
Health Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Latvia to the UN Office in Geneva

Mr. Miguel Lorente Acosta, MD, Ph.D.  
Associated Professor of Legal Medicine, University of Granada, Spain

*This event will be held in English; a light lunch and soft drink will be provided at the venue.*

**When:**  
*Friday, 7 November 2014*

**Time:**  
*13:15 - 14:45*

**Where:**  
*Room XVII*