



# WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

**Cooperation for  
strengthening  
national  
Beijing+25  
commitments**

**Wednesday, 30 Oct 2019  
13:30 to 14:45, Room XXVII  
Palais des Nations, UN Geneva**

Testimonies on the latest research and evidence on increasing shrinking space, push-back in society against women's human rights and growing violence against women human rights defenders in the UNECE region.

# PROGRAMME

A light lunch will be served before the start of the programme

- 13:30 - 13:35** Welcome and opening by the moderator:  
Nathalie Olijslager, Deputy Permanent Representative of  
the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations
- 13:35 - 13:50** Introduction by Bahia Tahzib-Lie  
Human Rights Ambassador, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- 13:50 - 14:00** Research findings on anti-gender trends  
Elena Zacharenko, researcher & political analyst
- 14:00 - 14:30** Testimonies from the region  
Testimonies Ukraine, Eastern Europe  
Testimonies Indigenous Peoples, Canada  
Testimonies Turkey, Western Balkan region
- 14:30 - 14:40** Respondent from UNWOMEN global office  
Moderated discussion on recommendations for Beijing+25
- 14:40 - 14:45** Closing