



Acid Survivors Trust International
Ending Acid Violence ▪ Rebuilding Lives

ACID ATTACKS - VIOLENCE AGAINST RURAL WOMEN AND GIRLS

UN CSW Panel Discussion

2nd Floor Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN)
777 United Nations Plaza ▪ (corner of 44th St. and First Avenue)
2:30pm to 4:00pm on Thursday, 1 March 2012



Themes: The plight of rural girls and women who have been subjected to acid violence - where acid is deliberately thrown in order to wound and scar - and the importance of international policies in the struggle to end violence against women and girls. Although this is a global problem, the focus will be on South Asian countries.

Panel:

- UN Former Special Rapporteur on Torture & Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Mr. Manfred Nowak - Statement
- Acid Survivors Foundation of Bangladesh – Executive Director, Ms. Monira Rahman – Presentation; and Fozilatun Nessa – Acid attack survivor witness
- Representative from the UK's Department for International Development; Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance Department (CHASE) - Statement
- Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) - Ms. Lois A. Herman - Presentation
- Acid Survivors Trust International Chair and Vice-Chair, Dr. John Morrison and Dr Kate Young – Presentation and Summary

Moderator: Ms. Leanne MacMillan - International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Denmark - Head of Policy (and ASTI Trustee)

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