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

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