The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and the Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence (ICGBV) invite you to a side event during the 59th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women on:

“Women Peace and Security: Enhancing Women’s Participation in Peacebuilding”

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence (ICGBV), an innovative collaboration across both statutory and non-statutory stakeholders working together to provide a comprehensive and systematic response to Gender Based Violence in development, humanitarian and peacekeeping contexts.

This side event will draw key lessons from a range of stakeholders based on their experiences in promoting the Women Peace and Security agenda with a view to identifying practical ideas for actions to be taken by different actors. The event will also offer an opportunity to discuss experiences in developing and implementing national action plans on women peace and security in a variety of contexts and on the particular importance of supporting women’s active participation in peacebuilding processes.

Speakers will include representatives of the Irish Defence Forces, the UNDP and both national and international civil society organisations, each sharing their own experiences in working to implement the Women Peace and Security agenda.

**Time and date:** 16.45 – 18.00; March 12th

**Location:** Room E GA Building.

To register, please contact: anne.kane@dfa.ie

**Current Consortium Members:** Action Aid Ireland, ChildFund Ireland, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Defence Forces, GOAL, Irish Aid (Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade), Irish Red Cross, KDSC (Kimmage Development Studies Centre), Oxfam Ireland, Plan Ireland, Self Help Africa, Trócaire, World Vision Ireland.