

The Governments of Australia, Ireland and South Africa

cordially invite you to a side event during the 57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on:

Using new technology and social media to address violence against women and girls

Monday 4 March 2013 11:30am-12:45pm Conference Room B, UN North Lawn Building

Chair: Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australia

Panellists:

- The Hon Julie Collins MP, Australia's Minister for the Status of Women, will discuss the success of *The Line*.
- **The Hon Lulu Xingwana MP**, South Africa's Minister of Women, Children and People with Disabilities, will discuss South Africa's experience, including its technology and social media programs.
- **Ms Clíona Saidléar**, Policy and Communications Director with the Rape Crisis Network Ireland, will discuss the use of social media in Ireland as a tool to raise awareness and assist survivors of violence against women.
- **Ms Julie Oberin,** Chair, Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA), will discuss the use of technology to collect evidence and increase safety for women and girls.

<u>For those requiring special events passes:</u> an official from the Australian delegation will be located inside the lobby of the visitor's centre of UN Headquarters from 10:30am on Monday 4 March with a sign reading, *'Using new technology and social media to address violence against women and girls side-event – presented by the Governments of Australia, Ireland and South Africa' to distribute passes.* Passes will only be distributed to guests who have received confirmation of their attendance from Eleanor Brown, Australian Permanent Mission (eleanor.brown@dfat.gov.au).