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## **THE PROTECTION OF PATIENTS, HEALTH WORKERS AND FACILITIES IN CONFLICT A ROLE FOR THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 18.00 -19.30, Salle 24 Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Please join** us to explore the nature and seriousness of assaults on health workers and facilities during conflict and how the World Health Organization can provide leadership to the international community.

### **Background:**

Despite firm standards rooted in the Geneva Conventions to protect health facilities, health workers, and the patients they serve during conflict and civil strife, assaults on and interference with health functions are all too common. Long-term impacts include the destruction of health infrastructure, flight/departure of health workers and the hampering of public health control measures such as disease control and vaccination programs.

### **Objectives:**

- Facilitate greater understanding of the impact of insecurity on health, health systems and workforce development.
- Explore opportunities for World Health Organization leadership in plans for data collection and policy development.
- Begin collaboration among health ministries, international medical societies, NGOs, and civil society.

### **Speakers:**

- **Dr Nils Daulaire**, Director, Office of Global Health Affairs, United States Department of Health and Human Services
- **Dr Robin Coupland**, Medical Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Dr Torunn Janbu**, Chairperson of the World Medical Association Medical Ethics Committee
- **Miatta Gabanya**, Nurse and Ambassador for Merlin's Hands up for Health Workers Campaign
- **Leonard Rubenstein**, Senior Scholar, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

**Moderator: Maurice Middleberg**, Vice President for Global Policy, IntraHealth International