

AGENDA FOR THE 2008 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 29 September to 10 October 2008

Monday, 29 September 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Rule of law I, including:
- Legislative transparency;
 - Independence of the judiciary;
 - Right to a fair trial;
 - Follow-up to the 14–16 May 2008 Human Dimension Seminar on Constitutional Justice.

Tuesday, 30 September 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media;
 - Freedom of expression, free media and information.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of assembly and association;
 - Freedom of movement;
 - National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights.

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session 4: Rule of law II, including:

- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment;
- Prevention of torture;
- Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism.

1–3 p.m.

Break

3–6 p.m.

Working session 5: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:

- Address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
- National minorities;
- Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism;
- Follow up to the 29–30 May 2008 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on the Role of National Institutions against Discrimination in Combating Racism and Xenophobia with a Special Focus on Persons Belonging to National Minorities and Migrants.

Thursday, 2 October 2008

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session 6: Tolerance and non-discrimination I (continued):

- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Roma and Sinti;
- Follow up to the 10–11 July 2008 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Sustainable Policies of Roma and Sinti Integration.

1–3 p.m.

Break

3–6 p.m.

Working session 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:

- Equality of opportunity for women and men;
- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality;
- Prevention of violence against women.

Friday, 3 October 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working Session 8 (specifically selected topic):
Education and awareness-raising in the promotion of
human rights
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9 (specifically selected topic):
Education and awareness-raising in the promotion of
human rights (continued)

Monday, 6 October 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination
II (continued):
- Review of the implementation of commitments,
promotion of mutual respect and understanding and
addressing hate crimes:
- Combating racism, xenophobia and
discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and
discrimination against Christians and members
of other religions;
 - Combating anti-Semitism;
 - Combating intolerance and discrimination
against Muslims.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Humanitarian issues and other
commitments, including:
- Migrant workers, the integration of legal
migrants;
 - Refugees and displaced persons;
 - Treatment of citizens of other
participating States.

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12 (specifically selected topic):
Freedom of religion or belief

1–3 p.m.

Break

3–6 p.m.

Working session 13 (specifically selected topic):
Freedom of religion or belief (continued)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session 14 (specifically selected topic):
Focus on identification, assistance and access to justice
for the victims of trafficking

1–3 p.m.

Break

3–6 p.m.

Working session 15 (specifically selected topic):
Focus on identification, assistance and access to justice
for the victims of trafficking (continued)

Thursday, 9 October 2008

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Working session 16: Discussion of human dimension
activities (with special emphasis on project work),
including:

- Presentation of activities of the ODIHR and
other OSCE institutions and field operations to
implement priorities and tasks contained in the
OSCE decisions and other documents.

1–3 p.m.

Break

3–6 p.m.

Working session 17: Democratic institutions, including:

- Democratic elections;
- Democracy at the national, regional and local
levels;
- Citizenship and political rights.

Friday, 10 October 2008

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the
participation of human rights directors, OSCE
ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions):

- Any other business;
- Closing.