



The Representative on
Freedom of the Media

EXPERT MEETING

Central Asia Judicial Dialogue

Wednesday, 19 December 2018 - Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Venue: [City Hotel Bishkek](#) (34/1 Baitik Baatyr str.)

AGENDA

09.00 – 09.30	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
09.30 – 10.00	OPENING SESSION <u>Introduction:</u> Elena Cherniavska, Senior Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFOM) Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harlem Désir, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media• Ainura Temirbekova, Deputy Minister of Culture, Information and Tourism of the Kyrgyz Republic• Erkinbek Mamyrov, Chairman, Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic• Ambassador Pierre von Arx, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek
10.00 – 11.30	SESSION I: Human Rights Law and Limits to Freedom of Expression <i>The speaker will start with an overview of the way in which the European Human Rights Convention functions, both in the Member States in general and in the Netherlands in particular, followed by a more specific introduction on online expression and the relevant case law. The presentation will be followed by a discussion with participants.</i> <u>Keynote speaker:</u> Willem Korthals Altes, Senior Judge, District Court of Amsterdam, Netherlands <u>Moderator:</u> Leonid Nikitinskiy, Member, Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, Russian Federation Discussion
11.30 – 12.00	COFFEE BREAK
12.00 – 13.30	SESSION II: Legislative measures countering extremism in Central Asia? <i>A growing number of states in the OSCE area decided to regulate and penalise online content, particularly, such content on social networks which is perceived as threatening the democratic institutions and provoking unrest. One of the concerns is distribution of content, believed to be extremist or terrorist and thus posing a threat to national security or security of citizens.</i> <i>This session is dedicated to presentations by the participants focusing on the perception of principal</i>

	<p><i>security threats posed in the region, as well as relevant constitutional and legal frameworks in Central Asia region and their conformity with international standards on freedom of expression, freedom of the media and national security. A short collection of legal and OSCE documents on the subject is available to the participants on the web page dedicated to the Judicial Dialogue and on the back page of the print Agenda as a QR code.</i></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Leonid Nikitinskiy, Member, Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, Russian Federation</p> <p>Discussion</p>
13.30 – 14.30	LUNCH
14.30 – 16.00	<p>SESSION III: Presentations of case-studies of “borderline” cases and trends concerning counter-terrorism and counter-extremism from the region of Central Asia</p> <p><i>The discussion will focus on tendencies of countering illegal content online. The moderator will present the OSCE Consolidated Framework on Fighting Terrorism and discuss several hypothetical cases with the participants, which are relevant to the issue of freedom of expression.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Otabek Rashidov, Programme Officer, Action against Terrorism Unit, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p>
16.00 – 16.30	COFFEE BREAK
16.30 – 17.00	<p>SESSION IV: Conclusions</p> <p>Closing Remarks Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</p>
18:00	RECEPTION Hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media