



# 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTRAL ASIA MEDIA CONFERENCE

## *Digitalization for freedom of the media*

19-20 November 2015, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Venue: [Hyatt Regency Dushanbe](#) (26/1, Ismoili Somoni Prospekt)

### AGENDA

#### Day 1: Thursday, 19 November

**12.30 – 13.00**      **REGISTRATION**

**13.00 – 14.00**      **LUNCH**

**14.00 – 14.30**      **OPENING SESSION**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Special Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)

#### **Welcoming remarks**

- Sirodjiddin Aslov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan
- Markus Müller, Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan
- Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

**14.30 – 15.45**      **SESSION I: Pluralism in a digital environment**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Special Adviser to the RFoM

*This session will focus on the following issues:*

- *What is the impact of digital terrestrial switchover on media pluralism?*
- *What is the new role of public service and state media in a convergent media environment?*
- *What is the relationship between traditional media and open journalism?*
- *Is hate speech more dangerous because of new media and how can we counteract propaganda for war and hatred?*
- *What is the influence of new communication technologies on copyright?*
- *How does the new media environment affect self-regulation?*

- Bettina Ruigies, Regional Coordinator Europe & Central Asia, Deputy Team Leader Asia & Europe, Deutsche Welle Akademie
- Christian Nissen, Adjunct Professor, Copenhagen Business School
- Ninjbolor Khurel, Deputy Director of the Regulatory Department, Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia

**15.45 – 16.15**      **GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE BREAK**

16.15 – 17.30

**SESSION I (cont'd): Pluralism in a digital environment**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Special Adviser to the RFoM

- Questions and Answers
- Discussion

18.00

**RECEPTION**

Hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

**Day 2: Friday, 20 November**

9.30 – 11.00

**SESSION II: Latest media freedom developments in Central Asia**

Moderator: Aidar Botagarov, Adviser to the RFoM

*Reports and discussion on media freedom developments over the past year, including current case law, legislative initiatives and framework, safety of journalists, media transparency, professional standards, and other pertinent issues and challenges to media freedom.*

**Tajikistan**

- Nuriddin Karshiboev, Chairperson, Tajik Media Council and National Association of Independent Mass-Media in Tajikistan
- Representative from Tajikistan
- Discussion

**Turkmenistan**

- Dovletmyrat Seyitmammedov, Editor, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Turkmenistan magazine
- Representative from Turkmenistan
- Discussion

11.00 – 11.30

**COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 – 13.00

**SESSION II (cont'd): Latest media freedom developments in Central Asia**

Moderator: Aidar Botagarov, Adviser to the RFoM

**Kyrgyzstan**

- Nurlan Suerkulov, Official Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Begaim Usenova, Director, Institute of Media Policy
- Discussion

**Uzbekistan**

- Aleksey Volosevich, Freelance journalist
- Representative from Uzbekistan
- Discussion

13.00 – 14.00

**LUNCH**

14.00 – 14.45

**SESSION II (cont'd): Latest media freedom developments in Central Asia**

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**Kazakhstan**

- Tamara Kaleyeva, President, International Foundation for Protection of Freedom of Speech “Adil soz”
- Representative from Kazakhstan
- Discussion

**Mongolia**

- Naranjargal Khashkhuu, President and Board Chairman, Globe International

14.45 – 16.15

**CLOSING SESSION**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Special Adviser to the RFoM

- Discussion on the draft declaration from the conference
- Evaluation of the conference

**Closing remarks**

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatović