



SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (ombudsinstitutions, commissions, institutes and other mechanisms)

14-15 April 2011
Hofburg, Vienna

Day 1 14 April 2011

15.00 - 16.00 **OPENING SESSION:**

Opening remarks

Ambassador Renatas Norkus, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Lithuania's Permanent Representative to the OSCE

Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

Keynote speech

Prof. Brian Burdekin AO: former Adviser to the Australian Prime Minister, several ministers and the Federal Attorney General, former Federal Human Rights Commissioner and International Adviser to a number of National Human Rights Institutions in the OSCE region, Asia and Africa.

Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00

SESSION I: NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS – THEIR ROLE IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Introducer: Dr. Maurice Manning, President of the Irish Human Rights Commission, Republic of Ireland; Chair of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions

Moderator: Mr. Vladlen Stefanov, Chief of the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Discussion

18.00 – 19.00 Reception hosted by the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship

Day 2

15 April 2011

10.00 - 12.00

SESSION II: NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

***Introducer:* Mr. Georgy Tugushi**, Public Defender (Ombudsman), Georgia

***Moderator:* Mr. Markus Jaeger**, Head of National Human Rights Structures Unit, Prisons and Police Division, Council of Europe

Discussion

12.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 16.00

SESSION II: NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

***Introducer:* Ms. Jasminka Džumhur**, Human Rights Ombudsperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina

***Moderator:* Ms. Snježana Bokulić**, Head of the Human Rights Department, OSCE/ODIHR

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30

Break

16.30 - 17.30

CLOSING SESSION

Reports by the Working Session Moderators

Comments from the floor

Closing Remarks

Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

17:30

Close of Day 2