



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

(ombudsinstitutions, commissions, institutes and other mechanisms)

14-15 April, 2011

Hofburg, Vienna

To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on National Human Rights Institutions (ombudsinstitutions, commissions, institutes and other mechanisms). This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 14 to 15 April 2011.

Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR at <http://www.osce.org/odihr>

The meeting will address the topic of National Human Rights Institutions through the following three sessions:

- National Human Rights Institutions - their role in promoting and protecting human rights
- National Human Rights Institutions and governments
- National Human Rights Institutions and civil society

The Meeting will provide an important forum for dialogue and exchange of views and good practices among all key stakeholders. The conference will gather government officials, National Human Rights Institutions, OSCE delegations, civil society, regional and international organizations, and is therefore seen as an important forum for discussing cross-cutting issues.

Civil society representatives whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Meeting and wish to attend are requested to register by Thursday, 30 March 2011, 18:00. We encourage participants to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>, if possible.

Civil society representatives are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that participants can pick up their passes for the meeting venue in advance on Thursday, 14 April 2011 from 9.00 at the Hofburg Congress Centre in the main entrance hall. Participants may display information materials on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents during the Meeting by giving one copy of each document (maximum 3 pages in length) to staff of the Document Distribution Centre. Participants are encouraged to intervene during the Working Sessions while limiting their statements to the specific issues at hand thereby contributing to a genuine discussion.

Unfortunately, the ODIHR is not in a position to provide any financial assistance to participate in the Meeting. For your convenience please find attached a list of hotels in Vienna. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements.

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