

## **2008 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING WARSAW, 29 SEPTEMBER – 10 OCTOBER 2008**

### **INFORMATION FOR NGOs**

The 2008 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw, Poland, from 29 September to 10 October 2008. This is the annual OSCE meeting where representatives of governments and civil society from the 56 participating States will review both the implementation of the OSCE's Human Dimension commitments and the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with these commitments. Please find attached the schedule of the meeting and the technical information, also available on the ODIHR website at [http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim\\_2008.html](http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2008.html). The Annotated Agenda will be posted on the website when finalised.

All non-governmental organizations interested in participating in the HDIM are kindly requested to complete the on-line Registration Form in full by 10 September 2008 at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>.

Participants may also organize their own side events during the Meeting. For further information please visit ODIHR website at [http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim\\_2008.html](http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2008.html)

All formal sessions of the Meeting will be open for participation by NGO representatives, and NGOs will have equal access to the list of speakers.

The Meeting shall feature three special topic days as follows:

1. Education and awareness-raising in the promotion of human rights (Friday, 3 October)
2. Freedom of religion or belief (Tuesday, 7 October)
3. Focus on identification, assistance and access to justice for the victims of trafficking (Wednesday, 8 October).

The ODIHR document distribution system will allow for written statements and recommendations to be distributed electronically during the meeting; texts should be forwarded, preferably in advance, to [hdim@odihr.pl](mailto:hdim@odihr.pl) or submitted during the Meeting to the Documents Distribution counter. These documents will also be made accessible on our website during the Meeting.

The ODIHR is unfortunately not in a position to finance the participation of NGOs in the Meeting, but please find also enclosed a list of moderately priced hotels in Warsaw. NGOs are kindly requested to make their own booking arrangements.

Should you have any queries concerning the Meeting please contact us at e-mail: [hdim@odihr.pl](mailto:hdim@odihr.pl)