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**29<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

**“Promoting comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE  
area through women’s economic empowerment”**

**CONCLUDING MEETING**

**Prague, 9-10 September 2021**

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 11800 Prague

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 8 September 2021**

**19:00 Welcoming reception hosted by the Swedish Chairpersonship of the OSCE**

**Thursday, 9 September 2021**

**09:30 – 11:00 Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

- **H.E Ms. Ann Linde**, Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **H.E Mr. Jakub Kulhánek**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid**

**Moderator: Ambassador Ulrika Funered**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE

**Statements by Delegations**

**11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:30 - 13:00**            **“The Way to Stockholm”**

**Introduction:** **Cecilia Tamm**, Deputy Head of Task Force for Sweden’s Chairpersonship of the OSCE

**Moderator:** **Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee

#### **Discussion**

**13:00 - 14:30**            **Lunch break hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

**14:30 - 16:00**            **Session I: Promoting women’s economic empowerment in the post pandemic period for sustainable development and economic recovery**

#### **Selected topics:**

- The disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on women and girls, including with regard to their care giving burden and in education
- The importance of gender-sensitive social protection systems, which respond to the differing needs of women and girls, and investments in the care economy, public health, and care systems, in light of the pandemic
- The full, meaningful, and effective engagement of women in policy and decision-making at all levels as part of pandemic response and related to post pandemic development, including the role of women’s rights organizations in this regard
- Gender mainstreaming of economic recovery plans, taking into account the disproportionate effects of the pandemic on women and girls
- The role of women and girls in promoting a sustainable recovery from the pandemic and the protection of the environment

**Moderator:** **Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee

#### **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Julissa Reynoso**, Co-Chair of the White House’s Gender Policy Council
- **Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov**, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- **Ms. Mateja Ribič**, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of Slovenia
- **Mr. Albert Nikolla**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Albania
- **Ms. Stella Ronner-Grubačić**, EU Ambassador for Gender and Diversity

#### **Discussion**

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee/Tea Break

**16:30 -18:00** **Session II: Promoting women’s economic empowerment through policy formulation and implementation**

**Selected topics:**

- The importance of disaggregated data collection and analyses as a basis for planning policy and action, as well as monitoring progress and assessing impact of policies, legislation, and other measures
- Formulation and implementation of public policies and reforms to ensure equal opportunities and economic participation of women
- Mainstreaming a gender equality perspective into general tax policy analysis, taking into account women’s different socio-economic realities
- Tools for assessing the allocation of budgetary resources for promoting women’s economic empowerment and gender equality in the economic sphere, including “gender budgeting”

**Moderator: Ambassador Hatun Demírer**, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Ms. Maryna Artsiomenka**, Head of the Department of Population, Gender and Family Policy of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Belarus
- **Ms. Brigitta Gyebnár**, Head of the Unit for Women’s Policy in the Ministry for Families of Hungary
- **Ms. Marisa Xuereb**, President of the Malta Chamber of Commerce
- **Ms. Gulnora Makhmudova**, Chairperson of the Business Women's Association of Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Michelle Harding**, Head of the Tax Data and Statistical Analysis Unit, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

**Discussion**

**18:00** **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities** (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

## **Friday, 10 September 2021**

**09:30 - 11:00**            **Session III: Women's economic empowerment in all stages of life**

### **Selected topics:**

- Quality education for girls as a prerequisite for achieving economic empowerment and development
- Ensuring women's equal rights in the economic sphere and opportunities to decent work through labour laws, policies and practices, as well as access to education and training
- Recognizing, reducing and redistributing unpaid care work
- Policy and legislative measures to close the gender pay, income and pension gap

**Moderator: Ambassador Gesa Bräutigam**, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

### **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Brankica Janković**, Commissioner for Protection of Equality of the Republic of Serbia
- **Mr. Oleksandr Pyzhov**, Director General of the Directorate for European Integration, Budgeting and Policy Coordination, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.
- **Mr. Richard Teuten OBE**, Deputy Director of Economic Cooperation and Growth Department, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom
- **PhDr. Lenka Simerská**, Head of Gender Pay Gap Reduction Portfolio, Chief Administrator of the Project 22 % TOWARDS EQUALITY, Department of Family Policy and Protection of Children's Rights, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Dr. Elgun Safarov**, Vice-Chairperson of the UN CEDAW Committee, Republic of Azerbaijan

### **Discussion**

**11:00 - 11:30**            Coffee/Tea Break

**11:30 – 12:30**            **Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up Discussion
- Presentation of the incoming 2022 OSCE Polish Chairmanship's priorities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension

**Closing statements by delegations / Discussion**

### **Concluding remarks**

- **Mr. Marcin Przydacz**, Undersecretary of State for Security, the Americas, Asia and Eastern Policy, Republic of Poland

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Tobias Lorentzson**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee

**Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the International Organizations in Vienna