



## **Women's Power Breakfast**

### **Challenges for Women, peace and security in Central Asia and across the OSCE**

Thursday 5 October, 8.30 to 9.50 CET  
Hotel Sofitel Warsaw, Belvedere Meeting Room

The 2004 OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality recognizes that “equal rights of women and men and the protection of their human rights are essential to peace, sustainable democracy, economic development, and therefore to security and stability in the OSCE region”.

Within the OSCE concept of comprehensive security and recognizing the importance of the realization of human rights to ensure peace and stability, ODIHR promotes gender-responsive and human rights compliant security throughout the OSCE. This year ODIHR's annual Women's Power Breakfast, on the margins of the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference (WHDC), will gather representatives of women's groups, civil society organisations and representatives from institutions working to protect women's rights in Central Asia.

The breakfast meeting will seek to provide participants with a platform to discuss the current state of affairs related to the women, peace and security agenda and the human rights of women. Challenges faced by women human rights activists will also be discussed, seeking to raise awareness among OSCE participating States on such issues.

Speakers and participants will exchange on and identify challenges related to:

- o Women's rights, security and gender equality;
- o Gender-based violence, including technology-facilitated gender-based violence;
- o Challenges faced by women human rights defenders; and
- o Women's activism in the context of the shrinking space for civil society.

These topics will be covered primarily in the Central Asian context, with an opportunity to reflect on how these challenges manifest across the OSCE region, as well.

**Moderator:** Dr. Tea Jaliashvili, ODIHR First Deputy Director

#### **Introductory remarks:**

- Mr. Matteo Mecacci, ODIHR Director
- Ms. Fatmire Isaki, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia

#### **List of speakers:**

- Ms. Tolekan Ismailova, Director of “Human Rights Movement: Bir Duino Kyrgyzstan”
- Ms. Aiman Umarova, Defence attorney from Almaty City Bar Association
- Dr. Zhanar Sekerbayeva, Co-founder of the organization “Feminita”
- Ms. Nargis Azizova, Women Peace and Security Regional Policy Advisor, UN Women Europe and Central Asia Regional Office

**Closing remarks:** Dr. Lara Scarpitta, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues

**Format:**

The event will be held in English/Russian with simultaneous interpretation into Russian/English. Coffee, tea and light breakfast will be provided from 8.00 AM.

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