

FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF, FOSTERING MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

2-3 July 2015 Hofburg, Vienna

AGENDA

- Day 1 2 JULY 2015
- 15:00 16:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Opening remarks:

Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE

Mr. Michael Georg Link, Director, OSCE/ODIHR

Keynote Speech:

Dr Yevgeny Zhovtis, Chair of the Board, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law

16:00 – 18:00 <u>SESSION I:</u> Freedom of Religion or Belief and fostering mutual respect and understanding in the OSCE area-opportunities and challenges

Introducers:

Mr. Jakob Finci, Member of the Assembly of the Interreligious Council of Bosnia Herzegovina, former Ambassador of Bosnia Herzegovina to Switzerland

Dr Nazila Ghanea, Lecturer in International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, member of the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Moderator:

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, Head of Human Rights, OSCE/ODIHR

18:00 – 19:00 Reception hosted by the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship

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10:00 - 12:00SESSION II: Creating the conditions for meaningful and sustained
interreligious dialogue in order to ensure stability and security in
the OSCE region

Introducers:

Father Roman Bogdasarov, Head of the Secretariat of the Interreligious Council of Russia, Deputy Head of Church and Society Division of the Russian Orthodox Church

Dr Harriet Crabtree, Director of the Inter Faith Network for the United Kingdom

Moderator:

Ms. Anna-Katherine Deninger, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security (Vienna)

- 12:00 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 16:00SESSION III: Advancing Freedom of Religion or Belief and
fostering mutual respect and understanding through dialogue and
cooperation among and between authorities, religious and belief
communities and civil society

Introducers:

Mr. John Kinahan, Assistant Editor, Forum 18 News Service, Norway

Ms. Mine Yildirim, Head of Project, Freedom of Belief Initiative, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Turkey

Moderator:

Ms. Azra Junuzovic, Deputy Head of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, OSCE/ODIHR

- 16:00 16:30 Break
- 16:30 17:30 **CLOSING SESSION**

Reports by the Moderators of the Working Sessions Comments from the floor

Closing remarks: Mr. Michael Georg Link, Director, OSCE/ODIHR

17:30 Closing