Conference Programme

Monday, 26 September
14.00-15.00 Opening
15.00-17.00 Statements by participating States
19.00-21.00 Reception

Tuesday, 27 September
10.00-13.00 Plenary Session I: Democratic Institutions
Democratic elections; democracy at the national, regional and local levels; Equal participation in political and public life; National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights
13.00-14.00 Lunch break
14.00-15.00 Side events on the day’s topics
15.30-16.30 Side events on the day’s topics, including a Roundtable with ODIHR
17.00-18.00 Side events on the day’s topics

Wednesday, 28 September
10.00-13.00 Plenary Session II: Fundamental freedoms I
Freedom of religion or belief; Freedom of assembly and association; Human rights defenders; Freedom of movement
13.00-15.00 Networking in the CSOs Lounge
15.30-16.30 Side events on the day’s topics
17.00-18.00 Side events on the day’s topics

Thursday, 29 September
10.00-13.00 Plenary Session III: Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I
Combating racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance, including based on religion or belief
13.00-14.00 Lunch break
14.00-15.00 Side events on the day’s topics
Friday, 30 September

10.00-13.00  **Plenary Session IV: Fundamental freedoms II**
*Freedom of opinion and expression, media freedom; Safety of journalists*

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.00 Side events on the day’s topics

15.30-16.30 Side events on the day’s topics, including a Roundtable with RFOM

17.00-18.00 Side events on the day’s topics

Monday, 3 October

10.00-13.00  **Plenary Session V: Tolerance and Non-Discrimination II**
*Rights of persons belonging to national minorities; Treatment of citizens of other States and human rights of migrants; Roma and Sinti issues; Equal opportunities and rights for women and men; Violence against women and children*

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.00 Side events on the day’s topics, including a Roundtable with HCNM

15.30-16.30 Side events on the day’s topics

17.00-18.00 Side events on the day’s topics

Tuesday, 4 October

10.00-13.00  **Plenary Session VI: Rule of Law I**
*Prevention and eradication of torture; Abolition of capital punishment; Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism*

13.00-15.00 Networking in the CSOs Lounge

15.30-16.30 Side events on the day’s topics

17.00-18.00 Side events on the day’s topics
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