

Conference Programme

Monday, 26 September

14:00-15:00 **Opening**

Introductory remarks by:

Mr. Zbigniew Rau, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Ms. Helga Schmid, OSCE Secretary General

Keynote speech by Toomas Hendrik Ilves, former President of the Republic of Estonia

Moderated by Amb. Adam Hałaciński, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the OSCE

15.00-17.00 Statements by participating States

19.00-21.00 Reception hosted by the 2022 Polish OSCE Chairmanship
Villa Foksal, Foksal 3/5, Warsaw

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

Introductory remarks by:

Ms. Márta Pardavi, Co-chair of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Ms. Sirpa Rautio, Director of Human Rights Centre (Finland)

Moderated by Amb. Gesa Bräutigam, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 Side events on the day's topics
- 15:30-16:30 ODIHR Roundtable
on Democracy, elections and the role of civil society organizations with Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- 15.30-16.30 Side events on the day's topics
- 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

Introductory remarks by:

Mr. Oleg Orlov, Chairman of the Board of Human Rights Center "Memorial"

Mr. Clément Nyaletsossi Voule, UN Special Rapporteur on Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association

Ms. Isabella Sargsyan, Program Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Member of ODIHR Panel of experts on Freedom of religion or belief

Moderated by Amb. Christine Fages, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

- 13.00-15.00 Networking event for all participants in the CSOs Lounge
Hosted by the CiO Poland and HDC Chair Norway. Light lunch will be served.
- 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**

Addressing racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance, including based on religion or belief

Introductory remarks by:

Dr. Anton Shekhovtsov, Director of the NGO Centre for Democratic Integrity

Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace

Moderated by Dr Kishan Manocha, Head of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and 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
- 17.00-18.00 Side events on the day's topics
- 18.00-19.00 Concert
Karolina Cicha & Company

Friday, 30 September

- 10.00-13.00 **Plenary Session IV: Fundamental freedoms II**
Freedom of opinion and expression, media freedom; Safety of journalists
Introductory remarks by:
Dr Damian Tambini, Distinguished Policy Fellow in the Department of Media and Communications at LSE
Ms. Gulnara Akhundova, Head of Global Response at IMS
Moderated by Mr. Ton van den Brandt, Senior Adviser, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 Side events on the day's topics
- 15:30-16:30 RFoM Roundtable
on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists with Ms. Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- 15.30-16.30 Side events on the day's topics
- 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

Introductory remarks by:

Dr. Vivien Brassói, Legal Director, European Roma Rights Centre

Ms. Pirkko Mahlamäki, Former Secretary General of the Finnish Disability Forum and Board Member of European Disability Forum

Moderated by Mr. Cristi Mihalache, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, Chief of the CPRSI, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.00 Side events on the days' topics

14:00-15:00 HCNM Roundtable
on Effective integration and participation of national minorities as a conflict prevention strategy with Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

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

Introductory remarks by:

Mr. Gerald Staberock, Secretary General, World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

Mr. Michal Nešpor, FRA, Project Manager, Justice, Digital and Migration Unit

Moderated by Ms. Andrea Huber, Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

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Hosted by the CiO Poland and HDC Chair Norway. Light lunch will be served.

- 15.30-16.30 Side events on the day's topics
17.00-18.00 Side events on the day's topics

Wednesday, 5 October

- 10.00-13.00 **Plenary Session VII: Rule of Law II**
Democratic law-making; Independence of the judiciary; Right to a fair trial, including in case of armed conflict
Introductory remarks by:

Mr. José Igreja Matos, President of the International Association of Judges, judge at the Court of Appeal in Oporto, Portugal, member of the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network

Ms. Anna Ogrenchuk, President of the Ukrainian Bar Association
Moderated by Amb. Anne-Kirsti Karlsen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 Side events on the day's topics
- 15:30-16:30 OSCE PA Roundtable
on Parliamentary partnership with civil society for human rights with Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, OSCE PA President, Mr. Kyriakos Hadjiyianni, Special Representative on Civil Society Engagement and Mr. Mark Pritchard, OSCE PA Vice-President, Chair, Migration Committee
- 15.30-16.30 Side events on the day's topics
17.00-18.00 Side events on the day's topics

Thursday, 6 October

- 10.00-13.00 **Plenary Session VIII: Humanitarian Issues**
Humanitarian issues, including in the context of armed conflict; Refugees and displaced persons; Persons at risk of displacement; Trafficking in human beings
Introductory remarks by:

Ms. Shaza Alrihawi, Human rights activist and Syrian refugee based in Germany

Mr. Ilia Nuzov, Head of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Desk for the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

Moderated by Amb. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE

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- 17.00-18.00 Side events on the day's topics

Friday, 7 October

10.00-13.00 Closing session

Introduced by:

Mr. Thomas E. Garrett, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies

Closing remarks by:

Mr. Paweł Kotowski, Director of the Office for Poland's OSCE Chairmanship 2022

Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Moderated by Mr. Paweł Radomski, Director of Department of United Nations and Human Rights at the MFA of the Republic of Poland