

## SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

To take place during the  
**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON:  
“PREVENTION OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND HATE CRIMES  
THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS-RAISING  
INITIATIVES”**

**10 – 11 November 2011**

*The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.*

| <b>Friday, 11 November</b>   | <b>Friday, 11 November</b>  |
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| <i>Title: Towards Tolerance in a New Decade<br/>Convenor: Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the OSCE<br/>Time: 12.00 – 14.00<br/>Venue: Segmentgalerie 1 – I floor<br/>Language: English, Russian</i> | <i>Title: Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes against Roma and Sinti in Europe<br/>Convenor: ODIHR CPRSI<br/>Time: 12.00 – 14.00<br/>Venue: Bibliotheksaal - V floor<br/>Language: English</i> |

**OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS**  
**As submitted by the organizers**  
**Hofburg, Vienna**

**Friday, 11 November**

Time: 12.00 – 14.00

Venue: Segmentgalerie I

Title: Towards Tolerance in a New Decade

Convenor: Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

Language: English, Russian

Summary: The purpose of this side-event is to provide for a discussion on the topic of evolvement of the OSCE Document entitled as “Towards Tolerance in a New Decade”, which would help devising and implementing effective policy measures aimed at preventing and responding to manifestations of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, discrimination and intolerance, including against Christians, Muslims, members of other religions, Roma and Sinti, other ethnic and racial groups inter alia through legislation, law enforcement training, data collection and monitoring of hate crimes, education, media and constructive public discourse, the establishment of national institutions or specialized bodies, the development and implementation of national strategies and action plans in this field and the promotion of inter-ethnic and inter-cultural dialogue, including in its religious dimension.

A light lunch will be provided

Time: 12.00 – 14.00

Venue: Bibliotheksaal

Title: Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes against Roma and Sinti in Europe

Convenor: ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues

Language: English

Summary: Across Europe Roma and Sinti are targets of discrimination, intolerance and racially motivated violence. Despite increased awareness of the vulnerable situation of Roma and Sinti throughout the OSCE region, the situation of Roma and Sinti is deteriorating. This side event shall focus on the issue of “intolerant discourse”, and in particular of the anti-Roma rhetoric espoused by extremist groups, right-wing parties and populist politicians, proliferated through public events, marches, electoral campaigns and throughout the mass media inclusive of the internet. The event will bring together representatives of Roma organizations, of participating States and independent experts to discuss this issue and identify the mechanisms that stand behind this phenomena and how these are impacting on the general public’s perception towards Roma as well as in terms of attitudes and decision making processes affecting the Roma in the region. The event will facilitate dialogue and sharing of opinions with a view to identify the most effective ways and alternatives to countering the racist and xenophobic attitudes towards Roma. Participants will be stimulated to consider whether an adjustment or shift in the discourse of Roma organizations and leaders is needed taking into account the negative developments and trends which emerged recently in a number of OSCE participating States.

A light lunch will be provided