



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

COMBATING RACISM, INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY THROUGH SPORT

**19-20 April 2012
Hofburg, Vienna**

General Guidelines

The modalities of the meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002)

1. Aim of the Meeting

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Combating Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination in Society through Sport will provide a platform for exchanges among different stakeholders and serve as an opportunity for OSCE participating States to share and exchange best practices and strategies on how to develop measures aimed at promoting diversity, integration and equality. A special attention will be paid to sport due to its significance and potential to build social cohesion. The SHDM will discuss contemporary manifestations of racism, intolerance and discrimination and how sport can serve as a vehicle to promote tolerance and equality, both within and across national borders.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination: Contemporary Manifestations and Challenges
- Monitoring, Preventing and Responding to Hate Crimes, Racist Incidents, Intolerance and Discrimination, including in Sports
- Sporting Events as Confidence-Building Measures and the Role of Sport in the Promotion of Integration and Equality

Recommendations may be addressed to participating States, OSCE at large, OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE field operations, other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as civil society actors in OSCE participating States.

2. Participation

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and other civil society actors will participate in the Meeting. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field.

3. Guidelines for the Debates

The intention is to develop a free-flowing discussion based on the keynote speeches, introductory remarks, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the Meeting. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the Meeting and are discouraged. Prepared statements, background documentation, comments or written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre.

4. Organization

On-line registration for all participants is available at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Participants wishing to attend are requested to register by **Wednesday, 4 April 2012**. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges as of Thursday, 19 April 2012, from 9.00 in the Hofburg Congress Centre, in the main entrance hall. Registration during the Meeting is available at the same location.

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5. Other

Side events may be held over the course of two days. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be made available shortly on the Meeting website.