

2007 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING WARSAW, 24 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER 2007

INFORMATION FOR NGOs

The 2007 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw, Poland, from 24 September to 5 October 2007. This is the annual OSCE meeting where representatives of governments and civil society from the 56 participating States will review both the implementation of the OSCE's Human Dimension commitments and the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with these commitments. Please find attached the schedule of the meeting and the technical information, also available on the ODIHR website at http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2007.html. The Annotated Agenda will be posted on the website when finalised.

All non-governmental organizations interested in participating in the HDIM are kindly requested to complete the on-line Registration Form in full by 5 September 2007 at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>.

Participants may also organize their own side events during the Meeting. For further information please visit ODIHR website at http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2007.html

All formal sessions of the Meeting will be open for participation by NGO representatives, and NGOs will have equal access to the list of speakers.

The Meeting shall feature three special topic days as follows:

1. Combating intolerance and discrimination and promoting mutual respect and understanding – implementation of commitments
2. OSCE action Plan on Roma and Sinti: participation in political life, overcoming discrimination
3. Gender aspects of security

The ODIHR document distribution system will allow for written statements and recommendations to be distributed electronically during the meeting; texts should be forwarded, preferably in advance, to hdim@odihr.pl or submitted during the Meeting to the Documents Distribution counter. These documents will also be made accessible on our website during the Meeting.

The ODIHR is unfortunately not in a position to finance the participation of NGOs in the Meeting, but please find also enclosed a list of moderately priced hotels in Warsaw. NGOs are kindly requested to make their own booking arrangements.

Should you have any queries concerning the Meeting please contact us at e-mail: hdim@odihr.pl