



## Conference

### Promoting the political participation of women with disabilities

**Vienna, Hofburg  
Neuer Saal**

*16 and 17 April 2018*

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Day 1, 16 April 2018</b>
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| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>Registration and welcoming coffee</b>  |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b> | <b>Opening remarks</b>  |
| <b>11:00 - 11:20</b> | <b>Keynote speech</b>   |
| <b>11:20 – 13:00</b> | <b><u>Panel discussion I:</u><br/>What challenges and obstacles prevent the participation of women with disabilities in political and public life?<br/><i>Persons with disabilities remain widely under-represented in political life across the OSCE region. Women with disabilities are even less visible in elected positions and democratic institutions, facing double challenges and often discrimination due to both disability and gender. The panel will identify and discuss the main obstacles which prevent the engagement of women with disabilities in public and political life, including in political parties and parliaments.</i></b> |
| <b>13:00 – 14:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>14:30 – 16:00</b> | <b><u>Panel discussion II:</u><br/>What positive practices can be identified in the OSCE region to enable and promote more active and effective engagement of women with disabilities in political and public life?</b>   |



*In a number of OSCE participating States governments, political parties and Disabled People's Organizations have implemented positive practice initiatives which have contributed to increased participation of women with disabilities in decision-making. The session will explore some of these initiatives, reflect on the lessons learned and identify initiatives which could be used in different national contexts.*

**16:00 – 18:00**                      **Civil society networking event and reception**

<b>Day 2, 17 April 2018</b>
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**9:30 – 10:00**                      **Welcoming coffee**

**10:00 - 10:15**                      **Opening remarks and recap from Day 1**

**10:15 – 11:40**                      **Panel discussion III:**

***How can increased co-operation and broader networks among diverse women's groups contribute to more visible and meaningful representation of women with disabilities?***

*Addressing intersectionality and creating closer interaction between the women's movement and the disability movement will be the focus of the final panel discussion. The panel will explore how diverse women's groups can promote inclusion in political and public life through increasing co-operation with and among women who often face double marginalization and exclusion due to race, disability, ethnic origin and other factors.*

**11:40 – 12:00**                      **Closing remarks**

**12:30 – 14:00**                      **Lunch**