

AGENDA FOR THE 2024 WARSAW HUMAN DIMENSION CONFERENCE

Warsaw, 30 September to 11 October 2024

Monday, 30 September 2024

14:00 – 15:30 Opening Session

- **H.E. Myriam Spiteri Debono**, President of the Republic of Malta (*video message*)
- **H.E. Radosław Sikorski**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland
- **Ms. Outi Holopainen**, Vice Minister, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Dr. Tea Jaliashvili**, Officer-in-Charge/First Deputy Director of ODIHR
- **Ms. Catherine Fearon**, Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General and Director of the OSCE CPC
- **Ambassador Marek Szczygiel**, Officer-in-Charge/Director of the Office of the OSCE HCNM
- **Mr. Philippe Tremblay**, Officer-in-Charge/Director of the Office of the OSCE RFoM

Moderation: Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey, Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Keynote speeches by

- **H.E. Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament (*video message*)
- **Manfred Nowak**, Professor of Human Rights and Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights
- **Mr. Hugh Williamson**, Director Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch

15:30 – 17:30 Statements by participating States

Moderation: Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey, Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

19:00 Reception hosted by the 2024 OSCE Chairpersonship of Malta, Villa Foksal

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 1: Humanitarian Issues I, including:

- International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian challenges, including in the context of armed conflict

Introductory remarks by:

- **HH Judge Joanna Korner CMG KG**, Judge on the International Criminal Court
- **Ms. Olha Reshetylova**, Head of Media Initiative for Human Rights

Moderation: Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

13:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session 2: Democratic institutions, including:

- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
- Democratic elections

Introductory remarks by:

- **Ms. Claudia Luciani**, Director of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe
- **Ms. Helga Stevens**, member of the ODIHR Advisory Panel on Promoting the Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities

Moderation: Ambassador Kaja Tael, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the OSCE

Wednesday, 2 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 3: Fundamental Freedoms I, including:

- Freedom of opinion and expression, media freedom
- Human rights defenders
- Safety of journalists

Introductory remarks by:

- **Mr. Jeff Kosseff**, Associate Professor of Cybersecurity Law, United States Naval Academy's Cyber Science Department
- **Mr. Rinat Tuhvatshin**, Co-founder of investigating media outlet Kloop

Moderation: Ambassador Neil Holland, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

13:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session 4: Humanitarian Issues II, including:

- Freedom of movement
- Trafficking in human beings
- Refugees and displaced persons

Introductory remarks by:

- **Ms. Shagofah Ghafari**, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- **Ms. Jeanne Celestine Lakin**, Chair of ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC)

Moderation: Ambassador Raphael Nägeli, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Thursday, 3 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 5: Rule of Law I, including:

- Prevention and eradication of torture
- Exchange of views on the abolition of capital punishment
- Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism

- **Ms. Maya Foa**, Joint Executive Director, Reprieve

Moderation: Ambassador Fathène Benhabylès-Foeth, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Friday, 4 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 6: Rule of Law II, including:

- Independence of the judiciary
- Democratic law-making
- Right to a fair trial

- **Ms. Madeleine Mathieu**, President, European Network of Councils of the Judiciary

Moderation: James Kilcourse, Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Monday, 7 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 7: Fundamental Freedoms II, including:

- National human rights institutions
- Freedom of assembly and association
- Freedom of religion or belief

Introductory remarks by:

- **Dr. Kirsten Roberts Lyer**, Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy at the Central European University in Vienna
- **Ms. Mariam Gvatzde**, Strategic Litigation and Advocacy Program Director, Tolerance and Diversity Institute (TDI)

Moderation: Ambassador Ellen Svendsen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE

Tuesday, 8 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 8: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:

- Addressing racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance

Introductory remarks by:

- **Ms. Djermana Kuric**, Independent Consultant/Advisor and Consultant on Addressing Hate, Exclusion and Discrimination; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- **Rabbi Andrew Baker**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism
- **Dr. Regina Polak**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Racism Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions
- **Ambassador Evren Dağdelen Akgün**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims

Moderation: Ambassador Ann-Marie Callan, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE

Wednesday, 9 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 9: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:

- Rights of persons belonging to national minorities
- Roma and Sinti issues

Introductory remarks by:

- **Dr. Ismael Cortés**, Associate Professor at UNESCO Institute of Philosophy for Peace
- **Dr. Jennifer Jackson-Preece**, Associate Professor of Nationalism European Institute & Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderation: Mr. Timothy Hanway, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Mission to the OSCE

Thursday, 10 October

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination III, including:

- Equality of opportunity for women and men
- Violence against women
- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality

Introductory remarks by:

- **Ms. Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou**, President of GREVIO - the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- **Ms. Liliana Palihovici**, OSCE CiO Special Representative on Gender

Moderation: Ms. Deirdre Brown, Deputy Head of Delegation, Permanent Mission of the UK to the OSCE

Friday, 11 October

10:00 – 13:00 Closing Session

Moderation: Ms. Deborah M. Borg, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE