

549th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE 2005 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR****Migration and Integration**

(Warsaw, 11 to 13 May 2005)

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Opening plenary: Keynote interventions
3. Discussion in four working groups
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Seminar

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Seminar will open in Warsaw on Wednesday, 11 May 2005, at 10 a.m. It will close on Friday, 13 May 2005, at 6 p.m.
2. All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open.
3. The closing plenary, scheduled for Friday afternoon, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.
4. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.
5. An ODIHR representative will chair the plenary sessions.

* Replaces text of the decision due to technical error.

6. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Seminar.
7. Discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into six working languages of the OSCE.

Working Group I: Co-operative frameworks supporting integration and protection of legal migrants

- Bilateral and multilateral co-operation between the countries of origin and destination of legal migrants, including:
 - (a) Role of foreign representations/consulates;
 - (b) Bilateral and multilateral agreements;
 - (c) Other co-operative mechanisms;
- Role of the OSCE and other international organizations in promoting a more efficient integration and protection of legal migrants across the OSCE region;
- Role of civil society in addressing the problems of migration and integration of legal migrants.

Working Group II: Legal aspects of migration and integration of lawful migrants

- Situation with regard to the legal status of lawful migrants in the OSCE participating States;
- Legislation and rules governing the legal status of lawful migrants and practical implementation of the respective legal provisions, with regard to:
 - (a) Fundamental human rights of migrants;
 - (b) Legal migrants and the issue of non-discrimination under the law
 - (c) Legal aspects of access to labour market;
 - (d) Responsibilities of migrants vis-à-vis the receiving country;
 - (e) Reunification of families of legally residing migrants;
 - (f) Residence permits as well as freedom to choose one's place of residence within the country;
 - (g) Naturalization/granting of citizenship;
- Exchange of information and practices for facilitating integration of legal migrants in host societies.

Working Group III: Participation of legal migrants in public life and society

- Measures to ensure an adequate representation of legal migrants and legal immigrants in the political and decision-making process, where appropriate and allowed by law, including:
 - (a) Empowerment and right to influence political decisions;
 - (b) Special programmes targeting female migrants;
 - (c) Political engagement and participation in political movements;
 - (d) Participation in trade unions or trade union rights;
 - (e) Participation in non-governmental organizations;
 - (f) Active and passive participation in elections;
 - (g) Referrals to social services, as appropriate;
 - (h) Representation in and by mass media;
 - (i) Access to representation by national human rights institutions, such as the ombudsman;
- Role of ethnic communities/diasporas and other migrants' organizations as intermediaries between the legal migrants and legal immigrants and the host society;
- Exchange of information and practices with regard to the participation of legal migrants in public life.

Working Group IV: Socio-cultural aspects of integration

- Specific measures to protect the rights and respond to the needs of legal migrants:
 - (a) Informing migrants about their rights and institutional mechanisms that protect them;
 - (b) Education and cultural orientation programmes;
 - (c) Interpretation and language training;
 - (d) Referrals to community services and employment assistance;
- Policies and practices that move beyond mere tolerance towards fostering intercultural understanding and respect for diversity;
- Programmes and policies that foster respect and appreciation for the positive contribution of legal migrants to society;

- Positive initiatives for combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance against migrants.

WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
3 – 6 p.m.

	Wednesday 11 May 2005	Thursday 12 May 2005	Friday 13 May 2005
Morning	Opening plenary session	WG II	WG IV
Afternoon	WG I	WG III	Closing plenary session