

Enhancing the Role of Women in Conflict Mediation in the OSCE Region

Final Agenda

SEGMENTGALERIE I, VIENNA, HOFBURG

October 22, 2012

- 08:45-09:15** **Registration of participants**
- 09:15-09:45** **Welcoming Remarks**
Ambassador Miroslava Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, *Gender Section/Office of the Secretary General, OSCE*
Snjezana Bokulic, Head of Human Rights Department, *Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)*
Claus Neukirch, Deputy Director, *Operation Service/Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE*
June Zeitlin, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues
- 09:45-10:30** **Keynote presentation by Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini**, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Questions/Answers and Discussions**
- 10:30-11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-13:00** **Panel Discussion: What are the obstacles for women to enter mediation processes?**
Why are there so few female mediators even though research has shown that female mediators are beneficial in many formal peace negotiations? How can structures and initiatives be developed to reach out to women engaged in local peace processes and to include them in formal processes at the national and international level?
- Moderator: **Rachel Gasser**, Gender and Mediation Expert, *Mediation Programme at Swisspeace*
- Panel Members:
- Sanam Naraghi Anderlini**, Member of the UN 2012 -13 Standby Team of Mediation Experts and Executive Director, *International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)*
- Gina Torry**, United Nations, Mediation Support Unit (Policy and Mediation Division), Department of Political Affairs, *UN*
- Kim Toogood**, Senior Peace building Trainer and Facilitator, *International Alert*
- Roxana Cristescu**, Advisor, *Mediation and Black Sea and Central Asia, Crisis Management Initiative*
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Questions/Answers and Discussions

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-15:30

Panel Discussion: What entry points are there for female mediators in formal peace processes?

How should current strategies of international organizations and government actors change to include female mediators in formal peace processes?

Moderator: **Jacqueline O'Neill**, Director, *Hunt Alternatives Fund*

Panel Members:

Ambassador Jennifer Brush, OSCE Head of Mission to Moldova

Susanne Gentz, Special Advisor, *Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue*

Questions/Answers and Discussions

15:30-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Concluding Session: What examples are there of female mediators in formal and informal peace processes?

How have women become involved in formal and informal peace processes? What were the needs they identified? How can structures and initiatives be developed to continue supporting their contributions and their increased involvement?

Moderator: **Jinane Doumit Nader**, *Citizen Lebanon Project*

Panel Members:

Marina Blagojevic, Director, *Altera MB Research centre on Gender and Ethnicity*

Rose Othieno, Executive Director, *Center for Conflict Resolution in Uganda*

Monica McWilliams, former leader of *Northern Ireland Women's Coalition*

Questions/Answers and Discussions

17.30-18.00

Closing Remarks

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