



2015 OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

THE ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRI) IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OSCE AREA

WARSAW, 1-3 June 2015

AGENDA

Day 1 **Monday, 1 June 2015**

10:00-13:00 **Opening plenary session**

Opening remarks:

Mr. Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

Ambassador Sanja Milinković, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship

Ms. Henryka Mościcka-Dendys, Undersecretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs, European Policy and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland

Keynote addresses:

Mr. Saša Janković, Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia

Technical Information:

Ms. Beatriz Balbin, First Deputy Director, OSCE/ODIHR

15:00-18:00 **Working group I: Establishing NHRIs and strengthening their independence and effectiveness**

Introducers:

Mr. Byambadorj Jamsran, Chief Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia

Ms. Debbie Kohner, Secretary General of the European Network of NHRIs

Moderator:

Mr. Omer Fisher, Deputy Head of ODIHR Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR

Rapporteur:

Mr. Chad Wilton, United States Mission to the OSCE

19:00 Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Day 2 **Tuesday, 2 June 2015**

10:00-13:00 **Working group II: Good practices in the work of NHRIs in promotion and protection of human rights**

Introducers:

Ms. Laurien Koster, Chair of Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Mr. Aleksandr Glushenkov, Head of Secretariat, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

Mr. Kent Härstedt, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Moderator:

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, Head of ODIHR Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR

Rapporteur:

Ms. Daliborka Jankovic, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

15:00-18:00 **Working group III: Co-operation between NHRIs and other actors**

Introducers:

Ms. Sirpa Rautio, Director of the Human Rights Centre, Finland

Ms. Eva Csergö, Europe and Central Asia Programme Officer, Association for the Prevention of Torture, Switzerland

Moderator:

Ms. Mirjam Karoly, Chief of ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE ODIHR

Rapporteur:

Mr. Jean-Francois Lacasse, Delegation of Canada to the OSCE

19:00

Reception hosted by the Serbian Chairmanship of the OSCE

Day 3

Wednesday 3 June 2015

10:00-13:00

Working group IV: Improving the work of NHRIs and ways to overcome challenges

Introducers:

Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms. Lora Vidović, Ombudsman of the Republic of Croatia

Ms. Etilda Gjonaj, Commissioner, Deputy Ombudsman, People`s Advocate, Albania

Moderator:

Ms. Azra Junuzović, Deputy Head of ODIHR Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE ODIHR

Rapporteur:

Ms. Nevena Jovanović, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE

15:00-18:00

Closing plenary session

Rapporteurs summaries from the working group sessions
Review of the results and recommendations;
Comments from the floor;

Closing Remarks:

Ms. Beatriz Balbin, First Deputy Director, OSCE/ODIHR