



## **Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting**

# **RULE OF LAW IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**11-12 July 2013  
Hofburg, Vienna**

### **General Guidelines**

**The modalities of the meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002)**

#### **1. Aim of the Meeting**

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) will provide a forum to discuss how the rule of law in the promotion and protection of human rights can be enhanced in the OSCE area. Participants will discuss the role of legislative, regulatory and institutional frameworks as well as governments and civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights. With respect to effective national and international instruments to protect human rights and prevent human rights violations, participants in this SHDM will identify best practices, current challenges and solutions. They will also explore means for strengthening the rule of law in the promotion and protection of civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- The Role of Legislative, Regulatory and Institutional Frameworks as well as Governments and Civil Society in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;
- Effective National and International Instruments to Protect Human Rights and Prevent Human Rights Violations: Best Practices, Current Challenges and Solutions;
- Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Promotion and Protection of Civil, Political, Social, Economic and Cultural Rights.

Recommendations may be addressed to participating States, OSCE at large, OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE field operations, other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as civil society actors in OSCE participating States. Additional information relevant to the SHDM can be found on ODIHR website at <https://www.osce.org/odihr/102769>.

#### **2. Participation**

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and other civil society actors will participate in the SHDM. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field.

#### **3. Guidelines for the Debates**

The intention is to develop a free-flowing discussion based on the keynote speeches, introductory remarks, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the SHDM. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the SHDM and are discouraged. Prepared statements, background documentation, comments or written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre.

#### **4. Organization**

On-line registration for all participants is available at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Participants are requested to register by **Wednesday, 3 July 2013**. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges as of Thursday, 11 July 2013 from 8:30 in the main entrance hall of the Hofburg Congress Centre. The registration will also be available online after the deadline and during the Meeting on the spot.

In case of any questions, please contact:

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#### **5. Other**

Side events may be held over the course of two days during the SHDM. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be available on the SHDM website.