



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Office of the Secretary General
Section for External Co-operation

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To: Delegations of the OSCE participating States
Asian Partners for Co-operation
Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
International Organizations invited to participate in the Conference

Subject: Practical arrangements, registration form –
2013 OSCE–Australia Conference on *Improving the Security of Women and Girls*, to be held in Adelaide, Australia, 18–19 March 2013

I. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to the Permanent Council Decision No. 1071 of 20 December 2012, the Section for External Co-operation would like to inform participants regarding the following practical arrangements for the 2013 OSCE–Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls, co-hosted by the Australian Government and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to be held on 18–19 March 2013 in Adelaide, Australia.

I.1 Venue

The Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia

Tel: +61 8 8212 4099

Fax: +61 8 8212 5101

Website: <http://www.adelaidecc.com.au/>

I.2 Registration of Participants in the Conference

All participants are to register for Conference using the registration form available on <http://www.osce.org/ec/98417>

The same form serves also for registration in the Academic Seminar on *Building Confidence in Times of Structural Change*, organized by the Flinders University on 19 March p.m. and in the cultural programme offered by courtesy of the Government of the State of South Australia, to take place on 20 March 2013. Information on both events is available under chapter III and IV of this document.

The duly completed form should reach the OSCE Secretariat pm-ext-coop@osce.org by **4 March 2013**.

Participants representing Embassies or Consulates in Australia are also requested to comply with this requirement.

I.3 Hotel reservation

Block reservations have been made at InterContinental Adelaide

Tel: +61 8 8238 2400

e-mail: reservations.adelaide@ihg.com

Interested participants are requested to make their reservations online:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OSCE>

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation costs and incidentals occurring during their stay. The room rates are A\$199–\$279. The hotel has advised that delegates should book their accommodation no later than 18 February 2013.

II. TRAVEL

II.1 Visa Requirements

Participants are kindly requested to make their own visa arrangements prior to their arrival. All visitors to Australia, regardless of what type of passport they hold (i.e. personal, government or diplomatic), must have a valid visa. Australia does not issue visas on arrival (with two exceptions—New Zealand and Norfolk Island). For the 2013 OSCE Asian Partners Conference, delegates should seek one of three types of visa: Electronic Travel Authority (ETA), eVisitor visa or Business (Short Stay) Visa.

If delegates book their flights to Australia through a travel agent, they are encouraged to seek an ETA through their travel agent (details below). If delegates book through flights separately (e.g. online), they are encouraged to apply for an eVisitor visa. Delegates from countries not eligible for either an ETA or eVisitor visa must apply for a Business (Short Stay) Visa.

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

Delegates from the following countries are eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA):

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| Andorra | Ireland | Republic of San Marino |
| Austria | Italy | South Korea |
| Belgium | Japan | Spain |
| Canada | Liechtenstein | Sweden |
| Denmark | Luxembourg | Switzerland |
| Finland | Malta | United Kingdom - British Citizen |
| France | Monaco | United Kingdom - British National (Overseas) |
| Germany | The Netherlands | United States of America |
| Greece | Norway | Vatican City |
| Iceland | Portugal | |

ETAs can be applied for through a travel agent, airline, specialist service provider or Australian visa office outside Australia. For a business event (such as the OSCE Asian Partners Conference), the most appropriate ETA is the ETA (Business Entrant) (Subclass 977). Travel agencies, airlines or specialist service providers may choose to impose a fee to arrange an ETA on your behalf. For further information on the Business ETA see:

www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/

eVisitor visas

Delegates from the following countries may apply for an eVisitor visa online:

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| Andorra | France | Lithuania | Republic of San Marino |
| Austria | Germany | Luxembourg | Slovak Republic |
| Belgium | Greece | Malta | Slovenia |
| Bulgaria | Hungary | Monaco | Spain |
| Cyprus | Iceland | The Netherlands | Sweden |
| Czech Republic | Ireland | Norway | Switzerland |
| Denmark | Italy | Poland | United Kingdom |
| Estonia | Latvia | Portugal | Vatican City |
| Finland | Liechtenstein | Romania | |

For a business event (such as the OSCE Asian Partners Conference), the most appropriate eVisitor visa to apply for is the eVisitor (Business Stream) visa. To apply for an eVisitor visa, see: www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm. eVisitor applications are free, there is no application charge or service fee. To find out more information about eVisitor visa, see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/evisitor/>

Business (Short Stay) Visa

Delegates from countries not listed above must apply for a paper-based Business (Short Stay) visa (Subclass 456). Applications must be lodged at an appropriate Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate (i.e. applications cannot be lodged online). These visas take some time to process—applicants are encouraged to apply for a visa as soon as possible. For your nearest High Commission, Embassy or Consulate, see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/>. For an application form for a Business (Short Stay) visa (Subclass 456), see: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf. The visa application charge for the Business (Short Stay) visa is A\$140. Payment must be in the currency accepted by the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate, where the application is being lodged. Please note that the visa application charge for the Business (Short Stay) visa can be waived for delegates who are acting as representatives for a foreign government. For more information on this visa, see: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/.

Things to consider before lodging an application

All visa applicants must be assessed against Australia's health and character requirements. These requirements are designed to protect the safety and security of the Australian community.

Health requirements

As part of the visa application process you may be required to undertake a medical examination, chest x-ray and/or other health checks. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will advise you of the applicable health checks (if any), based on your individual circumstances. Information on which health checks may apply to you is available on the website. See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1163i.pdf.

Character requirements

As part of the visa application process, you must show that you are of good character to pass Australia's character test. Information on the character test is available on the website. See: www.immi.gov.au/media/fact-sheets/79character.htm.

II.2 Travel arrangements

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Adelaide Airport is an international airport, with direct flights from Dubai, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore as well as from all major Australian cities.

II.3 Transport between airport and hotel

Travel time between Adelaide Airport and Adelaide InterContinental is approximately 15 minutes. Delegates will need to make their own way to the hotel. Taxi fare from Adelaide Airport to Adelaide InterContinental is approximately A\$20.

III. HOSPITALITY

III.1 Welcome Dinner

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade invites all participants to a dinner on 18 March 2013, from 18:30 to 22:00 at the National Wine Education and Training Centre which is situated on the edge of Adelaide's Botanic Gardens. The National Wine Centre is located on the corner of Botanic and Hackney Roads, Adelaide. Transport will be provided.

III.2 Cultural Programme

The additional programme for conference delegates is being arranged by courtesy of the Government of the State of South Australia. This programme will provide an opportunity to become acquainted with one of the most important regions on the vast Australian continent. South Australia is rich in food and mineral and energy resources and it will play an increasingly important role in contributing energy security regionally and globally. South Australia is recognised globally for its premium food, beverages and culinary-tourism.

The programme will include a visit to the Cleland Wildlife Park, situated in the Adelaide Hills, where wildlife conservation and close contact with Australia's unique fauna come together. Following this experience, delegates will be welcomed at Serafino Wine Estate and Resort Complex in the heart of the famous McLaren Vale wine-producing region. Here delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy South Australia's premium food and wine specialities in a picturesque Australian bushland setting, and to take part in a structured wine tasting of Serafino Wines. A special guest speaker will complete the day's programme.

IV. ACADEMIC SEMINAR

On the afternoon of 19 March (after the conclusion of the 2013 OSCE-Australia Conference), a half-day academic seminar will take place in the same venue as the Conference. It will focus on the growing strategic similarities and links between European security as defined in the OSCE context and Asia as defined by the membership of the ASEAN Regional Forum. This overall theme will help situate the OSCE-Australia Conference in the current debates about regional security community development and confidence building in Asia and provide useful insights for future OSCE Asia Partners Conferences and broader Europe-Asia security exchanges. Speakers will include OSCE officials and regional academics. All Conference participants are encouraged to attend.

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

V.1. Attire

While business attire is required for the conference, it is recommended that participants bring smart casual wear for the cultural programme on 20 March 2013.

V.2 Documents reproduction and distribution

All conference documents for reproduction and distribution should be submitted to: documents@osce.org

V.3 Media Coverage

Representative of the local media will be present to cover the Opening and Closing Sessions of the Conference.

V.4 Exchange rate (as of 1 February 2013)

EUR 1 = AUD 1.3132

AUD 1 = EUR 0.7615

V.5 Weather conditions

The temperature during the month of March in Adelaide may range between 14°C / 57°F and 25°C / 77°F.

V.6 Time difference

Time difference between Vienna and Adelaide is currently UTC/GMT +10:30 hours

VI. POINTS OF CONTACT

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2013 OSCE-Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls
Adelaide, Australia, 18 - 19 March 2013
Registration Form

Please complete in capital letters

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| State / Institution: |
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| Family Name: Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> | Given Names: |
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| Title / Position as to appear on the list of participants: |
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| Nationality | Current country of residence | Date of birth | | |
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| The request for the Australian visa will be submitted: online <input type="checkbox"/> ; through my travel agent <input type="checkbox"/> ; at the Australian diplomatic mission in Vienna <input type="checkbox"/> ; in _____ (country) |
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| Mobile No. <u>with all prefixes, including national code</u> : | E-mail address: _____@_____ |
| Fax No. <u>with all prefixes, including national code</u> : | Contact details at home in the event of an emergency: _____ |

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| Date: March 2013 | Time: _____ | Date: March 2013 | Time: _____ |

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| Participation in the academic seminar organized by the Flinders University I will participate <input type="checkbox"/> I will not participate <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Participation in the cultural programme hosted by the Government of South Australia I will participate alone <input type="checkbox"/> I will participate and will be accompanied <input type="checkbox"/> I will not participate <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Do you have any special dietary requirements? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____ |
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| During the Conference, I will stay at the Intercontinental Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Alternatively, I can be reached under the following address / tel. / fax #: _____ |
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Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please submit this form **not later than 4 March 2013** by fax or e-mail
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