



DRAFT AGENDA

High-Level Discussion on “Promoting the Role of Women in Addressing Environment and Security Challenges”

Vienna, 05 July 2019

Venue: Neuer Saal, Hofburg Conference Centre

The increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters and extreme weather events, the growing demand for and competition over access to natural resources, and environmental degradation pose a series of challenges to sustainable development, economic progress and security and stability. In addressing these challenges, the different and specific capacities and vulnerabilities of women and men need to be taken into account.

The 2003 Maastricht OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension provides a comprehensive framework for addressing linkages between environment and security. Furthermore, several other OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions and Declarations, including the 2007 Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security, and the 2014 Basel Ministerial Council Decision on Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction acknowledge linkages between environment, disaster risk reduction and security, and demonstrate the commitment of the OSCE participating States to further strengthen co-operation aiming at reducing environment- and disaster-related security risks, with the latter specifically taking into consideration impacts on most vulnerable groups, including women.

The half-day high level discussion will bring together leading practitioners at national and international level to reflect on the impacts of environmental challenges on women and how to integrate a gender perspective in environmental planning and decision-making. The event aims to raise awareness among participating States on linkages between environment and security through an integrated gender perspective, while providing examples of good practices from the OSCE region and beyond.

Russian interpretation will be provided.

Please note that the High-Level Opening and Conversation with Her Excellency Mary Robinson will be live-streamed on Facebook.

9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	High Level Opening – Neuer Saal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norbert Kurilla, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic; • Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary-General. <p>Moderating remarks: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE</p>
10:15 – 11:00	Conversation with Her Excellency Mary Robinson – Neuer Saal
	<p><i>Former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, former UN Special Envoy on Climate Change, and founder of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, Special Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Gender Issues and Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security at Georgetown University, Washington DC.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee and Tea Break – Vorsaal
11:15– 12:30	Interactive Thematic Discussion – Neuer Saal
	<p>Moderator: Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olga N. Khromushina, Chair of the Orenburg regional branch of the Women’s Union of Russia, chair of the Committee for Social and Demographic Affairs of the Orenburg Oblast Parliament “Role of women in environmental protection: ecosystem of Ural river basin in the framework of the international cooperation”; • Sandra Nedeljković, Deputy Director of the Public Investment Management Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia; “Good practice in integration of gender perspective in disaster risk reduction - Experiences from Serbia”; • Madina Khalmirzayeva, Director of Nazar Business and Technology, Uzbekistan; “Women in water resources management and integrating a gender strategy in the energy sector in Uzbekistan”; • Her Excellency Mary Robinson Wrap-up and final recommendations.
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Remarks – Neuer Saal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities; • Amarsanaa Darisuren, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues.
13:00 – 14:00	Buffet Lunch – Vorsaal