

447th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE ON GLOBALIZATION**

(Vienna, 3 and 4 July 2003)

Globalization brings rapid change and its positive and negative effects cannot be predetermined; the outcome of globalization depends broadly on policy choices adopted by governments and international institutions and is conditioned by the responses of the private sector and civil society. Both effective government and efficient markets are essential to reap the benefits of globalization. Stronger international institutions and a more extensive commitment to sustainable development at the national and international levels are needed to help the world shift to more sustainable patterns of production and consumption. The Seminar will focus on what role the OSCE can play in addressing the risks and challenges and maximizing the benefits of globalization.

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Opening plenary: Keynote interventions
3. Discussion in four sessions
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Conference

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Conference will open in Vienna on Thursday, 3 July 2003, at 10 a.m. It will close on Friday, 4 July 2003, at 4 p.m.
2. All plenary and working group sessions will be open.

Day 1

- 10-11 a.m. Opening session: Setting the context
- Importance of globalization
 - Benefits, risks and challenges of globalization
 - International framework
- 11.15 a.m.-1.15 p.m. Session 1: Effective government and efficient markets
- The role of good governance in the public and private sectors
 - Addressing specific risks associated with globalization
- Lunch break
- 2.45-4.45 p.m. Session 2: Transition to market economy in the context of globalization
- Lessons learned and best practices
 - Integration into the world economy
 - Means to facilitate transition
- 5-6 p.m. Session 3: Achieving sustainable development in the context of globalization
- Reducing social disparities
 - Countering environmental degradation
- ## Day 2
- 9.30-10.30 a.m. Session 3 (continued)
- 10.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Session 4: Regional co-operation and integration as a contribution to mastering globalization
- In the economic field
 - In the environmental field
- Lunch break
- 2-4 p.m. Closing session: Conclusions and recommendations
- Role of the OSCE in accordance with the Platform for Co-operative Security
 - Role of participating States

3. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme.
4. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Seminar.
5. Discussions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.