



2016 OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

PROMOTING EFFECTIVE AND INTEGRAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS: HOW TO ENSURE THE INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF THE JUDICIARY

Warsaw, 21-23 November 2016

AGENDA

Day 1 Monday, 21 November 2016

15:00-18:00 Opening plenary session

Opening remarks:

H.E. Rolf Nickel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Poland

Mr. Maciej Janczak, Deputy Director of the Department of United Nations and Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

Keynote address:

Dr. Juan Botero, World Justice Project

Opening Debate: Judicial Reform in Light of Judicial Independence, Integrity, and Quality Principles

Moderator: **Mr. Vasily Vashchanka**, Rule of law expert

Panellists:

Mr. Lukasz Bojarski, President, INPRIS - Institute for Law and Society, Poland

Ms. Diana Kovatcheva, Deputy Ombudsperson, Bulgaria

Prof. dr. Martin Kuijer, Council of Europe, Venice Commission

Technical Information:

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

18:00 Reception hosted by the German Chairmanship of the OSCE (*Hotel Sofitel Victoria*)

Day 2 **Tuesday, 22 November 2016**

08:15- 09:45 Side event (*please check the overview of side events*)

10:00-13:00 **Working group I: Selection, promotion and training of judges: impact on judicial accountability and the integrity of the justice system**

Introducers:

Prof. dr. Martin Kuijer, Council of Europe, Venice Commission

Judge Adenike Balogun, United Kingdom

Moderator: Mr. Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

Rapporteur: Mr. Jürgen Heissel, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Austria at the OSCE

13:00-15:00 Break / side events (*please check the overview of side events*)

15:00-18:00 **Working group II: The role of civil society in observing judicial independence and accountability**

Introducers:

Ms. Diana Kovatcheva, Deputy Ombudsperson, Bulgaria

Mr. Gia Gvilava, Transparency International - Georgia

Moderator: Dr. Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratisation Department, OSCE/ODIHR

Rapporteur: not appointed

18:00 Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (*Hotel Sofitel Victoria*)

Day 3 **Wednesday 23 November 2016**

10:00-13:00 **Closing Plenary**

Rapporteurs' summaries from the working group sessions
Practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions
Comments from the floor

Closing Remarks:

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

13:00 **Closing of the seminar**