

## **2009 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING WARSAW, 28 SEPTEMBER – 9 OCTOBER 2009**

### **INFORMATION FOR NGOs**

The 2009 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw, Poland, from 28 September to 9 October 2009. This is the annual OSCE meeting where representatives of governments and civil society from the 56 participating States will review both the implementation of the OSCE's Human Dimension commitments and the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with these commitments. Please find attached the schedule of the meeting and the technical information, also available on the ODIHR website at [http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim\\_2009.html](http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2009.html). The Annotated Agenda will be posted on the website when finalised.

All non-governmental organizations interested in participating in the HDIM are kindly requested to complete the on-line Registration Form in full by 9 September 2009 at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Registration will be open from Monday, 17 August.

Participants may also organize their own side events during the Meeting. For further information please visit the ODIHR website at [www.osce.org/conferences/hdim\\_2009.html](http://www.osce.org/conferences/hdim_2009.html)

All formal sessions of the Meeting will be open for participation by NGO representatives, and NGOs will have equal access to the list of speakers.

The Meeting shall feature three special topic days as follows:

1. Human rights education (Friday, 2 October)
2. Freedom of expression, free media and information (Tuesday, 6 October)
3. Roma/Sinti and, in particular, early education for Roma and Sinti children (Wednesday, 7 October).

The ODIHR document distribution system will allow for written statements and recommendations to be distributed electronically during the meeting; texts should be forwarded, preferably in advance, to [hdim@odihr.pl](mailto:hdim@odihr.pl) or submitted during the Meeting to the Documents Distribution counter. These documents will also be made accessible on our website during the Meeting.

Please find also enclosed a list of moderately priced hotels in Warsaw. NGOs are kindly requested to make their own booking arrangements.

Should you have any queries concerning the Meeting please contact us at e-mail: [hdim@odihr.pl](mailto:hdim@odihr.pl)