



**Conference
for National Human Rights Institutions (ombuds
institutions, human rights commissions, institutes and other
mechanisms) in the OSCE area**

13 - 14 July 2011
Venue: University of Vilnius
Vilnius, Lithuania

DRAFT Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 13 July 2011

Time	EVENT
08.30 - 09.00	Registration of Participants Coffee/Tea time
09.00 - 09.20	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asta Skaisgirytė Liauškienė, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania • Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
09.20 – 10.00	Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rosslyn Noonan, Chairperson of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions, Chief Human Rights Commissioner of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission

10.00 - 10.20	Coffee break	
10.20 - 10.40	<p>Session 1: NHRIs and their relationship with parliaments – mandates, accountability and resourcing</p> <p>Introduction and moderation: Anthony Staddon, Visiting Lecturer at University of Westminster</p> <p><i>Presentation of recommendations from the OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting and the OSCE Regional Seminar on “Parliamentary Oversight and Independent Institutions”</i></p>	
10.40 - 12.15	<p>Working Group 1 on existing good practices</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Dr Zdenka Čebašek-Travnik, Ombudsman, Human Rights Ombudsman, Slovenia</p>	<p>Working Group 2 on existing good practices</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Professor Alan Miller, Scottish Human Rights Commission, Scotland, United Kingdom</p>
12.15 - 13.40	Lunch Break	
13.40 - 14.40	Continuation of Session 1: Presentations from the Working Groups and discussion	
14.40 - 15.00	<p>Session 2: The relationship of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) with the executive branch – mutual responsibilities, expectations and results</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Rachel Murray, Human Rights Implementation Centre, Bristol University</p> <p><i>Presentation of recommendations from the OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting</i></p>	
15.00 - 16.50	<p>Working Group 1 on existing good practices</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Dr. Peter Kostelka, Member of the Austrian Ombudsman Board / I.O.I. Secretary General</p>	<p>Working Group 2 on existing good practices</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Mr. Michel Forst, Secretary General, National Consultative Commission for Human Rights, France</p>

16.00 - 16.20	Coffee break (during the workshop discussions)
16.50 - 17.50	Continuation of Session 2: Presentations from the Working Groups and discussion
17.50 - 18.00	Conference photo

Day 2: Thursday, 14 July 2011

Time	EVENT	
09.30 – 09.50	‘NHRIs around the globe - The experience from the Asia Pacific Region’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kieren Fitzpatrick, Director of the Asia Pacific Forum 	
09.50 - 10.20	Session 3: NHRIs and civil society – interaction as a base for successful human rights protection and promotion Introduction and moderation: Mr. Jamil Dakwar, Director of Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union <i>Presentation of the ODIHR Survey of existing practices of cooperation between NHRIs and civil society in the OSCE area</i>	
10.20 - 10.40	Coffee break	
10.40 - 11.40	Working Group on existing good practices <u>Rapporteur</u> : Mr. Zarif Alizoda, Ombudsman, Tajikistan	Working Group on existing good practices <u>Rapporteur</u> : Prof. Beate Rudolf, Director, German Institute for Human Rights
11.40 - 12.30	Continuation of Session 3: Presentations from the Working Groups and discussion	
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Break	

14.00 - 14.20	<p>Session 4: NHRIs and the administration of justice – access and interactions</p> <p>Introduction and moderation: Mr. Allar Jõks, former Chancellor of Justice of the Republic of Estonia, Expert on NHRIs</p>	
14.20 - 15.50	<p>Working Group 1</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Mr. George Tugushi, Public Defender, Georgia</p>	<p>Working Group 2</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u>: Dr Maurice Manning, President, Irish Human Rights Commission, Republic of Ireland</p>
15.50 - 16.20	<p>Coffee/Tea time</p>	
16.20 - 17.20	<p>Presentations of the Working Groups and discussion</p>	
17:20 - 18.00	<p>Wrap Up and Closing</p>	