

2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

INFORMATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increased openness in OSCE activities and for expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV, the participating States agreed to facilitate informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and NGOs during OSCE meetings.

In line with these agreements, the OSCE would like to invite civil society organizations to its 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) that will take place in Warsaw between 22 September and 3 October 2014 at the Sofitel Victoria Warsaw, Królewska St. 11, 00-065 Warsaw, Poland.

Additional information concerning the HDIM modalities and further documents related to the Meeting are available on the OSCE website at http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2014.

Civil society organizations representatives who wish to attend, are requested to **register** for the event at the earliest convenience. The online registration is available at http://meetings.odihr.pl. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl.

Civil society organizations are also invited to organize **side events**. Additional information can be found in the "Checklist for Organizers of Side Events". Those wishing to organise a side event are requested to **fill out the checklist** available on the HDIM website and send it to Mr. Ireneusz Stepinski at <u>ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl</u> by **Friday**, **5 September 2014** at the latest. A detailed schedule of planned side events will be made available on the website prior to the event.

Civil society organizations will have equal access to the speakers' list at the Working Sessions of the Meeting in order to make relevant interventions and concrete recommendations.

Civil society organizations may **display information materials** about their organizations on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also **distribute documents** through the Documents Distribution System, in accordance with special guidelines that will be available on the website prior to the event. Written statements and recommendations can also be forwarded in advance to hdim@odihr.pl. In addition, a fully equipped "IOs/NGOs room" will be available for the duration of the Meeting.

Civil society organizations should cover their own **cost related to the participation** in the Meeting and make their own travel and hotel arrangements. Booking forms for reservations as well as a list of chosen hotels in Warsaw are available at the website.



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