

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR “Rule of Law framework for combating Trafficking in Human Beings”

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of CSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during CSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

The opinions and information shared during the side events convened by participants do not necessarily reflect the policy of the OSCE/ODIHR.

Tuesday, 15 May
<i>Title: Women Power Lunch “Political Leadership: Who Can Speak for the Victims of Trafficking?”</i>
<i>Convenor: OSCE/ODIHR Venue: Meeting Room 1 Time: 13.00 – 15.00 Language: English and Russian</i>

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENT As submitted by the organizer

The side event below was organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Human Dimension Seminar. The following description of the meeting was prepared by the convening organization.

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Summary:

While significant progress has been made in combating human trafficking across the OSCE region, this issue has not always been on top of political agendas. Political leaders are often hesitant to address trafficking in human beings, due to deeply-rooted stereotypes, corruption, or economic concerns. If not the political leaders, who should be the voice of victims of trafficking? Do we need more women politicians to advance the anti-trafficking agenda? What has been the experience of women leaders in advocating for the rights of victims of trafficking?

The event will provide a platform for an informal exchange of ideas and experiences among seminar participants, including state officials, representatives of international and civil society organizations, anti-trafficking experts and gender equality activists, as well as OSCE Delegations and staff.

Moderator:

Ajla van Heel (ODIHR Gender Officer)

Refreshments will be served