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The Representative on Freedom of the Media

13ᵀᴴ SOUTH CAUCASUS MEDIA CONFERENCE

Multi-faceted challenges to free media and freedom of expression

6-7 July 2016, Tbilisi, Georgia

Venue: Marriott Courtyard hotel
4 Freedom Square

AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 6 July

09.30 – 10.00   **REGISTRATION**

10.00 – 10.30   **OPENING SESSION**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Adviser the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)

Welcoming remarks
- Mikheil Janelidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
- Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

10.30 – 11.45   **SESSION I: Safety and security offline and online**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Adviser to the OSCE RFoM

This session will focus on the following issues:
- *physical violence and impunity*
- *efforts to end impunity*
- *online abuse of female journalists/bloggers*

- William Horsley, Director, Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield (United Kingdom)
- Arif Aliyev, Chairman, Yeni Nesil journalist organization (Azerbaijan)

- Questions and Answers

11.45 – 12.15   **GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE BREAK**

12.15 – 13.00   **SESSION I (cont'd): Safety and security offline and online**

- Discussion

13.00 – 14.00   **LUNCH**

14.00 – 15.45   **SESSION II: Content regulation in conflict-affected regions: legal implications and professional standards**

Moderator: Aidar Botagarov, Adviser to the OSCE RFoM

This session will focus on the following issues:
- *content regulation during conflict*
- *role of independent regulatory agency*
- *self-regulation and propaganda*

- Emir Povlakić, Head of Division for Licensing, Digitalization and Coordination in Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ljiljana Zurovac, Executive Director, Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Boris Navasardian, President, Yerevan Press Club (Armenia)

- Questions and Answers

15.45 – 16.15   **COFFEE BREAK**

16.15 – 17.00   **SESSION II (cont'd): Content regulation in conflict affected regions: legal implications and professional standards**

- Discussion

18.00   **RECEPTION**
Hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Day 2: Thursday, 7 July

9.30 – 10.45   **SESSION III: Traditional and new media**

Moderator: Aidar Botagarov, Adviser to the OSCE RFoM

This session will focus on the following issues:
- *new reporting practice and open journalism*
- *best business models*
- *digital transition and sustainability of the media*

- Anton Merkurov, Vice-President, Online Publishers Association (Moscow, Russia)
- Natia Kuprashvili, Chairperson, Georgian Association of Regional Broadcasters

- Questions and Answers

10.45 – 11.15   **COFFEE BREAK**

11.15 – 12.00   **SESSION III (cont'd): Traditional and new media**

- Discussion

12.00 – 13.00   **CLOSING SESSION**

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Adviser to the OSCE RFoM

- Discussion on the draft declaration from the conference
- Self-evaluation of the conference

Closing remarks
Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

13.00 – 14.00   **LUNCH**