



## 2015 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Warsaw, 21 September – 2 October 2015

### 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 the 2015 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) that will take place in Warsaw between 21 September and 2 October 2015 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 HDIM website at [http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim\\_2015](http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2015).

Civil society organizations representatives who wish to attend, are kindly requested to **register for the meeting** before the opening plenary session, preferably by 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The registration will also be available online after the deadline and during the meeting on the spot. However, advance online registration at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> is highly recommended in order to avoid delays in issuing the meeting badges and materials before the opening plenary meeting. The registration desk will be open during the meeting from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant at [Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl](mailto:Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl). Please note that prior registration to the meeting is a condition to book a side event on-line.

Participation in the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is **free of charge, while all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants**. Booking forms for reservations as well as a list of chosen hotels in Warsaw are available at the website.

Civil society organizations are also invited to **organize side events**. As ODIHR has introduced a new online booking system for side events, organizations wishing to organize a side event are requested to register first and proceed with an online booking at their earliest convenience as the system is based on the “**first come, first served**” principle. The first booking period will be open on **Tuesday, 21st July, at 12.00 (CET) and will be closed on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 23:59 (CET)**. All bookings should be submitted within this deadline. If there are any free slots left after the first deadline, there will be second booking period between 13 and 26 August. No bookings will be accepted after the final deadline. Additional information on the new system, including the terms & conditions as well as the instructions on how to book a side event, is available on the 2015 HDIM website.

In terms of organizational modalities, 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.



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Also, civil society organizations may **display information materials** about their organizations on the tables in the lobby next to the the plenary hall. They may also **distribute documents** through the conference's 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](mailto:hdim@odihr.pl).

In addition, a fully equipped “**IOs/NGOs room**” will be available for the duration of the meeting.

The contact persons for 2015 HDIM are:

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