



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CONFLICT SITUATIONS, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF JOURNALISTS AND REPORTING DURING ARMED CONFLICT

**27-28 October 2016
Hofburg, Vienna**

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 invites civil society organizations to the second 2016 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) to be held on the subject of “Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media with a Special Focus on Conflict Situations, Including Protection of Journalists and Reporting During Armed Conflict”. The meeting will take place on 27-28 October 2016, in Vienna, at the Hofburg Conference Centre.

Civil society organizations whose activities directly relate to the topic of the meeting and who wish to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> **latest by the deadline of Monday, 24 October 2016**. Important note: **registration after this date will be closed and registration on-site will not be available.**

Civil society organizations are invited to organize side events. **The side events booking system will be open from Wednesday, 12 October at 12.00 (CET) until Monday, 17 October 23:59 (CET)** and it is done on a ‘first come, first served’ basis so participants are advised to enter the booking system immediately after the opening. More information is available in the “Side events information” document.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge, although all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants. Civil society organizations are kindly requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements. You can find a list of selected hotels in Vienna on the ODIHR website.

Additional information on the meeting such as agenda, annotated agenda and general information concerning the modalities and logistics (incl. venue, schedule, seating,

interpretation, guidelines for debate, interpretation and distribution of documents) will be made available on the OSCE website at: www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_2_2016.

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