

812th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON
TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Astana, 29 and 30 June 2010

I. Agenda and timetable

Tuesday, 29 June 2010

Morning Opening session: Welcoming remarks and general statements

 Official opening of the Conference and keynote speeches: Challenges in implementing OSCE commitments in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination

Part 1. Forms of intolerance and discrimination

Morning Session 1: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims

Afternoon Session 2: Combating anti-Semitism

Afternoon Session 3: Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions

Wednesday, 30 June 2010

Part 2. The way forward: Preventing and responding to intolerance, including hate crimes. Promoting mutual respect and understanding, including through gender perspective

Morning Session 4: The role of legislation, law enforcement, data collection, and civil society in combating and preventing intolerance and discrimination, including hate crimes

Morning	Session 5: The role of education to promote mutual understanding and respect for diversity according to the existing OSCE commitments
Afternoon	Session 6: Addressing public manifestations of intolerance, in accordance with the OSCE commitments and promoting understanding through open dialogue in the media, including the Internet
Afternoon	Session 7: Strategies for promoting tolerance and understanding, inter-ethnic and intercultural dialogue, including its religious dimension, in the OSCE area
Afternoon	Closing plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Reports by the plenary session moderators– Conclusions and recommendations– The way ahead: Consolidating progress and facing new challenges

II. Organizational modalities

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office.

Each session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as the co-ordinator(s) to prepare the session.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be applied at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into consideration.

The participating States are encouraged to be represented by high level officials as well as senior experts responsible for tolerance and non-discrimination issues.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The Parliamentary Assembly and Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

Participation of representatives from international and regional organizations, as well as other relevant actors of civil society and NGOs, would be welcome.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions.

The discussion in the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media.