



HUMAN DIMENSION  
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## 2014 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

*Improving OSCE effectiveness by enhancing its co-operation with relevant regional and international organizations*

WARSAW, 12-14 May 2014

### 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 its 2014 Human Dimension Seminar (HDS), to be held on the subject of “Improving OSCE effectiveness by enhancing its co-operation with relevant regional and international organizations”. The Seminar will take place in Warsaw on 12-14 May 2014 at the Novotel Warszawa Centrum on ul. Marszalkowska 94/98. Additional information and further documents related to the Seminar are available on the OSCE website at <https://www.osce.org/odihr/117337>. The annotated agenda will be posted shortly.

Civil society organizations whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Seminar, as well as those who wish to attend, are requested to register for the event by **Wednesday, 30 April 2014**. The online registration is available at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant at [Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl](mailto:Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl).

Civil society organizations will have equal access to the speakers’ list at the Working Sessions of the Seminar in order to make relevant interventions and concrete recommendations. Written statements and recommendations can also be forwarded in advance to [hds@odihr.pl](mailto:hds@odihr.pl).

Civil society organizations are also invited to organize side events. Additional information can be found in the “Checklist for Organizers of Side Events”. Those wishing to organise a side event are requested to fill out the checklist available on the HDS website (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/117337>) and send it to Mr. Ireneusz Stepinski at [ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl](mailto:ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl) by Wednesday, 30 April 2014 at the latest. A detailed schedule of planned side events will be made available on the website prior to the event.

Civil society organizations may display information materials about their organizations on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents through the Documents Distribution System, in accordance with special guidelines that will be available on the website prior to the event. In addition, a fully equipped “NGO room” will be available for the duration of the Seminar.

Unfortunately, the OSCE is not in a position to provide any financial assistance to Civil society organizations wishing to participate in the Seminar. A Booking Form for reservations at the hotel where the Seminar will take place is available on the Seminar website, as well as a list of other recommended hotels in Warsaw. Civil society organizations are kindly requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

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