

**OSCE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON  
TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION  
(INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS YOUTH EDUCATION ON  
TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION)**

**Tirana, 21 and 22 May 2013**

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, 21 May 2013**

**9:00-9:20**                    **Opening ceremony: Welcoming remarks and formal opening of the Conference**

*H.E. Mr. Yevhen Sulima, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine*

*H.E. Mr. Sali Berisha, Prime Minister of Albania*

**9:20-10:30**                    **Opening plenary session: Combating intolerance and discrimination in the OSCE area. Implementation of the relevant OSCE commitments**

*Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council*

Opening remarks by

*H.E. Mr. Aldo Bumçi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania*

*H.E. Ambassador Adam Kobieracki, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre*

*Mr. Douglas Wake, First Deputy Director, ODIHR*

*Mr. Roberto Battelli, OSCE PA Treasurer and Special Representative on South East Europe*

Opening statements by delegations

**Part 1. Comprehensive approach to combating intolerance and discrimination**

**10:30-12:30**                    **Plenary session 1: Combating intolerance and discrimination against any person, including racism, xenophobia and aggressive nationalism, in accordance with the existing OSCE commitments**

*Moderator: Mr. Douglas Wake, First Deputy Director, ODIHR*

*Introducers:*

- *H.E. Mr. François Zimeray, Ambassador at Large for Human Rights, France*
- *Mr. Dennis van der Veur, Head of Sector Equality, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, Fundamental Rights Agency*
- *Ms. Saodat Olimova, Research Center SHARQ*
- *Mr. Valery Engel, Vice-President, International Human Rights Movement "World Without Nazism"*

**12:30-14:00**                    **Lunch**

**14:00-15:30 Plenary session 2: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions**

*Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskaya, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions*

*Introducers:*

- *Dr. Gudrun Kugler, Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians*
- *Mr. Jehangir Sarosh, Inter-faith representative of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe*

**15:30-17:00 Plenary session 3: Combating anti-Semitism**

*Moderator: H.E. Ms. Edith Harxhi, Deputy Foreign Minister of Albania*

*Introducers:*

- *Dr. Mario Silva, Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance*
- *Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism*

**17:00-17:30 Coffee Break**

**17:30-19:00 Plenary session 4: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims**

*Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Tacan İldem, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE*

*Introducers:*

- *Ms. Engy Abdelkader, ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief*
- *Mr. Veysel Filiz, Spokesperson, European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion*

**20:00-21:30 Dinner hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania Durrës, “Hotel Adriatik” (Departure from Hotel Sheraton at 19:15)**

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

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

**10:00-11:30**                    **Plenary session 5: The role of human rights youth education in promoting mutual understanding and respect for diversity in accordance with the existing OSCE commitments**

*Moderator: Ms. Floriane Hohenberg, Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR*

*Introducers:*

- *H.E. Mr. Yevhen Sulima, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine*
- *H.E. Mr. Myqerem Tafaj, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Science of Albania*
- *H.E. Ambassador Blanka Jamnič, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna*

**11:30-13:00**                    **Plenary session 6: The role of political leadership, legislation, law enforcement, data collection, and civil society in combating and preventing intolerance and discrimination, including hate crimes**

*Moderator: Mr. Michael Schmunk, Deputy Head of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE*

*Introducers:*

- *H.E. Ambassador Harald Neple, Special Envoy for Minorities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway*
- *Mr. Paul LeGendre, Director, Fighting Discrimination Programme, Human Rights First*

**13:00-14:30**                    **Lunch**

**14:30-16:00**                    **Closing plenary session**

*Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council*

- Reports by the rapporteurs of the plenary sessions
- Conclusions and recommendations
- The way ahead: Consolidating progress and facing new challenges