

Provisional Agenda

Speakers to be confirmed

OSCE Civil Society Parallel Conference

Vilnius, 4-5 December 2011

MAKING COMMITMENTS COME TRUE

CIVIL SOCIETY, THE HUMAN DIMENSION AND OSCE REFORM

Part I – Working conference

(Hotel Crowne Plaza)

Day 1

10:00 Welcoming remarks
- on behalf of a Lithuanian NGO
- on behalf of the Organising Committee
- by a representative of Lithuanian MFA

Theme I: Strengthening and Expanding Key Human Dimension Commitments

10:30 **Human dimension challenges: overview of the year 2011, with reflection on the role and activities of OSCE**

Two impulse presentations:

- Snjezana Bokulic (ODIHR Human Rights Department)
- Bjorn Engesland (Norwegian Helsinki Committee)

11:00 **Freedom of civil society to operate, including freedom of association, freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, and security of human rights defenders**

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- Andrey Yurov (Moscow Helsinki Group, Russia) or one of other Russian NGO reps
- Brigitte Dufour (International Partnership for Human Rights, unconfirmed)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

11:45 **Announcement of the establishment of Civic Solidarity Platform and its plans**
Iva Dobychina, OSF Alliance

12:00 **Coffee break**

12:15 **Weakening of democratic institutions and processes**
(flawed elections, presidency for life, politically motivated persecution, legislative manipulation, lack of political pluralism, etc)

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- Ella Assoyan (Freedom House)
- Leila Alieva (Azerbaijan, depends on travel arrangements)
- Andras Kadar (Hungarian Helsinki Committee, not asked yet)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

13:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 **Rule of law (independence of the judiciary, implementation of the European Human Rights Court judgments, non-compliance with OSCE Kiev guidelines, etc.)**

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- expert from ODIHR, unconfirmed)
- Temur Shakirov (ICJ, unconfirmed)
- Krassimir Kanev (Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, not asked yet)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

14:45 **Freedom of movement**

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- Konstantin Baranov (International Youth Human Rights Movement)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

15:30 **Ethnic conflicts and minority rights**

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- Izabela Kisic (Serbian Helsinki Committee)
- Aida Baydzhumanova (Citizens against Corruption, Kyrgyzstan)
- Ivar Dale (Norwegian Helsinki Committee) on Kyrgyzstan (unconfirmed)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

16:15 **Freedom of expression, including media freedom and freedom in the Internet**

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- William Horsley, Association of European Journalists
- Nathalie Losekoot, Article 19
- Brigitte Dufour (IPHR), specifically on internet Central Asia

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

17:00 **Coffee break**

17:15 **Special session: The human dimension situation in the Baltic states**

Speakers:

- Henrikas Mickevicius (Lithuania)
- An NGO from Estonia (two NGOs asked)
- Anhelita Kamenska (Latvian Centre for Human Rights)

Adoption of a separate PC statement on the human dimension situation in the Baltic states.

18:45 **End of day 1**

19:00 **RECEPTION together with participants of ODIHR-organized Mediterranean partners conference (Crowne Plaza Hotel)**

Day 2

9:00 **Theme II: OSCE Reform: perspectives of civil society**
(including engagement with reform effort coordinated by the Human Dimension Committee of the Permanent Council and with reform proposals by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly)

Overview of the problem and presentation of the draft Outcome Document provisions.

Speakers:

- a representative of the International Civic Initiative for OSCE
- Yuri Dzhibladze (Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russia)
- a representative of the OSCE Human Dimension Committee (Swiss PR asked)
- a representative of the OSCE PA Third Committee (unlikely)

Remarks from participants. Discussion.

10:30 BREAK

11:00 **Special session: The Human Dimension Situation in Belarus (open to the public and the media)**

A written statement by Ales Belyatsky to be read by a Viasna representative (not likely to come);

Presentations and panel discussion with Belarussian and international NGOs:

- Tatiana Reviaka (Viasna, Belarus Human Rights House)
- Zhana Litvina (Journalists Association Belarus)
- Elena Tonkacheva (Center for Legal Transformation)
- representatives of the Committee of International Control over Human Rights Situation in Belarus
- Freedom House (David Kramer)

Adoption of a separate PC statement on the human dimension situation in Belarus.

13:00 **Coffee break**

13:15 **Final Session**

- Presentation and adoption of the edited Outcome Document.
- Presentation by a representative of the Irish delegation (to be asked)

14:00 **LUNCH**

Part II – Public event

(venue in central Vilnius)

15:30 Welcoming remarks by a representative of the Organising Committee

15:45 Presentation of the Parallel Conference Conclusions and Action Points (summary of the Outcome Document and statements on the human dimension situation in the Baltic States and the human dimension situation in Belarus)

16:00 Speech by Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs

16:30 Closure, including directions for the action outside

16:30 **VISIBILITY ACTION**
(in the open air)

19:00 **RECEPTION** in Vilnius City Hall