



The 17th Economic and Environmental Forum - Part 2 -

18-20 May 2009
Athens, Greece

ANNOTATED AGENDA



Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and
Environmental Activities

Monday, 18 May 2009

10:00 – 11:00

Opening Session

Moderator: Ambassador Mara Marinaki, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship

Opening Address:

- **H.E. Dora Bakoyannis**, Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece

Introductory Remarks:

- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches:

- **Mr. Ján Kubiš**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Ambassador William Lacy Swing**, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee / Tea Break

11:30 – 13:00

Session I: Managing migration in a changing global environment

Moderator: Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communication, IOM, Geneva

Rapporteur: Ms. Sinéad Harvey, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Key issues:

- Alleviating the negative effects of the global financial/economic crisis on international migration and development
- Developing a comprehensive and co-operative approach enhancing economic development and stability
- Developing policy models incorporating migration management, developmental aspects and human rights aspects
- Upholding migrants' rights, dignity and equality of treatment, combating discrimination and xenophobia as serious challenges to security and stability in OSCE area

Presentations followed by discussion:

- **Ambassador Janez Lenarcic**, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)
- **Ambassador Andrej Benedejčič**, Director General, Directorate for Policy Planning and Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- **Ms. Irina Ivakhnyuk**, Ph.D., Senior Researcher and Deputy Director of the Department of Population, Faculty of Economics, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Federation
- **Ms. María Ochoa-Llidó**, Head, Migration and Roma Department, Council of Europe

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch – Restaurant Aphrodite (main building)

Special Event: Lunch for Heads of Delegations – Restaurant Captain’s House
Introductory Speech on the “Impact of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis” by H.E. Mr. George Provopoulos, Governor of the Central Bank of Greece

15:00 – 16:30

Session II: Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension focusing on migration

Moderator: **Mr. José Antonio Miguel Polo**, Co-ordinator for International Relations, Directorate General for Immigration, Spain

Rapporteur: **Ms. Caroline Milow**, Senior Project Officer/Economic and Environmental Dimension, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan

Presentation of the Review Report (EEF.IO/5/09:)

- **Mr. Ibrahim Awad**, Director, Migration Department, International Labour Office (ILO)

Commentators:

- **Ms. Tamara Duisenova**, Secretary General, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Melih Ulueren**, Deputy Director General for Migration, Asylum and Visa Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey
- **Mr. Don Flynn**, Director, Migrants Rights Network, United Kingdom

Discussion

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee / Tea Break

17:00 – 18:30

Session III: Gender and labour migration policies

Moderator: **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Ms. Kimberley Bulkley**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Key issues:

- Gender mainstreaming in permanent and temporary labour admission policies – main challenges, mainstreaming methods and tools
- Exchange of experience on measures being taken to provide legal migration channels for foreign domestic and care service workers to avoid irregular employment and improve labour protection to all economic sectors
- Improving migration policies and support services to attract more female migrant workers into high-skilled sectors
- Developing gender sensitive support services in countries of destination and origin to aid integration and re-integration upon return as well as limit the social costs of migration on the ‘left-behind’

Introductory remarks:

- **Ms. Evgenia Tsoumani**, Secretary General for Gender Equality, Greece

Presentation of the OSCE Guide on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies:

- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities,
- **Ms. Eva Biaudet**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Commentators:

- **Ambassador Veronika Bard-Bringéus**, Head of the Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE
- **Ms. Nargis Azizova**, Gender and Governance Adviser, Office in Tajikistan, United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
- **Ms. Sylvia Lopez-Ekra**, Senior Gender Advisor, IOM, Geneva

Discussion

20:00

**Reception hosted by the Greek OSCE Chairmanship
(Zappeion Hall, Athens)**

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

09:30 – 11:00

Session IV: Enhancing the development impact of migration

Moderator: **Mr. Kęstutis Bučinskas**, Director of Migration Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

Rapporteur: **Mr. Andrei Muntean**, Senior Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Key issues:

- Enhancing the positive contributions to economic and social development made by migrants by promoting policy coherence between migration policy and economic development policy
- Responding to increasing unemployment among national and migrant populations, return migration and to decreasing remittance inflows and reduced opportunities for seasonal migration by supporting employment creating initiatives such as improved conditions for investment, SME development and self-employment
- Promoting shared responsibilities and co-operation between origin and destination countries through co-development, more effective use of remittances, migrants' investment and development potential

Presentations followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Andrew Dabalen**, Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Europe and Central Asia, the World Bank
- **Ms. Shujoat Khasanova**, Vice Speaker of the Parliament, Tajikistan
- **Mr. Pedro De Vasconcelos**, Programme Co-ordinator, Financing Facility for Remittances, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee / Tea Break

11:30 – 13:00

Session V: Addressing the environmental factors of migration

Moderator: **Ambassador Fredericka Gregory**, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Mr. Alexander Savelyev**, Project Officer/Environmental Affairs, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Key issues:

- Discussing scenarios and raising awareness concerning the future impact of climate change on migration
- Enhancing early warning, preparedness and informed policy responses through research and scientific data gathering
- Addressing common environmental issues having a possible impact on migration in the context of regional security

Presentations followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Stavros Dimas**, EU Commissioner for Environment
- **Mr. Philippe Boncour**, Head of the International Dialogue on Migration Division, Migration Policy, Research and Communication Department, IOM, Geneva
- **Mr. Chad Briggs**, Senior Fellow, Institute for Environmental Security, Brussels
- **Professor Michelle Leighton**, Director of the Human Rights Programme, Centre for Law and Global Justice, University of San Francisco, USA, Munich Re Foundation Endowed Chair on Social Vulnerability, United Nations University, Bonn

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch - Restaurant Aphrodite (main building)

15:00 – 16:30

Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security

Moderator: **Ambassador Cornel Feruță**, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE, Chairman of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee

Rapporteur: **Ms. Ioana Mureșan**, Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE

Key issues (discussed in regional context - EU, CIS, Central Asia, Mediterranean, Black Sea regions and others):

- Cooperation for standardised and harmonised migration databases for evidence-based policy-making
- Building effective migration management institutions and structures involving all relevant stakeholders and supporting regional cooperation and economic development
- Promoting mutual action which foster labour rights, social welfare and social integration to avoid exploitation and abuse of migrant workers in the workplace and society in general
- Promoting legal channels based on labour market assessments and closer cooperation between employment agencies in countries of destination and origin
- Cooperation between countries to combat illegal migration and related criminal activities as well as strengthen border management

Presentations followed by discussion:

- **Ms. Aigul Ryskulova**, Chairperson, State Committee on Migration and Employment, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Mr. José Matres Manso**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary General on Consular Affairs and Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Spain
- **Mr. Patick A. Taran**, Senior Migration Specialist, International Migration Program, ILO

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee / Tea Break

17:00 – 18:30	<p>Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security (continued)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Vasyl Husechko, Deputy Head, Department of Employment Policy and Labour Migration, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ukraine <u>Rapporteur:</u> Ms. Alma Mirvic, National Reporting Officer, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
	<p><u>Presentations followed by discussions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Eva Biaudet, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings • Ms. Ann-Charlotte Nygard, Senior Programme Manager, Department for Capacity Building and Operations, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) • Mr. Ralph Markert, Criminal Intelligence Officer, INTERPOL
20:00	<p>Cultural Event (Athens Concert Hall)</p>

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

09:30 – 12:00	<p>The OSCE contribution and follow-up ideas</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ambassador Nikolaos Kalantzianos, Head of the Greek OSCE Chairmanship Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece</p>
	<p><u>Presentation of follow-up proposals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities <p><u>Commentators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communication, IOM, Geneva • Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Director, Migration Department, ILO • Mr. Anthonius W. De Vries, UNECE & OSCE/EED Co-ordinator, DG RELEX, European Commission • Mr. Bernhard Snoy, Institute of European Studies, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p><u>Concluding Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Nikolaos Kalantzianos, Head of the Greek OSCE Chairmanship Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece
	<p>Closing of the Forum</p>