



2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Warsaw, 19 - 30 September 2016

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 the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) that will take place in Warsaw between 19 – 30 September 2016 at the Sofitel Victoria Warsaw, Królewska St. 11, 00-065 Warsaw, Poland.**

Additional information concerning the HDIM modalities and further documents related to the meeting are available on the HDIM website at http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2016.

Participants wishing to attend the meeting, are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> **latest by the deadline of Thursday, 15 September 2016.** Important note: online registration after this date will be closed.

Please note also that prior registration to the meeting is a condition to book a side event on-line. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges at the meeting's venue as of Monday, 19th September, from 8 a.m. The welcome desk will be open during the meeting from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl. Please note that prior registration to the meeting is a condition to book a side event on-line.

Participation in the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is **free of charge, while all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants.** Booking forms for reservations as well as a list of chosen hotels in Warsaw are available at the website.

Civil society organizations are also invited to **organize side events.** Participants wishing to organize a side event are requested to register first and proceed with an online booking at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> at their earliest convenience as the system is based on the “first come, first served” principle. **The first booking period will be open on Thursday, 18 August 2016 at 12.00 (CET) and will be closed on Sunday, 28 August 2016 (CET).** All bookings should be submitted within this deadline. If there are any free slots left after the first deadline, there will be **second booking period between 1 and 4 September.** No bookings will be accepted after the final deadlines. Additional information on the on-line booking system, including the terms & conditions as well as the instructions on how to book a side event, is available in the documents: “Side Events Information” and “Side Events Booking Instructions”.

In terms of organizational modalities, please read “General Information” document available on HDIM website.



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