



## AGENDA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> OSCE Gender Equality Review Conference

**Date:** 12-13 June, 2017

**Venue:** Hofburg, Vienna

**Monday 12 June**

<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>High Level Opening – <i>Neuer Saal</i></b>
	<p><i>The opening will set the stage for the discussions over the course of the two days, which will focus on the link between the OSCE's unique concept of comprehensive security and the extensive commitments on gender equality.</i></p> <p><u>Opening remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Sophie Karmasin, Federal Minister for Families and Youth, Austria</li> <li>- Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</li> <li>- Ambassador Paul Bekkers, Director of the Office of Secretary General, OSCE Secretariat</li> </ul> <p><u>Video addresses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada</li> <li>- Lakshmi Puri, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director UN Women</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bethany Bell, BBC Foreign Correspondent based in Vienna</li> </ul> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pirkko Hämäläinen, Under-Secretary of State, Internal and External Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland</li> <li>- Ambassador Mara Marinaki, EU Principal Advisor on Gender and UNSCR 1325/Women, Peace and Security</li> <li>- Senator Ekaterina Lakhova, President, Union of Women of Russia, Russian Federation</li> <li>- The Honourable Dr. Hedy Fry, Special Representative on Gender Issues of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>- Adelheid Meinzolt, Co-ordinator of the Women and Gender Working Group of the Civic Solidarity Platform</li> </ul>

<p><b>12:00 – 13:30</b></p> 	<p><b>Lunch - Vorsaal</b></p> <p><b>Market place – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><i>At the Market Place, OSCE executive Structures present their programmatic and project work on the implementation of the 2004 Gender Action Plan. Conference participants can interact directly with OSCE staff working in field operations, Institutions and the Secretariat to learn more about their work.</i></p>	
<p><b>13:30 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Working Session One: Gender mainstreaming the conflict cycle – Neuer Saal</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Working Session Two: Women’s participation in political and public life – Hofburg room 533</b></p>
	<p>Focus area: Women’s participation in the security sector <i>This session will identify best practices and formulate recommendations to increase women’s participation in the security sector.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Bojana Balon, Co-ordinator South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), UNDP</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ainuru Altybaeva, Member of Kyrgyz Parliament</li> <li>- Montserrat Pina Martinez, President of the European Network of Policewomen</li> <li>- Dita Nowicka, Director of OSCE Border Management Staff College</li> <li>- Brigadier General Gordana Garašić, Deputy Director of RACVIAC- Centre for Security Cooperation</li> </ul>	<p>Focus area: Women’s participation in politics <i>This session will reflect on progress made and identify some of the continuing challenges in achieving gender equality in politics. It will explore the participation of women through political parties, in elections, local politics, and in parliaments, highlighting examples of good practice from across the OSCE region.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah, Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gordana Čomić, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Republic of Serbia</li> <li>- Valentina Buliga, Member of Moldovan Parliament, Deputy President of the Democratic Party and Chair of its Women’s Organization</li> <li>- Narantuya Zagdkhuu, Member of Mongolian Parliament</li> <li>- Helene Jarmer, Member of Austrian Parliament</li> <li>- Elvira Surabaldieva, Member of Kyrgyz Parliament, Chair of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians</li> </ul>

<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee and tea break – <i>Vorsaal</i></b>	
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Parallel Working Session Three: Equal economic opportunities – <i>Hofburg room 533</i></b>	<b>Parallel Working Session Four: Combating gender-based violence – <i>Neuer Saal</i></b>
	<p>Focus area: Women’s economic empowerment and equal opportunities, including in the context of climate change and sustainable development</p> <p><i>This session will include the sharing of good practices and aims to formulate recommendations on empowering women to increase their economic participation, access to and control over natural resources as well as financial resources and thus contribute to sustainable development.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Désirée Schweitzer, President of the UN Women National Committee Austria</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kaisha Atakhanova, Regional Programme Director of Civil Society Development Association ARGO, Kazakhstan</li> <li>- Maria Hartl, Senior Technical Specialist Gender and Social Equity, International Fund for Agriculture Development</li> <li>- Jesper Goodley Dannisøe, Director, Danish Water Forum</li> <li>- Dr. Livia Járóka, Founder of JALTE, Hungary</li> <li>- Sandra Nedeljković, Deputy Director of the Serbian Government Public Investment Management Office</li> </ul>	<p>Focus area: National mechanisms for combating GBV</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the measures that need to be taken at the national level to implement existing commitments on combating and preventing Violence Against Women, including the Istanbul Convention. Areas of discussion include the establishment of coordination mechanisms, standards and guidelines as well as data collection and analysis.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Sian MacLeod, Head of United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Dr. Feride Acar, President, Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)</li> <li>- Kateryna Levchenko, President of the International Women's Rights Centre La Strada, Ukraine</li> <li>- Adisa Zahiragić, Judge and President of the Association of Women Judges, Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>- Aleh Karazei, Head of the Department of Crime Prevention of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus</li> <li>- Joanna Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, EU Fundamental Rights Agency</li> </ul>
<b>17:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Reception at Le Méridien, Robert-Stolz-Platz 1 (five minute walk from the Hofburg)</b>	

Tuesday 13 June

9:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Working Session Five: Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms for Gender Mainstreaming – Challenges and Perspectives - Neuer Saal</b></p>
	<p><i>This session serves to identify new and innovative practices in governments, international organizations as well as the private sector for institutionalizing gender mainstreaming. There will also be the opportunity to share challenges and lessons learned on gender mainstreaming in the OSCE executive structures.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Amarsanaa Darisuren, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Office of the Secretary General, OSCE Secretariat</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maruša Gortnar, Head of Department, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia</li> <li>- Begoña Suarez Suarez, Deputy Director General for Entrepreneurship and the Professional Promotion of Women, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain</li> <li>- Barbara Torggler, Head of Evaluation, Office of Internal Oversight, OSCE</li> <li>- Ajla van Heel Merdanović, Adviser on Gender Issues of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</li> <li>- Carolina Lasen Diaz, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Council of Europe</li> <li>- Alia El Yassir, Deputy Regional Director, Head of Office a.i., Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, UN Women</li> <li>- Mehmet Ali Çalıřkan, Founder of YADA Foundation, Turkey</li> </ul>
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Coffee and tea break - Vorsaal</b></p> <p><b>Market place – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><i>At the Market Place, OSCE executive Structures present their programmatic and project work on the implementation of the 2004 Gender Action Plan. Conference participants can interact directly with OSCE staff working in field operations, Institutions and the Secretariat to learn more about their work.</i></p>



<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Working Session Six: Emerging issues and ways forward to implement the 2004 OSCE Gender Action Plan</b>
	<p><i>This session provides an opportunity to discuss emerging issues that affect the implementation of the 2004 Gender Action Plan and future challenges that need to be taken into account that may hamper progress, including the global SDGs agenda on gender equality and funding issues.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Gréta Gunnarsdottir, Permanent Representative Mission of Iceland to the OSCE in Vienna</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engy Abdelkader, Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University</li> <li>- Neil J. Walsh, Chief, Cyber and Emerging Crime, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</li> <li>- Rasa Ostrauskaite, Director OSCE Department of Trans-National Threats</li> <li>- Sonja Lokar, Executive Director of Central and Eastern European Network for Gender Issues</li> <li>- Iulia Kharashvili, Chairperson, IDP Women Association "Consent" and representing Civic Solidarity Platform</li> <li>- Nico Schernbeck, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security</li> </ul>
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>High-Level Closing</b>
	<p><i>The closing session will entail an overview of preliminary conclusions and recommendations following the discussions of the Conference. Speakers will highlight potential next steps for the implementation of the 2004 Gender Action Plan.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ambassador Melanne Verwee, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender</li> <li>- Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE in Vienna</li> </ul>