

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

**To take place during the
SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON:
“Promotion of Gender Balance and Participation of Women in Political and Public Life”**

05 -07 May 2010

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

Thursday , 06 May

*Title: Kyrgyzstan’s Turbulent Realities – Challenges and Opportunities for Women
Convenor: Social Technologies Agency and the Women’s Regional Network of Kyrgyzstan
Time: 13.00 – 14.30
Venue: Segmentgalerie I– I floor
Language: Russian & English*

Friday, 07 May

*Title: Developing Effective Knowledge Resources on Women’s Political Participation
Convenor: ODIHR & iKNOW Politics
Time: 12.00 – 13.30
Venue: Ratsaal – V floor
Language: English & Russian*

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS

As submitted by the organizers

Hofburg, Vienna

Thursday 06 May

Time: 13.00 – 14.30

Venue: Segmentgalerie I

Title: Kyrgyzstan's Turbulent Realities – Challenges and Opportunities for Women

Convenor: Social Technologies Agency and the Women's Regional Network of Kyrgyzstan

Language: English & Russian

Summary: The event will feature a panel of discussants from Kyrgyzstan, who will outline the developing situation in Kyrgyzstan and the ongoing work on the new constitution and the upcoming elections. Furthermore, the panel members will present the past and future initiatives from the women's civil society, focusing on issues related to promoting women's rights and women's participation of political and public life.

The panelists will include: Ms. Gulnara Ibraeva, Director, Agency for Social Technologies, Ms. Zhana Saralaeva, Jalalabad Women's Resource Centre, Women's Network, and Ms. Zylfyia Kochorbaeva, Board Member, Agency for Social Technologies.

A light lunch will be provided

Friday 07 May

Time: 12.00 – 13.30

Venue: Ratsaal

Title: Developing Effective Knowledge Resources on Women's Political Participation

Convenor: ODIHR & iKNOW Politics

Language: English & Russian

Summary: The side event will feature the presentation of the iKnowPolitics web-portal (International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics), developed jointly by a number of international agencies such as Inter-Parliamentary Union, International IDEA, UNDP, UNIFEM, NDI. The side event will bring together a panel of speakers from these agencies and will discuss ways how women's political participation can be fostered through increased access to knowledge resources, expertise and lessons learnt by women candidates in elections, political party leaders and civil society activists. The meeting will provide the opportunity for a broad range of SHDM participants to get the first hand information and insights into the knowledge and practical resources that the web portal offers.

A light lunch will be provided