

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS
To take place during the
HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AND DUE PROCESS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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 CSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

The opinions and information shared during the side events convened by participants do not necessarily reflect the policy of the OSCE/ODIHR.

| Wednesday, 10 May | Wednesday, 10 May |
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| <p><i>Title: Criminal justice and the Trafficking Victim</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: ODIHR Anti-Trafficking Program</i></p> <p><i>Time: 13.00-15.00</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Meeting Room2</i></p> <p><i>Language: English, Romanian</i></p> | |
| Thursday, 11 May | Thursday, 11 May |
| <p><i>Title: The OSCE Approach to Criminal Justice Reform: Good practices from the ODIHR and OSCE Field Missions</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: ODIHR Rule of Law Unit</i></p> <p><i>Time 13.00-15.00</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Meeting Room 1</i></p> <p><i>Language: English</i></p> | <p><i>Title: POLIS – the OSCE Policing OnLine Information System</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit</i></p> <p><i>Time: 13.45-14.45</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Plenary Hall</i></p> <p><i>Language English, Russian</i></p> |
| Friday, 12 May | Friday, 12 May |
| <p><i>Title: OSCE guidelines in criminal justice: discussion on different options, introduced by judge Guy Van Craen</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - OSCE Chairmanship Unit</i></p> <p><i>Time: 13.00-14-30</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Meeting Room 3</i></p> <p><i>Language: English</i></p> | |

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS

As submitted by the organizers

HDS 10 -12 May 2006

Warsaw

The side events below have been exclusively organized and scheduled at the request of participants of the Human Dimension Seminar. .

Wednesday, 10 May

Time: 13.00-15.00
Venue: Meeting Room 2
Title: Criminal Justice and the Trafficking Victim
Convener: ODIHR Anti-Trafficking Program
Language: English, Romanian

Summary:

This meeting will provide a forum for debating how the victims of trafficking in human beings experience the criminal justice systems and provide an opportunity for the exchange of practices. It will discuss whether through numerous anti-trafficking efforts States have developed a good model of access to criminal justice for trafficked persons. The meeting will bring together a panel of practitioners from Moldova, Romania, Albania and Germany to high light issues from their experience and present ways forward.

Refreshments will be provided

Thursday, 11 May

Time: 13.00-15.00
Venue: Meeting Room 1
Title: The OSCE Approach to Criminal Justice Reform: Good practices from the ODIHR and OSCE Field Missions
Convener: ODIHR Rule of Law Unit
Language: English

Summary:

This side event will be a panel discussion with representatives from OSCE Field Missions in South Eastern Europe and from the ODIHR. The focus will be on specific examples of on-going work to assist in criminal justice reform by the OSCE. The Panelists will discuss what are the OSCE's comparative advantages in proving criminal justice reform assistance; how this work is done in the context of the OSCE as a political organization; and how the OSCE makes the best use of limited resources in the field.

Refreshments will be provided

Thursday, 11 May

Time: 13.15-14.45
Venue: Plenary Hall
Title: Polis-the OSCE Policing OnLine Information System
Convener: OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit
Language: English, Russian (simultaneous translation)

Summary:

The OSCE Policing OnLine Information System (POLIS) will consist of a Digital Library, a Policing Experts Database, and a Co-ordination Mechanism for Police Assistance Programmes, as well as a number of additional services. The Digital Library will be a comprehensive collection of documents created and supported by a community of policing practitioners. It will be a central repository of knowledge for the storage and retrieval of information relating to all aspects of international police-related assistance. The Policing Experts Database will form a pool of skilled professionals that OSCE institutions and Field Operations can draw on to provide consultancy-like expertise for short-term periods (1 week up to 6 months). The Co-ordination Mechanism for Police Assistance Programmes will aim at co-ordinating and optimizing the funding of policing activities implemented by the OSCE and other organizations. In addition, it will have the capacity to gather information on bilateral or multi-lateral ongoing projects in the field of policing too. It will help distribute resources efficiently and ensure maximum results for every investment in policing projects. Currently, it is possible to consult POLIS in both English and Russian, but it has the capability to operate in all six OSCE working languages; subject only to the necessary resources being made available.

Refreshments will be provided

Friday, 12 March

Time: 13.00-14.30
Venue: Meeting Room 3
Title: OSCE guidelines in criminal justice: discussion on different options, introduced by judge Guy Van Craen
Convener: Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - OSCE Chairmanship Unit
Language: English

Summary:

The focus on the rule of law and due process in criminal justice systems is an important part of the Chairmanship's priority on the fight against organized crime.

Respect for the rule of law and due process is instrumental both in ensuring respect for human rights and as a prerequisite for a well-functioning criminal justice system. Tackling organized crime requires such a well-functioning system, in which efficiency and effectiveness are also important parameters.

Mr Guy Van Craen is a Belgian magistrate who has served as an international judge on several occasions. He will discuss some of the core principles embodied in international texts and offer options on elaborating guidelines on the basis of these norms and standards.

Refreshments will be provided
