

# OSCE Civil Society Forum 2.–3.12.2008

in view of the OSCE Ministerial Council hosted by the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship 4.–5.12.2008  
in Helsinki, Finland

Tuesday 2 December 2008, Paasitorni (Paasivuorenkatu 5 A)

14.00–16.00 Opening plenary: Human dimension in the OSCE region

**Moderator: Elisabeth Rehn** (Minister)

**Panelists:**

**Teija Tiilikainen** (State Secretary (Political), Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship)

**Eva Biaudet** (OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings)

**Oleg Kozlovsky** (Human Rights Award 2008 Winner, Coordinator of Oborona)

16.00–16.15 Coffee break

16.15–18.00 Introductions to working group topics

**Moderator: Heidi Hautala** (Member of the Finnish Parliament)

**Oksana Chelyseva** (The Russian-Chechen Friendship Society)

**Olof Kleberg** (OSCE NGO-Network Sweden)

**Dzmitry Markusheuski** (Belarusian Helsinki Committee)

**Muatar Khaydarova** (Director, ICNL/LLC Affiliate office in Tajikistan. Board Chairwoman, NGO "Society and Law")

18.00 Reception



Wednesday 3 December 2008, Marina Congress Center (Katajannokanlaituri 6)

8.30–9.00 Breakfast

9.00–12.00 Parallel working groups

### I Human trafficking

- Victims' rights
- Identification, compensation and assistance to trafficked persons
- International cooperation

**Moderator and rapporteur: Johanna Suurpää** (Ombudsman for minorities)

**Venla Roth** (Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki)

**Irine Machurishvili** (PR Manager, Human Rights Center HRIDC)

**Olga Sadovskaya** (The vice-chairman of Interregional Non-governmental Organization "committee Against Torture")

### II Human rights

- Minority rights, tolerance and non-discrimination, fight against hate crimes
- Human rights defenders (activists, critical journalists, opposition politicians)

**Moderator: Kari Kahiluoto** (Ambassador for Human Rights and Democracy, MFA of Finland)

**Pekka Haavisto** (MP, Chair of the Advisory Board on Romani Affairs in Finland)

**Alexey Kozlov** (Director of Foundation "For social and environmental justice" and spokesperson of GROZA (Green Alternative)) – Rapporteur of the working group

**Isra Lehtinen** (Chair of Islam Information and Dialogue)

### III Civil society & conflict resolution

- Caucasus and Central Asia in perspective
- Potential, role and responsibilities of civil society actors in conflict prevention and resolution
- Women's role in conflict prevention and resolution

**Moderator and rapporteur: Meeri-Maria Jaarva** (Reporting Officer, EUMM Georgia)

**Rachel Bernu** (Deputy Director of Kurdish Human Rights Project)

**Margarita Akhvlediani** (Journalist, Georgia)

12.00–13.00 Lunch

13.00–14.15 Conclusions of the working group discussions, finalizing of the recommendations

14.15–16.00 Closing panel discussion: Future of the OSCE

**Moderator: Krista Kiuru** (MP, Chair of STETE)

**Knut Vollebaek** (OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities)

**Kari Kahiluoto** (Ambassador for Human Rights and Democracy, MFA of Finland)

**Kimmo Kiljunen** (OSCE Special Envoy on election-related issues)

16.00 Coffee