

Conference on Mediation in the OSCE Area

(15-16 July 2013, Bucharest, Palace of Parliament, Nicolae Iorga Hall, *Entrance C1*)
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15 July 2013

14.30 – 15.30 Opening session

- Mr. **Titus Corlăţean**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
- Mr. **Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- Mr. **László Borbély**, Chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Policy, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania

Moderator: Mr. **Cornel Feruţă**, Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

15.30 - 17.00 Session 1

The know-how of mediation: principles and best practices

- UN Guidance for Effective Mediation – Mr. **Levent Bilman**, Director of the Policy and Mediation Division, United Nations (TBC)
- Global efforts to build mediation-support capacities – „Mediation for Peace” initiative at the UN level – Ambassador **Tacan Ildem**, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE
- Challenges to mediation – Ms. **Pamela Aall**, Provost, Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding, US Institute for Peace

Moderator: Mr. **Iulian Chifu**, Presidential counselor for Strategic Affairs and International Security

17.00 – 17.15 Coffee break

17.15 – 18.45 Session 2

Regional Organizations as mediators

- The added value of regional organizations as mediators and the OSCE experience – Ambassador **Erwan Fouéré**, Special Representative of the Irish OSCE Chairmanship (2012) for the Resolution of the Transnistrian Conflict
- EU experience with regard to mediation – Ms. **Margozata Wasilewska**, Head of Conflict prevention, peace building and mediation instruments unit, European External Action Service
- Cooperation among regional organizations and with the UN - Ambassador **Sayed El Masry**, Advisor and Special Envoy of the OIC SG for Peace in Southern Philippines, Organization for Islamic Cooperation

Moderator: Mrs. **Mira Nikolic**, Head of the Department for UN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

18.45 – 20.45 Reception (Palace of Parliament, Brancovenesc Hall)

16th of July 2013

09.00 – 10.30 Session 3

The peace infrastructure

- National capacities and networks of mediation, including Track II initiatives – Ms. **Valerie Sticher**, Coordinator of the Mediation Support Network, Centre for Security Studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
- OSCE field operations and other organizations' local offices – Ambassador **Sergey Kapinos**, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek
- Gender perspectives – Ambassador **Miroslava Beham**, Senior Gender Adviser, OSCE Secretariat
- Making Mediation Work: Building Effective Infrastructure for Peace - **Kai Brand Jacobsen**, Director, Department of Peace Operations Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)

Moderator: Ms. **Roxana Cristescu**, Adviser, Crisis Management Initiative

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Closing session

The way forward

- Role of mediation in the conflict cycle and how mediation can contribute to strengthening the OSCE's global work in the conflict cycle
- Better mediation across the conflict cycle (conflict prevention, early warning, crisis management, post-conflict rehabilitation) in the OSCE and beyond

Speakers:

- Mr. **Cornel Feruță**, Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania
- Ambassador **Thomas Greminger**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE
- Dr. **Claus Neukirch**, Deputy Director for Operations Service, Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE Secretariat