Monday, 19 October 2020

9.30 – 11.00 Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of disaster risk reduction

Welcoming Remarks:
- Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

Keynote Speeches:
- Mr. Petro Koçi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Defense, Albania
- Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä, Officer in Charge/Secretary General and Director of OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 Session I: Strengthening disaster risk reduction and management, including through exchange of knowledge and best practices

Speakers:
- Ambassador Guy Bonvin, Special Envoy for Water in Central Asia, Switzerland
- Mr. Octavian Bivol, Chief, Regional Office for Europe, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Mr. Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf, Head of Division, Early Warning Instruments and Processes, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- Ms. Camille Crain, Section Chief, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States of America
- Mr. Irakli Megrelidze, Deputy Head, Hydro-Meteorology Department, National Environmental Agency, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Rasa Ostrauskaite, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OSCE
13.00 – 14.30  Lunch break

13.40 – 14.30  **Side Event** “Inclusive responses to economic and environmental challenges: working with and for youth to promote sustainable peace and security” (Neuer Saal, Hofburg, blended format)

14.30 – 16.00  **Session II**: Improving early warning, disaster preparedness and response capacities

**Speakers:**
- **Ms. Lea Kauppi**, Director General, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
- **Dr. Michael Staudinger**, Executive Director, Central Agency for Meteorology and Geodynamics, Austria
- **Ms. Charlotta Benedek**, Head, Joint Environment Unit, United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Office for Coordination and Humanitarian Affairs (UNEP/OCHA)
- **Ms. Saskia Goldman**, Resilience Advisor and UK Policy Lead for the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP), Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Zhasulan Aktayev**, Deputy Head, Department for Disaster Risk Reduction and Civil Protection Monitoring, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Kazakhstan

**Discussion**

**Moderator: Ambassador Christine Fages**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00  **Session III**: Promoting good governance and transparency in the field of disaster risk reduction

**Speakers:**
- **Ms. Tricia Wachtendorf**, Director, Disaster Research Centre, University of Delaware, United States of America
- **Mr. Hadi Husani**, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Tajikistan
- **Mr. Lars Harald Blikra**, Head of Section for Rockslide Management, Water Resources and Energy Directorate, Norway

**Discussion**

**Moderator: Ambassador Anne-Kirsti Karlsen**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Delegation of Norway to the OSCE
9.30 – 11.00 Session IV: Strengthening the sustainable use and management of ecosystems and natural resources as a means to contribute to effective reduction of disaster risks

Speakers:
- Ms. Brankica Cmiljanović, Head, Directorate for Horizontal Legislation, Directorate of Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- Mr. Serge Stroobants, Director of Operations for Europe & MENA, Institute for Economics and Peace, Brussels
- Ms. Stephanie Julmy, Climate and Resilience Lead, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Mr. Zdravko Maksimovic, Head, Department for Civil Protection Affairs within the Administration of the City of Kraljevo and Secretary of the Team of Coordinators of Cities and Municipalities of the West Morava Basin, Serbia

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Veselin Šuković, Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the OSCE

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 Closing Session: Opportunities for strengthening dialogue and co-operation aimed at ensuring an integrated approach to disaster risk management in the OSCE area

Speakers:
- Dr. Johan Schaar, Associate Senior Fellow, SIPRI-Sweden International Peace Research Institute
- Dr. Johan Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Centre (GFMC), Germany
- Ms. Oxana Morozova, Senior Researcher, Scientific Research Institute of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, ERECOM, Russian Federation
- Mr. Tom De Groeve, Deputy Head of Disaster Risk Management Unit, the European Commission Joint Research Centre

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Igor Djundev, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of North Macedonia to the OSCE, UN and other International Organizations based in Vienna

13.00 – 13.30 Closing remarks

Closing statements by delegations

Speakers:
- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Ms. Inid Milo, Head, Albanian 2020 OSCE Chairmanship Task Force

Moderator: Ms. Inid Milo, Head, Albanian 2020 OSCE Chairmanship Task Force