

2023 Prague Forum on the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE

“Promoting security and stability in the OSCE area through achieving sustainable development, and resilient and inclusive economic growth”

Prague, Czech Republic, 14-15 September 2023

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague

Annotated Agenda

Thursday, 14 September 2023

09.00-10.30 **Opening Session**

Welcoming remarks

- **H.E. Bujar Osmani**, 2023 OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia
- **H.E. Jan Lipavský**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **H.E. Helga Maria Schmid**, OSCE Secretary General

Keynote speech

- **Mr. Markiyan Dmytrasevych**, Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (online)

Moderator: Ambassador Igor Djundev, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Xhodi Sakiqi, Office of the Coordinator on OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Opening Statements by Delegations

10.30-11.00 **Coffee/Tea break**

11.00 – 11.10 Report of the OSCE High-Level Conference on Climate Change

- **H.E. Helga Maria Schmid**, OSCE Secretary General

11.10-12.30 Session I: Intensifying co-operation to combat climate change for sustainable and climate-resilient development

Selected Topics:

- Regional responses to tackling climate-related challenges
- Early warning and strategic foresight to foster preventive and risk-informed policy-making in a changing climate
- Fostering holistic climate action: Mainstreaming climate change into policies strategies, and institutional frameworks
- Regional co-operation for preparedness and response to climate-related hazards

Speakers:

- **Mr. Naser Nuredini**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Climate Change
- **Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer**, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)
- **Mr. Ilyaz Tashbaev**, Head of Planning and Analysis Department, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Ms. Jill Brandenberger**, Climate Security Program Manager, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), United States (online)

Moderator: Ambassador Susanne Schütz, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Stefanie Küng, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

Discussion

12.30-13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30-14.30 **Side Event** “Strengthening good governance and climate resilience in Mongolia” – organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the OSCE and the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14.30-16.00 **Session II: The role of new technologies in enhancing economic resilience, promoting good governance and preventing corruption in the OSCE area**

Selected Topics:

- Digitalization in the era of increasing public spending: risks and opportunities new technologies can offer to prevent and mitigate corruption in public sector
- The use of open data and the role of non- governmental actors in preventing corruption: best practices from across the OSCE region
- Open Data for good governance: examples of transparent and efficient data driven decision making across the OSCE area
- Good Governance: identifying best practices for promoting transparency, accountability, and participation in public institutions
- Role of new technologies, blockchain and virtual assets in increasing transparency and accountability

Speakers:

- **Mrs. Irene Charalambides**, Vice President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Special Representative on Fighting Corruption
- **Ambassador Kilian Wahl**, Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje
- **Mr. Akrom Sultanov**, Head of Department of Monitoring and Coordination of the Open Data Portal, Statistics Agency of Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Tamar Latsabidze**, Chief Specialist, Division for International Sanctions’ Implementation and Inspection and Offsite Supervision of the VASPs, Money Laundering Inspection and Supervision Department, National Bank of Georgia
- **Prof. David Lewis**, Professor of Global Politics, University of Exeter, United Kingdom (online)

Moderator: Professor Anita Ramasastry, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Corruption

Rapporteur: Mr. Kent Mullen, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the OSCE

Discussion

16.00-16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30-18.00 **Session III: The role of trade and transport facilitation for sustainable development and food security**

Selected Topics:

- How to make cross-border trade more sustainable and inclusive considering the critical role of ports and rivers
- The role of alternative transport routes to foster supply chain resilience and food security
- Connectivity initiatives along the Middle Corridor to foster inter-and intraregional economic co-operation and security

Speakers:

- **Mr. Matthias Lüttenberg**, Director for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- **Dr. Silvana Mojsovska**, Full-time Professor, Institute of Economics, North Macedonia
- **Mr. Rahym Hanayev**, Head of Unit, Foreign Economic relations and Contracts Department, Transport and Logistics Center of Turkmenistan (online)
- **Ms. Adi Ben Tov**, Policy Manager at the Good Food Institute (GFI), Israel
- **Mr. Dmytro Barinov**, Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority, Ukraine (online)

Moderator: Ambassador Hatun Demirer, Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Berdimat Sahetmuradov, Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the OSCE

Discussion

18.30 **Reception hosted by the 2023 OSCE Chairpersonship of North Macedonia**

Friday, 15 September 2023

09.00-10.00 **Side Event** “Smart and sustainable cities: strengthening co-operation” – organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities jointly with the city of Prague, the city of Basel and Drees & Sommer

10.00-11.30 **Session IV: The importance of addressing the disaster risk management cycle in preventing and mitigating potential damage from natural or human-made disasters, to promote co-operation and joint action**

Selected Topics:

- Consequences of the Kakhovka dam and HPP destruction
- Promoting the establishment of early warning mechanisms and fostering joint responses to disaster, as part of the OSCE’s efforts to diminish tensions
- Strengthening disaster response and ‘building back better’ in the remaining years of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Smiljana Knez**, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Slovenia
- **Mr. Ramazan Selçuk Yardımcıel**, Head of Natural Disaster Risk Mitigation Working Group, General Directorate of Earthquake and Risk Mitigation, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye
- **Ms. Sylvie Goyet**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)
- **Mr. Jan Daňhelka**, Director of Hydrology, Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Noura Kayal**, Lead Diplomatic and International Relationship Specialist, Geneva Water Hub, Switzerland

Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Vito Mosè Pierro, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE

11.30-12.00 Coffee/Tea break

12.00-13.00 Concluding Session

- Wrap-up discussion

Closing statements by delegations

Concluding remarks

- **Ambassador Igor Djundev**, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council,
Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE

Moderator: Mr. Ralf Ernst, Deputy Co-ordinator, Head, Economic Activities, Office
of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)