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Hotel "Sofitel", Belweder Room

ENGAGING MEN TO SUPPORT GENDER EQUALITY: FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION



The OSCE has long been committed to advancing gender equality, with a particular emphasis on the vital role that men and boys play in achieving this objective. In December 2023, the OSCE hosted the conference "**Women and Men: Working Together for Equal Rights**", resulting in the OSCE Policy and Practice Recommendations on Engaging Men. A recent conference hosted by CHANGE and WIN, two OSCE projects working in this area led to the OSCE Policy and Practice Recommendations on Engaging Men. At this event the recommendations will be presented along with the "Sarajevo Recommendations on Engaging Male Politicians as Critical Actors for Gender Equality in Politics". While emphasis on the constructive engagement of men to support gender equality is key to achieving substantive gender equality, it is also important to support men to deliver on gender equality. At the same time, further support is needed to assist traditional advocates for gender equality and strengthen institutional mechanisms and gender mainstreaming.

Language: **English**

Format: **In-person**

Refreshments will be provided

AGENDA

Welcoming remarks:

Dr. Tea Jaliashvili,
ODIHR Director's Alternate/First Deputy Director

Dr. Lara Scarpitta,
OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Head of Gender Issues Programme

Speakers:

Amb. Anne-Marie Callan,
Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE

Knut-Are Okstad,
Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE

Liliana Palihovici,
Special Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Gender

Thomas Churchyard,
independent expert

Dr. Wojciech Brzozowski,
Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights, professor of the University of Warsaw, Poland and member of the iCHANGE Transnational Network to Prevent, Address and Reverse Gender Backsliding

The objectives of the side event are:

Present Key Recommendations:

Introduce the OSCE Policy and Practice Recommendations on Engaging Men and the Sarajevo Recommendations on Engaging Male Politicians as Critical Actors for Gender Equality in Politics;

Foster Dialogue:

Facilitate discussions on how to balance engagement of men with the continued support for traditional advocated for gender equality, strengthening institutional mechanisms and gender mainstreaming;

Highlight Best Practices:

Share experiences and insights from the OSCE MenEngage Networks and the successful initiatives conducted by the WIN and CHANGE projects;

Discuss Future Initiatives:

Identify opportunities to expand men's engagement and strengthen support for gender equality initiatives within the OSCE and across its participating states.