

11TH INFORMAL ASEM SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS “NATIONAL AND REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS”

23 - 25 November 2011
Prague, The Czech Republic

Day 1 – 23 November 2011

Venue: Czernin Palace

Arrival of Participants, Registration and Welcome Reception

09:00 - 18:00 Arrival of Participants

14:00 - 16:00 **Rapporteur’s meeting** (Invitation only to Rapporteurs)

16:30 - 17:30 Registration of Participants

Opening Plenary

18:00 - 19:45 **Chair:**
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Opening Speech on Behalf of the Organisers
(10 min)
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Opening Speech on Behalf of the Host, The Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg (20 min)
Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs

Introduction to the 11th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights on Behalf of the Organisers
Brian Burdekin (15 min)
Former Federal Commissioner for Human Rights and Special Adviser on NHRIs to the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights
Visiting professor at Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Keynote Speeches
(Europe) (20 min)
Morten Kjaerum
Director, EU Fundamental Rights Agency

(Asia) (20 min)
Tan Sri. Hasmy Agam
Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

Presentation of Background Paper by Main Rapporteurs (20 mins)
Kieren Fitzpatrick
Director of Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Michael O’Flaherty
Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

19:45 - 20:00 Open Discussion

20:00 - 21:00 Reception

Day 2 – 24 November 2011

Venue: Czernin Palace

08:00 - 09:00 Registration of Participants (continued)

Simultaneous Working Groups

09:00 - 11:00 **Discussion on Workshop- Cross-Cutting Questions**

Working Group 1: National Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: Europe

Rapporteur: Asia

Working Group 2: Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: Asia

Rapporteur: Europe

Working Group 3: Procedural Effectiveness of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: Asia

Rapporteur: Europe

Working Group 4: Multi-level Architecture of Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: Europe

Rapporteur: Asia

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:00 Workshops continued

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Workshops continued- *Specific Questions*

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 18:00 Workshops continued and Wrap-up

18:00 - 19:30 Report Preparation & Free Time for Participants

19:30 - 21:00 Dinner

Day 3 – 25 November 2011

Venue: Czernin Palace

Closing Plenary

09:30 - 11:00

Main Rapporteurs' Summary on Each Workshop

Moderator: Ms. Sol Iglesias

Director for Intellectual Exchange, Asia-Europe Foundation

Working Group 1: National Human Rights Mechanisms

Presentation (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Working Group 2: Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Presentation(10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Working Group 3: Procedural Effectiveness of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Presentation (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Working Group 4: Multi-level Architecture of Human Rights Mechanisms

Presentation (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

11.00 - 11.15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

Plenary Discussion

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch and Group Photo (venue to be confirmed)

14:00 - 16:00

Special panel: Transition to the New Legal Order in the Czech Republic with a special focus on the creation of the national system of protection of human rights (Panellists to be confirmed)

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:00

Concluding Remarks from the Organisers

Amb. Rosario Manalo

Philippine Commissioner of the ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

Mr. Frederic Tiberghien

Technical Coordinator & Representative of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France, & State Counselor (Conseil d'Etat)

Day 4 – 26 November 2011

Morning

Cultural Visit (Optional)

Noon

Departure of Participants