

**Human Rights for Human Development:
Regional Conference in Yalta, Ukraine, 2-4 September 1998**

Tuesday, 1 September

Arrival and hotel registration, Hotel Yalta

21:00 *Welcoming cocktail for Conference participants*
Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta

Wednesday, 2 September

7:30 – 8:45 Breakfast, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta

9:00 Buses depart Hotel Yalta for Livadia Palace Museum

10:00 - 12:00 *Opening session, Livadia Palace Museum*

Master of ceremonies Ihor Slisarenko, Ukrainian TV star, Channel 1+1

Reading from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Welcoming statement by Mr. Valeriy Smoliy
Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine

Message from Mr. Kofi Annan
United Nations Secretary-General

Message from Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko
President, United Nations General Assembly

Statement by Mr. Anton Kruiderink
Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, UNDP/RBEC

Piano recital of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony ("Ode to Joy")
Performed by Ms. Idil Biret, world-renowned concert pianist (Turkey)

Message from Ms. Mary Robinson
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Read by Mr. Brian Burdekin, Senior Advisor to the High Commissioner

Statement by Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann
Director, Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE)

Closing words by H.E. Ambassador Chingiz Aitmatov
Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Belgium and NATO

Champagne reception, Livadia Palace Courtyard

12:30 Buses depart Livadia Palace for Hotel Yalta

13:00 - 14:30 *Buffet Lunch, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta*

14:30 - 17:30 Afternoon session, Crystal Hall, 2nd Floor Hotel Yalta

Panel discussion:

Partners for Human Rights: The State and Civil Society

Moderator: Mr. Shabbir Cheema
Director, Management Development and
Governance Division (MDGD), UNDP

14:30 - 15:30 *Presentations:*

"Democratic institution-building and legal frameworks"

Ms. Paula Newberg, Ph.D, Senior Associate
Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University

"Public policies and attitudes towards women's human rights"

Ms. Jaroslava Moserova, Vice-President of the Czech Senate

"The role of the private sector in promoting human rights"

Mr. Dusty Kidd
Director for Labour Practices, NIKE

Panelists:

UNDP	Ms. Rebeca Rios-Kohn
OHCHR	Mr. Brian Burdekin
OSCE	Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann
UNESCO	Ms. Janusz Symonides
Clark and Weinstock Inc.	Mr. Elliot Schrage

15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 - 17:30 Open discussion

Questions and comments from the audience to the presenters and the panelists

19:00 - 21:00 *Reception hosted by UNDP*
Ai-Petri Restaurant, 16th Floor Hotel Yalta

Thursday, 3 September

7:30 – 8:45 *Breakfast, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor, Hotel Yalta*

9:00 - 13:00 *Morning session: Working groups*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break.*

Working Group I *Ai-Petri Restaurant, 16th Floor Hotel Yalta*

Democracy and Freedom from Discrimination

Moderator: Ambassador Barnes, Director of the Conflict Resolution Program and the Human Rights Program at the Carter Center

Assistant Moderators: Resident Representatives from the RBEC region

Secretary: Ms. Juliette El Hage

Presentations:

- “Minorities in a decentralized environment”, Mr. Asbjørn Eide, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights; Chairman, United Nations Working Group on the Rights of Minorities
- “Overview of efforts and progress to prevent discrimination”, Mr. Stephan Vassilev, Advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities, OSCE
- “Judicial, legislative or educational approaches to overcoming discrimination in the Baltic countries”, Mr. Boris Tsilevich, Member of the Minority Consultative Council of the President of Latvia, NGO leader
- “Legal Framework Regulating Asylum in the Russian Federation: Legislation and Practice”, Mr. Adriano Silvestri, Head of Legal Unit, UNHCR Moscow
- The Roma minority in Eastern Europe, Presentation by Ms. Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director, European Roma Rights Centre, Hungary

Working Group II *Adalary Hall, entrance from Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta*

Promotion and Protection of Human Rights by Judicial and Non-Judicial State Institutions

Moderator: Ms. Rebeca Rios-Kohn, Special Advisor, MDGD

Assistant Moderators: Resident Representatives from RBEC region

Secretary: Ms. Mia Seppo

Presentations:

- "National institutions for protection of human rights — independence", Mr. Brian Burdekin, Special Advisor on National Institutions, Regional Arrangements and Preventive Strategies, to the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- "The role of Ombudsman in the protection of freedom from poverty", Professor Adam Zielinski, Ombudsman, Poland
- "Use of international human rights standards in Georgian courts; judicial independence; legal education", Ms. Bela Sirbiladze, Legal Representative of President Shevardnadze to the Georgian Constitutional Court

Working Group III *Cinema Hall, 16 Floor Hotel Yalta*

Promotion and Protection of Human Rights by Non-Governmental Organizations and the Private Sector

Moderator: Mr. Marek Nowicki
 President, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

Assistant Moderators: Resident Representatives from RBEC region

Secretary: Mr. Paolo Galli

Presentations:

- "Principles of regulation for the not-for-profit sector", Ms. Natalia Bourjaily, Programme Director for NIS, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law,
- "Protection of those who cannot protect themselves", Mr. Simon Gluzman, Psychiatrist, Head of Human Rights NGO in Kiev
- Discussion paper from UNESCO, Director Janusz Symonides, Division of Human Rights, Democracy and Peace
- "The role of NGOs in the promotion of human rights", Ms. Maria Lundberg, Norwegian Institute for Human Rights and Ms. Vibeke Greni, NGO/Public Affairs Adviser, ODIHR, OSCE
- "Enlisting the private sector as a force for human rights", Mr. Elliot Schrage, Clark and Weinstock Inc.

Working Group IV *Istochnik Hall, entrance from Mramorniy Restaurant 1st Floor, Hotel Yalta*

Women's Rights are Human Rights

Moderator: Ms. Roxanna Carrillo, Advisor on Human Rights, UNIFEM

Assistant Moderators: Resident Representatives from RBEC region

Secretary: Ms. Dasa Silovic

Presentations:

- "Violence against women - Issues and mechanisms, public and private aspects" Ms. Urszula Nowakowska, Director, Women's Rights Centre, Regional Director, East-East Legal Coalition, Network of East-West Women
- "Violence against women in war situations", Ms. Nani Chanishvili, MP, Head of the Women Parliamentarian's Club, Georgia
- "Women's human rights: Legal aspects" Ms. Margaret Schuler, Executive Director of Women, Law, Development International
- "Women's rights and the South African constitution", Mr. Peter Moatshe, Member of Parliament, South Africa

Working Group V

***Yalta Coast Hall, entrance from Crystal Hall 2nd Floor
Hotel Yalta***

Economic and Social Rights

Moderator: Mr. Guy Standing, Director of Special Projects, ILO

Assistant Moderators: Resident Representatives from RBEC region

Secretar: Ms. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh

Presentations:

- "Achieving economic and social rights within globalisation", Mr. Guy Standing, Director of Special Projects, ILO
- "Effects of privatization of social security on vulnerable groups", Professor Lucie Lamarche, L'Université du Québec à Montréal, Department of Law
- "Labour market and social protection in Ukraine", Mr. Volodymyr Yatsenko, Associate Professor, Kiev National University of Economics, Social Protection Expert, USAID Mission for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova
- "Poverty in transition – a human rights issue", Mr. Omar Noman, Poverty Adviser UNDP/RBEC. Mr. Noman's presentation will be based on RBEC's publications "Poverty in Transition" and "The Shrinking State. Governance and Sustainable Human Development". The participants will receive copies of both publications.

13:00 - 15:00 *Buffet Lunch, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta*

15:00 - 18:00 *Afternoon session - Working groups continue*

16:15 - 16:30 *Coffee break*

19:00 - 21:00 *Reception hosted by the Government of Ukraine
Crystal Hall, 2nd Floor Hotel Yalta*

Friday, 4 September

7:30 – 8:45	<i>Breakfast, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta</i>
9:00 – 13:00	<i>Closing of the Conference</i>
	Crystal Hall, 2nd Floor Hotel Yalta
9:00 – 11:30	"Commemorative voices from the region" Short statements by the national delegations
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 12:50	Presentation of the results of the working groups by the moderators
12:50 – 13:00	Closing remarks by Mr. Anton Kruiderink
13:00 – 13:30	Press Conference Cinema Hall, 16th Floor Hotel Yalta
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Buffet Lunch, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta</i>
15:30 – 18:00	<i>Boat trip on the Black Sea</i>
20:00 – 22:00	<i>Evening Buffet overlooking the Black Sea</i>

Saturday September 5

6:00	<i>Breakfast, Mramorniy Restaurant, 1st Floor Hotel Yalta</i>
7:00	Buses depart from Hotel Yalta to Simferopol airport
10:00	Departure of charter flight to Kiev
11:40	Arrival in Kiev