26\textsuperscript{TH} ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACEEEO

DRAFT AGENDA

CONSCIOUS VOTERS IN THE DIGITAL AGE
Sofia, Bulgaria
8-10 November 2017

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PLenary session I.

Conscious voters in the digital age – general background
Chair: TBC
Speakers:
Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE/ODIHR
Simon-Pierre Nanitelamio, Deputy Director of United Nations Electoral Assistance Division
Rositsa Mateva, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria
Dr. Zuhair Abu Fares, Commissioner of Independent Election Commission of Jordan
Yordanka Gancheva, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria

13.00- 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Plenary session II.

Conscious voters in the digital age – case studies
Chair: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia
Speakers:
Lidziya Yarmoshyna, Chairperson, Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections
Ingrid Bicu, Director of the Communication and International Affairs Department, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania
Dr. Suad Arnautović, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Natia Zaalishvili, Director of the Centre for Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings of CEC of Georgia
Aleksandar Andreev, Member and Spokesman of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria
Maya Grishina, Secretary, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – HOW TO REACH THE YOUNGER GENERATION?**
Moderator: Augusta Featherston, Youth Focal Point and Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR
Participants:
Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, President, Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Kristine Berzina, Head of the Information Department, Central Election Commission of Latvia
George Kobakhidze, Senior Operations and Civic Education Officer for Europe, IFES
Dmitriy Gladey, Director of the International Institute of Monitoring Democracy, Parliamentarianism and Suffrage for the IPA CIS Member Nations

17.00 – 18.00 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE VOTER’S CHOICE**
Moderator: Leonardo Valdes, Honorary Member of ACEEEO
Participants:
Rumyana Siderova, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria
Dan Malinovich, Electoral Assistance Specialist of UNDP

19.00 - Dinner

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**10 November 2017 (Friday)**

9.30 – 12.00 **WORKSHOPS**
Including visiting the exhibition hall, coffee break

**WORKSHOP A – IS THIS OUR RESPONSIBILITY? THE ROLE OF THE ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES IN MAKING CONSCIOUS VOTERS**
Moderator: Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member of ACEEEO
Speakers:
Maria Musorlieva, Deputy-chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria
Hisham Kuhail, Chief Electoral Officer of Central Elections Commission of Palestine
Liana Simonyan, Independent electoral expert

**WORKSHOP B – SHOULD ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS BE REGULATED? THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF A RESTRICTED POLITICAL AREA**
Moderator: Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova
Speakers:
Konstantin Petrov, Deputy Chairman, Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Samuel Jones, Programme Officer – Political Participation and Representation Processes, International IDEA

Pierre Garrone, Head of Division, Elections and Political Parties Division, Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 **BEST PRACTICES FROM THE WORLD OF ELECTIONS 2017**

Chair: Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia, IFES

Speakers:

Representative of the State Electoral Commission of Republic of Croatia

Laura Matjošaitytė, Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania

Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova

Nurjan Shayldabekova, Chairperson, Central Commission for Elections and Referendums of the Kyrgyz Republic

14.00 – 15.00 **Recapitulation speeches, conference findings. Official closing of the 26th Conference**

Chair: Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General of ACEEEO

Speakers:

Augusta Featherston, Youth Focal Point and Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR

Leonardo Valdes, Honorary Member of ACEEEO

Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member of ACEEEO

Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova

Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria

16.00 – Cultural program and dinner