

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)

16:00 - 17:00 Registration of Participants

Opening Plenary

17:30 - 19:45 **Opening Speech on Behalf of the Organisers**

Amb. Michel Filhol

Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Opening Speech on Behalf of the Host, The Czech Republic

Mr. Jiří Schneider

First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Introduction to the 11th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights on Behalf of the Organisers and Keynote Address

Brian Burdekin

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 Speech

Rafendi Djamin

Chairman and Representative of Indonesia to the
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

Presentation of Background Paper by Main Rapporteurs

Kieren Fitzpatrick

Director of Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Michael O’Flaherty

Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission,
Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee and
Co-director, University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre

19:15 - 20:00 Open Discussion

Chaired by Amb. Michel Filhol

Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

20:00 - 21:00 Reception

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: *Mate Szabo*

Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights, Hungary

Rapporteur: *Kieren Fitzpatrick*

Director of Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Working Group 2: Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: *Sriprapha Petcharamesree*

Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

Rapporteur: *Florence Benoît-Rohmer*

Secretary General

European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation

Working Group 3: Procedural Effectiveness of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

Chair: *Rosilyn Noonan*

Chairperson

International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

Rapporteur: *Ray Paolo J. Santiago*

Program Manager

Civil Society Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism

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

Chair: *Zhang Wei*

Deputy Director, Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Rapporteur: *Michael O'Flaherty*

Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission,

Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee and

Co-director, University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre

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