

**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 **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**
H.E. Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg (TBC)
Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 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
- Presentation of Background Paper by Main Rapporteurs**
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: TBC

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: TBC

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: Rafendi Djamin

Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

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**