

## **“Combating racial discrimination and intolerance in Sweden” Round Table**

**organised by ECRI in co-operation with the Swedish Equality Ombudsman**

**Stockholm, 6 November 2013**

**Venue:**

**“Norra Latin” - Conference Centre  
Drottningatan 71B - Stockholm**

**PROGRAMME**

**REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS: 8:30 – 9:00**

9:00 – 9:30

**OPENING**

**Opening statements**

- Erik Ullenhag, Minister for Integration
- Eva Smith, Chair of ECRI
- Agneta Broberg, Equality Ombudsman
- Thomas Hammarberg, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

**SESSION I – ECRI’S REPORT ON SWEDEN**

**Chair: Ambassador Carl Henrik Ehrenkrona,  
Permanent Representative of Sweden to the Council of Europe**

9:30 – 9:50

**ECRI’s Report: main recommendations**

François Sant’Angelo and Vitaliano Esposito, ECRI members

9:50 – 10:00

**Measures to follow up on ECRI’s recommendations**

Camilla Abrahamsson, Ministry of Employment – Deputy Director of  
Division for discrimination issues

10:00 – 10:45

*Discussion*

10:45 – 11:00

*Coffee break*

**SESSION II – LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMBATING RACISM  
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

**Chair: Thomas Hammarberg,  
former Council of Europe Commissioner for human rights**

- 11:00 – 11:10                      **European standards: Case law of the European Court of Human Rights and ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No. 7**  
Stephanos Stavros, Executive Secretary to ECRI
- 11:10 – 12:00                      **Role of the Ombudsman and the Discrimination Act (2008:567)**  
**Collection and use of relevant data**  
**Racial profiling**  
**Multiple discrimination**
- Yamam Al-Zubaidi, Research Officer, Equality Ombudsman Office
  - Hans Caldaras, human rights activist
  - Markku Peura, Chairman, Swedish Finns Delegation
  - Robert Hardh, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders
  - Jenny Wik-Karlsson, Lawyer, Swedish Sami Association
- 12:00 – 12:45                      *Discussion*
- 12:45 – 14:00                      *Lunch hosted by ECRI & the Equality Ombudsman*

## SESSION III – COMBATING HATE SPEECH AND INTOLERANCE

**Chair: Christian Ahlund,  
ECRI member**

14:00 – 14:45

**Access to justice  
Role of the Police  
Hate speech  
Islamophobia and Antisemitism**

Panellists:

- Anna Skarhed, Chancellor of Justice
- Erik Wennerström, Director General, Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention
- Kajsa Wahlberg, Detective Superintendent, National Police Board
- Thomas Bull, Head of the anti-hate crime unit, Malmö Police
- Lars Andersson, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, & Director, Forum for Jewish Studies, Uppsala University
- Fred Kahn, President of the Jewish Community of Malmö
- Zakarias Zouhir, Member of the Muslim Human Rights Committee (MMRK) and Chairman of the Afro-Swedes Association
- Mattias Gardell, Professor, Nathan Söderblom Chair of Comparative Religion, Uppsala University

14:45 – 15:15

*Contributions and questions from the floor*

15:15 – 15:30

*Coffee break*

## **SESSION IV – Discrimination in employment, housing and health care**

**Chair: Martin Mörk,  
Head of Litigation Department, Equality Ombudsman Office**

15:30 – 16:15

**Residential segregation  
Discrimination in the field of employment  
Discrimination in access to services, including health care**

Panellists:

- Maria Hansson, Ministry of Employment
- Mujo Halilovic, Chief, Malmö Municipality Roma Information & Knowledge Centre
- Irene Molina, Professor, Head of the Institute for Housing and Urban Research at Uppsala University, & Vice President of the Antiracist Academy
- Diana Nyman, Göteborg Roma Council
- Bojan Brstina, SIOS (Cooperation Group for Immigrant Organisations in Sweden), Anti-discrimination Bureau - Southern Stockholm
- Yoomi Renström, Chair of the executive board, municipality of Ovanåker, Member of the Council of Europe's Congress of Regional and Local authorities and Member of the EU Committee of the Regions

16:15 – 16:40

*Contributions and questions from the floor*

16:40 – 17:00

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Wrap-up and concrete steps for action  
François Sant'Angelo, ECRI member