

**“Combating racial discrimination and intolerance in The Netherlands”
Round Table**

organised by ECRI in co-operation with the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

The Hague, 30 June 2014

Venue:

Communication Museum, The Hague

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS: 9:00 – 9.30

9:30 - 9.45

OPENING

Opening statements

- Ronald Plasterk, Minister of Interior Affairs
- Barbara John, ECRI's Vice-Chair
- Laurien Koster, Chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

<p>SESSION I – ECRI'S REPORT ON THE NETHERLANDS</p>
<p>Chair: Ellen Berends, Permanent Representative of The Netherlands to the Council of Europe</p>

9:45 – 9:50

Introduction by the Chair

9:50 – 10:10

ECRI's Report: main recommendations

Sinisa Bjeković, Rovshan Ismaylov and Baldur Kristjánsson
ECRI members

10:10 – 10:25

Measures to follow up on ECRI's recommendations

Afke van Rijn, Director of Integration and Society,
Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

10:25 – 10:45

Coffee break

SESSION II – Preventing racism and intolerance: the role of the national and local authorities

**Chair: Tineke Strik, member of the Senate
and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

- 10:45 – 10:50 Introduction by the Chair
- Racism and intolerance in the Netherlands: what are they, what are their effects and what should be done at national level?**
- 10:50 – 11:00 Philomena Essed, Antioch University USA and Utrecht University
- 11:00 – 11:10 Glenn Helberg, psychiatrist and Chair of the Organisation of Caribbean Dutch in the Netherlands
- The role of the regional and local authorities in combating racism and intolerance**
- 11:10 – 11:20 Luzette Wagenaar - Kroon, Mayor of Waterland and member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- 11:20 – 11:30 Eduard Nazarski, Chair of Amnesty International Netherlands
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Discussion**
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Buffet lunch hosted by ECRI*

SESSION III – Combating hate speech and intolerance

Chair: Rieke Samson, ECRI member

- 13:30 – 13:35 Introduction by the Chair
- 13:35 – 13:45 **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
- Stereotyping: its effects and the role of the media to counter it**
- 13:45 – 13:55 Daphne Koene, The Netherlands Press Council
- 13:55 - 14:05 Marc Josten, chief editor of Argos TV, independent network
- 14:05 – 15:00 **Discussion**
- 15:00 – 15:15 *Coffee break*

SESSION IV – Fostering integration of vulnerable groups

Chair: Stans Goudsmit
Commissioner, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

15:15 – 15:20	Introduction by the Chair
15:20 – 15:30	Integration: international standards Cees Groenendijk, Radboud University Nijmegen
15:30 – 15:40	Integration in the Netherlands: the experience of refugees Aziz Azizi, Dutch Refugee Council
15:40 – 16:30	Discussion
	CLOSING
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-up and concrete steps for action
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Reception</i>