14:00 – 15:40 PLENARY SESSION III:

PRESENTATION OF KEY FINDINGS OF WORKING GROUPS

Moderator: Volodymyr Kovtunets

Key note speakers:

Vitaliy LESIUK, "Electoral system at local elections: experience of implementation"

Sergiy TKACHENKO, "Political contestants and observers: role and status" Alyona SHESHENYA, "Election administration: commissions on local elections,

their structure and composition"

Alyona DOLYA, "Voters' participation: voting rights, voters' awareness and conscious choice"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

15:40 – 16:00 CLOSING SESSION: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Key note speakers:

Andriy MAGERA, Deputy Chairman, Central Election Commission of Ukraine
 Peter ERBEN, Country Director IFES Ukraine, Senior Global Adviser
 Alessandro SAVARIS, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
 Yevgen POBEREZHNY, Elections and Governance Officer of the OSCE Project
 Co-ordinator in Ukraine















LOCAL ELECTIONS

LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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	Lusine BADALYAN, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE Of ce for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights	
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