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Council of Europe takes part in human rights conference in Stockholm

Strasbourg, 05.11.2008 - The Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers Chair Sweden will host a conference on "Systematic Work for Human Rights Implementation" on 6-7 November at Clarion Hotel Sign in Stockholm to ensure that the reality within countries corresponds with regional and international human rights standards.

Titled *Rights work!* the conference is being organised by Sweden in close cooperation with the Council of Europe. Conference speakers include: Ms Nyamko Sabuni, Swedish Minister of Integration and Gender Equality, Gunilla Carlsson, Swedish Minister of International Development Cooperation, Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights and Yavuz Mildon, President of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

The Congress will recommend ways of improving coordinated action on human rights between local and regional governments.

A press conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Friday 7 November in the same venue.

The conference will bring together over 200 participants, including representatives from governments, municipalities and NGOs, both from Council of Europe member states and from other countries with experience in systematic human rights protection work at a national level.

The four main themes of the Conference are:

- National human rights action plans and baseline studies
- Methods for mainstreaming and following up systematic work for human rights implementation
- Systematic work for human rights implementation at the local and regional level
- The role of civil society and national human rights institutions in systematic work for human rights implementation

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