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THE CULTURE OF GOVERNANCE

Conference Programme, June 8, 2012, Tbilisi Georgia

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Conference Language: English

This conference continues the successful series started in Odessa, May 2011 and
brings together experts, academics, civil society representatives and diplomats from
different countries of the European Union and the Black Sea Region (including the
Caucasus) to look at the state of play on democratic culture and governance, progress
made to date and challenges for faster implementation in the future.

Conference: Friday 8 June 2012

Venue: Tbilisi State University (TSU) 9.00 registration

Welcome

9.15 Alexander *Kvitashvili*, Rector of Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University

Ambassador Dr Martin *Eichtinger*, Director General for Cultural Policy, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Vienna

Professor Dr Melanie *Sully*, Vice-President, Institute for Parliamentarism and Democracy Questions, Head Go-Governance Initiative, Vienna

Keynote Speakers

9.45 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Georgia, Tornike *Gordadze*

Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Georgia, Rusudan *Kervalishvili* (with translation)

10.15 Coffee

10.45 Panel I Culture of Good Governance, Past, Present and Future

- Director, Austrian Cultural Forum Kiev, Minister Plenipotentiary, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Dr Jakub *Forst-Battaglia*
“Understanding the culture of the past: a bridge to the future”

- Head EU Delegation, Ambassador, Philip *Dimitrov*, Tbilisi

- Vice President United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria, Spokesman Sustainable Future Campaign, deputy Go-Governance Initiative, Vienna
Dr Josef *Mantl*, “The Impact and Future of Social Media”.

Commentator:

- National Democratic Institute, Luis *Navarro*, Georgia

Discussion

12.00 Light Lunch

12.45 Panel II Good Governance in the Caucasus: state of play

- Professor Political Science Ilia State University, David *Darchiashvili*, Member of Parliament for the ruling United National Movement (UNM) and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration, “Parliamentary Governance, Georgia and Europe”

- Member of Tbilisi City Council, Republican Party (in Opposition) Tinatin *Khidasheli*, “Governance and Challenges for the Opposition”

-Associate Dean, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Baku Anar *Valiyev*, “The Culture of Local and Regional Governance”

- Chairman of NGO Alliance for Democracy, Yerevan, Armenia George *Melikyan*, “From Bad Governance to Good Governance”

Commentator and Chair: Kornely *Kakachia*, Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Discussion

14.00 Coffee

14.15 Panel III Governance Between “East” and “West”

- Associate Professor, Odessa National University, Director Centre for International Studies, Volodymyr *Dubovyk* “Good Governance: the Ukraine Experience”

- Assistant Professor Dr Basak *Kale Lack*, International Relations, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, METU University, Ankara, “Turkey: between Asia and Europe?”

- Dr Marcin *Walecki*, Head ODIHR Democratic Governance and Participation Unit OSCE, Warsaw, ”Political Parties and Democratic Governance”

- Dr Olga *Kamenchuk*, Director of International and Public Affairs, VCIOM-Russian Public Opinion Research Centre Moscow and Graduate of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna, “What do Russians think of Good Governance- regional variations?”

Moderation: Ambassador of Switzerland to Georgia, Dr Günther *Baechler*

Discussion

- Reflections on the Conference, International Republican Institute Georgia, Andrea *Keerbs*, Country Director

Concluding Remarks

Ambassador Michael *Postl*, Austrian Embassy to Georgia
Conference ends approx 16.00

In the intervals there will be “Information Tables” outside conference hall: eg

Local Civil Society ADA UNDP – Natia Natsvlishvili
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BREAK – event continues at new venue!

Europe House, 1 Freedom Square,
http://www.europehousegeorgia.org/index_en.php **18.00 -19.00**

Book Presentation/Press Conference: English-Georgian-English Translation

Looking at the experience of a culture of governance elsewhere can help countries in the Black Sea Region to think about possibilities for improvement eg in the parliamentary and executive branches. Often critics of young democracies mention that the governing parties still retain a kind of “revolutionary mentality” and operate in opposition mode whilst the parties out of power have no developed culture of a loyal, constructive opposition. Thus political “fighting” (sometimes literally) not Opposition takes place, which can do more to benefit the governing parties. Political opposition is often weak and divided. Rights for opposition parties plus responsibility and checks and balances can create a culture for better governance.

The Culture of Governance, sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (Cultural Policy Department) and the City of Vienna, edited by Dr Melanie Sully explores these themes and many more in detail.

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