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## Open Government Partnership/Armenia

Transparency and Accountability: Government and Civil Society  
Collaboration

International Conference, June 14, 2013, Yerevan, Armenia

### Agenda

9:30-10:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>Official welcome and opening remarks</b> Mr. Tigran Sargsyan, Prime Minister of the RA H.E. Mr. John A. Heffern, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia Mrs. Shushan Doydoyan, President of the Freedom of Information Center of Armenia
10:30-11:30	<b>Plenary Session:</b> <b>OGP as a joint effort of Civil Society and Government</b> <i>Issues for debate:</i> Open Government efforts to date, results of assessment of national Action plans; models of cooperation between the representatives of civil society and government in implementing OGP Action plan  <i>Panelists:</i> Mr. Tigran Gevorgyan, Deputy Chief of the Government Staff, OGP Armenia Coordinator Mr. Ashot Hovakimyan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mrs. Liana Doydoyan, Freedom of Information Center of Armenia, OGP Armenia Working Group member Mr. Nate Jones, National Security Archive, USA <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Arman Akopian, Head of the department of the Americas of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11:30-11:50	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:50: 13:00	<b>Session I: From Commitment to Action: Increasing Public Integrity</b> <i>Issues for Debate:</i> Ensuring transparency and accountability, improving accountability so to fight corruption

	<p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Mr. Yeghishe Kirakosyan</b>, Deputy Minister of Justice  <b>Mr. Emil Babayan</b>, Head of the Ethics Commission of the RA  <b>Mr. Varuzhan Hochtanyan</b>, Transparency International/Armenia  <u>Chair:</u> <b>Mr. Aram Asatryan</b>, Consultant on Public Administration Reforms  Government of RA</p>
13:00-14:00	<p><b><u>Session II: From Commitment to Action: sharing experiences</u></b>  <i>Issues for debate:</i> best practices and lessons learned during the national Action plans implementation, discussing key challenges in using information technology to increase transparency, fostering Open Government through E-Governance, providing citizens with information which is complete, relevant, and accurate.  <u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Mr. Vigen Ktikyan</b>, Acting Head of Financial-Economical Department, Government Staff of Armenia  <b>Mrs. Gergana Jouleva</b>, Access to Information Programme (Bulgaria)  <b>Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili</b>, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (Georgia)  <b>Mr. Ivar Tallo</b>, Team Leader, Transactional e-Governance Development (Estonia)    <u>Chair:</u> <b>Mrs. Heghine Manasyan</b>, The Caucasus Research Resource Centers</p>
14:00-15:00	<b>Lunch</b>
15:00-16:30	<p><b><u>Session III: Freedom of Information</u></b>  <i>Issues for Debate:</i> access to information remains a key area of interest for the majority of OGP governments; exchanging views on how to make access to information commitments work.    <u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Mrs. Shushan Doydoyan</b>, Freedom of Information Center of Armenia  <b>Mrs. Gergana Jouleva</b>, Access to Information Programme (Bulgaria)  <b>Mr. Nate Jones</b>, National Security Archive (USA)  <b>Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili</b>, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (Georgia)  <u>Chair:</u> <b>Mr. Gevorg Hayrapetyan</b>, Freedom of Information Center of Armenia</p>
16:30-17:00	<p><b><u>Closing Session: Our Future Steps</u></b>  <i>Issues for debate:</i> possibilities of further strengthening cooperation of CSOs and governments in implementing national action plan, what shall be done by the Government and the CSO's for efficient implementation of the action plan  <b>Mrs. Roza Vardanyan</b>, Civil Service Chief Specialist of Foreign Relations Department  Government Staff of Armenia  <b>Mrs. Shushan Doydoyan</b>, Freedom of Information Center of Armenia</p>