

## OPENING CONFERENCE USAID Macedonia Anti-Corruption Program

*Hotel Stone Bridge, September 18, 2013*

### AGENDA

#### OBJECTIVES:

**General objective** of the conference is to inform Macedonian society about the USAID efforts to help the Macedonian civil society combat corruption.

**Specific objective** is to present USAID Macedonia Anti-Corruption Program's objective, expected results and planned activities to State institutions, civil society organizations, media and other stakeholders working in the field of anti-corruption.

#### PARTICIPANTS:

**State institutions'** representatives dealing with Anti-corruption Issues: Parliament, Government, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Public Prosecutor Office, The State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia in GREKO, Inter-sectorial Anti-Corruption Body, State Audit Office

**International Institutions'** representatives: Delegation of EU, OSCE, UNDP

**Media** representatives: The Journalists Associations, all relevant media institutions, national TV, newspapers, and news portals.

**CSOs** representatives: CSOs signees of the memorandum of cooperation with SCPC and other CSOs working in the field of Anti-corruption

#### BACKGROUND:

USAID Macedonia Anti-Corruption Program is implemented by Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC). Program partners are Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis - Skopje (IDSCS), Transparency Macedonia and Association for Democratic Initiative – Gostivar (ADI).

Period of implementation is July 2013 – April 2016. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded the sum of \$583,972 to provide support for a program.

The overall program goal is democratic Macedonia free of corruption. The specific program objective is to inform and educate CSOs and citizens on how to hold State institutions accountable and contribute to their higher integrity.

The project includes several innovative working methods which will be implemented for the first time in Macedonia. One of them is the Corruption Monitoring System (CMS), invented in Bulgaria by the Center for Study of the Democracy, which provides a comprehensive analysis and gather detailed information on the types, levels, and trends of corruption in a given country.



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Time table	Topic	Speaker
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
12:00 – 12:20	<b>Opening speeches</b>	<b>Mr. Aleksandar Krzalovski</b> , First Executive Director, MCIC <b>Mr. James Stein</b> , USAID Mission Director for Macedonia <b>Mr. Sejdi Halili</b> , Member, The State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
12:20 – 12:40	<b>USAID Macedonia Anti-Corruption Program</b> Presentation of the Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Objectives</li><li>- Expected results</li><li>- Activities</li><li>- Project partners</li></ul>	<b>Ms. Emina Nuredinoska</b> , Head of the Department for Civil Society and Democratization, MCIC
12:40 – 12:50	<b>Corruption Monitoring System (CMS)</b> Presentation of the methodology, its advantages, and differences compared to the other Methods of measuring Corruption	<b>Mr. Ruslan Stefanov</b> , Director of Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Coordinator of SELDI Network
12:50 – 13:20	Q&A	
13:20 – 14:00	Cocktail	