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PROGRAM
NIZAMI GANJAVI INTERNATIONAL CENTER & CLUB DE MADRID'S
II GLOBAL SHARED SOCIETIES FORUM
“POST 2015 AGENDA AND SHARED SOCIETIES”
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN 27-29 APRIL 2014

Sunday 27th April 2014

Arrival and registration of participants

20:30-21:30

Dinner hosted by Mr. Nazim Ibrahimov

Minister of State Affairs of Diaspora, Board Member of the Nizami Ganjavi IC

Four Seasons Hotel, Baku.

Monday 28th April

10:00-11:15

Opening Ceremony

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

Master of Ceremony:

- **Ismail Serageldin**, Director, Library of Alexandria and Co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi IC

Speakers:

- Representative of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, President Republic of Latvia (1999-2007), Co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi IC and President of the Club de Madrid
- **Tarja Halonen**, President of Finland (2000-2012), Board Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center, Member of the Club de Madrid and Co-Chair of the UN High Level Panel on Global Sustainability (2011-2012)

11.15-11.30

Coffee Break

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11:30-13:00

Session I

Fundamentals of Shared Societies

Leave no one behind: the importance of social inclusion in the Post 2015 sustainable development agenda

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Objective: Introduce critical policy considerations, including the “Shared Societies” concept to better embrace social inclusion within the new SDG’s. Provide concrete recommendations within the framework of and at this stage of the Post 2015 development agenda deliberations. Discussion should improve understanding of the synergies between policies for inclusive economic growth and equal opportunities for decent work, high quality education and other social services. Outcome should focus on targeted mainstreaming of social inclusion, particularly for women, minorities, youth and other marginalized identity groups, within the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

Facilitator: **Clem McCartney**, Shared Societies Project Content and Policy Coordinator.

Speakers:

- **Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga**, President of Sri Lanka (1994-2005), Member of the Club de Madrid.
- **Rexhep Meidani**, President of Albania (1997-2002), Member of the Club de Madrid.
- **Yves Leterme**, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, Prime Minister of Belgium (2008; 2009-2011), Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center
- **Maitreyi Das**, Team Leader for Social Inclusion at Social Development Department, World Bank

13.00-14.15

Lunch

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

14:15-16:15

Session II

Social inclusion as a driver of sustainable economic growth respecting global boundaries

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

Objective: Deepen the understanding of how social inclusion is essential for the attainment of sustainable economic growth, respect for natural resources and global boundaries and how, in turn, sustainable economic growth can foster inclusion.

Facilitator: **Werner Puschra**, Executive Director of the Israel Office of the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung.

Speakers:

- **Tarja Halonen**, President of Finland (2000-2012), Board member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center, Member of the Club de Madrid, Co-Chair of the UN High Level Panel on Global Sustainability 2011-2012
- **Festus Mogae**, President of Botswana (1998-2008), Member of the Club de Madrid.
- **Petru Lucinschi**, President of Moldova (1997-2001), Member of the Nizami



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- **Alexander Likhotal**, President Green Cross International, Russia
- **Ehud Barak**, Prime Minister of Israel (1999-2001), Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center

16.15-16.30

Coffee break

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

16:30-18:00

Session III

Shared Societies as a Driver in Conflict Resolution

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

Objective. Few countries today are totally homogeneous and most are multicultural for a variety of historical or contemporary reasons. That poses challenges for internal peace and security, as well as for social justice and inclusivity. In some countries and regions, peace, truth and reconciliation are the most important priorities, in other countries it is a matter of combating prejudice, xenophobia, social inequalities and social exclusion. Both research and practical observation prove without any doubt, that peace, stability, justice and mutual tolerance offer the best guarantees for economic growth and prosperity, which in turn improves the health, life expectancy, literacy, numeracy, and creativeness of the inhabitants. Truly shared societies, together with international cooperation, rather than conflict or negative interference from abroad, can then create a nurturing and diversified environment, where the talents and possibilities of every individual can contribute to the greater welfare of all. In this session, speakers will share their insights and experience of conflict resolution and social integration.

Facilitator: **Dora Bakoyannis**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairperson of the Committee of Political Affairs and Democracy of the Council of Europe.

Speakers:

- **Hikmet Cetin**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, former Chairperson of the Turkish Grand Parliament.
- **Ismail Serageldin**, Director, Library of Alexandria and Co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi IC
- **Emil Constantinescu**, President of Romania (1996-2000), Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center and President of the Academy of Cultural Diplomacy
- **Boris Tadic**, former President of Serbia (2004-2012), Member of the Club de Madrid. Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center.
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, President Republic of Latvia (1999-2007), Co-chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center and President of the Club de Madrid

20:30-22:00

Dinner

Venue tbc

Tuesday 29th April

10:00-11:30

Session IV

Multi-level governance and the institutional framework needed to enable a



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sustainable development process

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Objective: Discuss the political framework needed to implement a new set of sustainable development goals at the international, national and local levels. Develop the links with good governance, rule of law and democratic development proposals . Special emphasis will be placed on the importance of political will and leadership to move the process forward.

Facilitator: **Luis Peral**, Senior Analyst, Global and Strategic Affairs, Club de Madrid.

Speakers:

- **Mikheil Saakashvili**, former President Republic of Georgia (2004-2013), Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center
- **Abdul-kareem Al-Eryani**, Prime Minister of Yemen (1998-2001)
- **Stjepan Mesic**, President of Croatia (2000-2010), Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center
- **Walter Fust**, President global ethics.net, UNESCO/ITU Broadband Commissioner, Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center

11.30-12.00

Coffee Break

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12.00-13.30

Session V

Measuring sustainable development and social inclusion .The challenge of disaggregated data in tracking the New Sustainable Development Goals

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd

Objective: Widen understanding of measurement of three interlinked dimensions of sustainable development and objectives and targets to be agreed by the UN. Present different experiences of social inclusion measurement through indices and other instruments withing the Post 2015 process and challenges in the implementation of these tools.

Facilitator: **Sabine Donner**, Project Manager at the Bertelsmann Stiftung, responsible for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index.

Speakers:

- **Jorge Quiroga**, President of Bolivia (2001-2002), Vice-President of Club de Madrid.
- **Maitreyi Das**, Team Leader for Social Inclusion at Social Development Department, World Bank
- **Petar Stoyanov**, President of Bulgaria (1997-2002), Board Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center
- **Zlatko Lagumdzija**, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001-2002), Member of Club de Madrid

13.30-14.45

Lunch

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15.00-16.30

Session VI

Moving forward. Proposals and recommendations for the UN to mainstream Social Inclusion in the Post-2015 Process and their implementation at the national level

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Objective: Synthesize and strategize on how the conclusions and suggestions of the 4 previous panels can be most effectively presented to the consideration of the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda decision makers.

Facilitator: **Ismail Serageldin**, Director, Library of Alexandria and Co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi IC

Speakers:

- **Ernst von Weizsaecker**, Co-President of Club of Rome
- **Carlos Westendorp**, Secretary-General of Club de Madrid
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, President of Latvia (1999-2007), President of the Club of Madrid and Co-chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center

17.00

Press Conference

Four Seasons Hotel, Room tbd