



**BALKAN/BLACK SEA ANTI-CORRUPTION WORKSHOP  
October 1-3, 2002**

**Center for the Study of Democracy  
1 Lazar Stanev Street, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**Draft Agenda**

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm Evening reception hosted by the Center for the Study of Democracy

Wednesday, October 2: Working Group Meeting

9:00 am Workshop Opening  
**Ognian Shentov**—President, Center for the Study of Democracy  
**John D. Sullivan**—Executive Director, Center for International Private Enterprise

9:10 am Welcoming remarks by **James W. Pardew**—U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria

9:20 am *Addressing corruption in the Balkan/Black Sea Region*

- Broader effects and security challenges of corruption
- Linkages between corruption and transborder crime/trafficking
- The need for better communication and monitoring
- Building alliances to combat corruption on a regional and global scale

**Boyko Todorov**—Center for the Study of Democracy/SELDI

10:00 am *Situation report 1: Anti-corruption efforts in Georgia\**

- Business vs. corruption
- Typology of corruption
- Combating corruption

**Devi Khechinashvili**—Alliance for Business Environment Development

10:45 am Coffee Break

\* **NOTE:** *All Situation Reports will include a 15 minute presentation and 30 minute question/answer session, and will be moderated by Ognian Shentov.*

- 11:00 am *Situation report 2: Anti-corruption Efforts in Azerbaijan\**
- Business ethics in Azeri companies
  - Government policies
  - The role of NGOs and the media in combating corruption
- Sabit Bagirov–Entrepreneurship Development Foundation**
- 11:45 am *Situation report 3: Anti-corruption Efforts in Armenia\**
- Scope of corruption in customs
  - Workable solutions for combating corruption
- Gagik Poghasian–Association for Foreign Investment and Cooperation**
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm *Situation report 4: Combating Corruption in the Yugoslav Customs\* Administration*
- Boris Begovic–Center for Liberal Democratic Studies**
- 2:30 pm *Situation report 5: Monitoring and Prevention of Corruption in Bulgaria\**
- Alexander Stoyanov–Center for the Study of Democracy**
- 3:15 pm Coffee Break
- 3:30 pm *Coalition 2000–Drafting/Implementing a Comprehensive Anti-Corruption Action Plan*
- formation of expert task forces and coordination of their activities
  - developing a draft action plan
  - consensus building and cooperation with policy-makers
  - Action Plan endorsement
- The development and implementation of Coalition 2000’s Anti-corruption Action Plan will be presented. Participants will be encouraged to discuss how international experience can be applied in their countries. Coalition 2000’s Corruption Assessment Reports, Clean Future Bulletin, Anticorruption Plan for Bulgaria and other relevant documents will be provided.
- Zhivka Damyanova, Coalition 2000 Coordinator**  
**Maria Yordanova, Head, CSD Law Program Facility**
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:30 pm Dinner

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Thursday, October 3: Horizontal Accountability—the Bulgarian Experience

- 8:45 am Departure from hotel
- 9:00 am *Site Visit I: Bulgarian National Audit Office*  
Presentation of NAO operations, and law enforcement/anti-corruption activities. Introductory lecture followed by an interactive discussion. Participants will be provided with relevant documents, and time will be available for networking and exchanging experience.  
**Host: Bulgarian National Audit Office**
- 10:30 am Departure from NAO
- 11:00 am *Site Visit II: Government Anti-Corruption Commission*  
Presentation of Bulgarian national anti-corruption strategy, corruption prevention policies, and combating corruption in customs. Introductory lecture followed by interactive discussion.  
**Host: Bulgarian Ministry of Justice**
- 12:30 pm Departure from Government
- 1:00 pm Lunch at CSD
- 2:30 pm *Synthesis Panel*  
Breakout groups will discuss lessons learned and next steps for combating corruption in participant countries. Additional discussion topics could include:
- Institutional reforms vs. punitive measures
  - Key role of the business community
  - Partnership Building between South Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
- moderator: John D. Sullivan—Center for International Private Enterprise**
- 4:00 pm Coffee
- 4:15 pm Breakout groups report back on conclusions and next steps
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

***Workshop speakers to be confirmed.***