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Western Balkans – Model for Stability for Culturally and Religiously Diversified Regions

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President of the Republic of Bulgaria 1997 - 2002

"We need new core values and we need to redefine the relationship between politics and business."



Secretary General

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"Whenever you think, think big. Whenever we do something in the CGDC, we think globally."



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Vice President

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"The CGDC is endeavouring to change attitudes and is seeking to take lessons from history."



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Vice President of the CGDC

International Real Estate Developer

Minister of Defence, Republic of Austria 1990 - 2000

"The consideration of ethics and values is an important step towards facing any economic and financial crisis."

"With the focus of the CGDC on supporting emerging countries we can

contribute to the wellbeing of every single individual in the world."



**ETIENNE DECLERCQ** Vice President

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INTRODUCTION by the CGDC



# THANK YOU NOTE by the Founders of the CGDC

The Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation - CGDC promotes global dialogue to encourage stability and economic development on the basis of ethical principles.

Ethical values in business and politics are essential for sustainable and stable global welfare. The worldwide financial and economic crisis has clearly revealed that there is a pressing need for global action.

We are convinced that serious dialogue between politicians and businessmen must be encouraged; the consideration of ethical values and virtues like honesty, credibility, responsibility, transparency and mutual trust in both business and politics count among the most important factors in initiating a sustainable change. Our global movement seeks to concentrate on supporting emerging countries to assist them in becoming more efficient, capable and stable partners in Europe and worldwide.

## PROMOTING

Dialogue Between Politicians and Businessmen

### PROVIDING

Frameworks Applicable Everywhere in the World

# ASSISTING

Emerging Countries in Becoming Politically and Economically Stable Partners

# DEAR CGDC FRIENDS.

We express our sincere appreciation for your involvement and significant contribution to the success of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC Launch and 1st Annual Meeting.

Our work is fueled by an unfaltering faith in CGDC's ability to enhance dialogue and cooperation among government officials, entrepreneurs and businesses, as well as civic and religious leaders. It is heartening that our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting successfully addressed many of the long standing issues affecting investment, governance and security in the Western Balkans. It is especially gratifying to witness the dedication of many of the region's thought leaders as they came together to achieve this result. Without your dedication to our common endeavor the launch would have not been a success. The support from CGDC Friends will continue being essential to our work at the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation.

It is CGDC's long-term vision to bring together these stakeholders for dialogue and cooperation to initiate sustainable change in business and governance. The 1st Annual Meeting is the starting point for the work that must be done.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and your future participation. We want to ensure that CGDC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting next year is as successful as our first one.

Yours faithfully,

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Petar Stoyanov President and Founder

Walter Schwimmer Werner Fasslabend Vice-President and Founder

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Vice-President

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# CARMINE S. VILLANI

President of Europower Renewable Energy (ERE) Member of the International Honorary Board of the CGDC



## SUMMARY OF KEYNOTE SPEECH

Before starting his speech, President Clinton expressed his sincere gratitude to the Founders of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation for organizing the first CGDC Annual Meeting.

Afterwards, President Clinton put the conference into a larger framework of what he believed was going on in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: "What I believe explains what is happening in the Middle East and North Africa today, the struggles that are going on all over the world, of poor people to make a living, the attempts to stop from destroying the planet from global warming ..."

"There is more freedom and movement, more opportunities for entrepreneurs... and a phenomenal number of new scientific discoveries..." mentioned the President. "...All people are somewhere between 99.5 and 99.9% identical in their genetic make-up ... Why are we here worried about the politics and problems in the Balkans and in the Middle East or any place else, because we spend 99.5% of our time worrying about the 0.5% of us that is different!"

According to the President, today, not less important and significant is the internet

communication: "Look at the internet communications between the people, who were doing the upheavals in Egypt and Tunisia, the young people."

**KEYNOTE SPEECH** 

by President Bill Clinton

Along these achievements, however, there are some significant problems in the modern world like interdependency, which "plagued first by too much inequality and too much instability."

The world is instable and though, according to President Clinton, some instability is good for a society to stay alive and grow, too much inequality is disastrous: "So, look at this financial crisis, it starts in America, immediately it is in the United Kingdom, after that in Ireland, after that in Iceland and then it threatens to slow down the world dramatically ..."

Nevertheless, he mentioned the problem is not to sound negative, as he later explained but to urge his audience to acknowledge the common challenges that we have.

The second issue that he mentioned during his speech was "sharing the future." Given that in the current world "all the borders are more like nets than walls, everything we do effects not just ourselves ... but people well beyond our borders. We have to find a way to share the future ...



and to believe that our common humanity matters more."

He assured that Bosnia made a great deal of progress since Dayton 15 years ago but that it would have made three times as much progress if everybody involved shared the future. He said: "The Bosnians should give their kids a better future and completely preserve their distinctive identity and their history more by sharing the future than by fighting over the past."

"So, how do you get people to share the future?" - addressed the President to his audience and then continued: "First, they have to think about it. You cannot share the future if you are obsessed with the past, you have to liberate yourself." As an example of a successful future sharing story he remembered Nelson Mandela's inauguration after 27 years of jail and talked about Mandela's unique way of sharing future by putting his opponents in his own government.

At the end of his speech President Clinton declared that if people ask his position on anything he immediately thinks: "If you ask me, how do you feel about this or that conflict, I ask myself a simple question: if we take this force,

will people be more likely to share the future, or to divide it because they are obsessed with the past?"

# REMARKS

"This is a very interesting world we are living in. There is more freedom and movement, more opportunities for entrepreneurs, more people are creating wealth and doing interesting things than ever before."

"We are completely interdependent in the sense that we can't get away from each other. But this interdependence is plagued first by too much inequality and too much instability."

"We have to figure out ways how to share the future mentally."

**KEYNOTE SPEECH** by President Bill Clinton



# WELCOMING SPEECH by President Petar Stoyanov

# REMARKS

"The EU accession and the economic prosperity in the Western Balkans are linked to inclusive dialogue, successful cooperation and mutual trust on a governmental level."

"We are convinced that inclusive dialogue is the key to sustainable growth and prosperity."



# **SUMMARY**

"I absolutely agree with leveraging assets and one of the main assets in any country in the world, of course, is the female half of the population. The trauma after the breakup of the Soviet Union and the struggle to rebuild their society ... not just in the economy, but in the wider society, they pointed out the crucial role that women had played in that progress. Often women going out and setting up small businesses after their men had found themselves unemployed because of the collapse of the system. And this pattern of women picking up the pieces after seismic change I have seen for myself all over the world in Africa, in Asia, and not least in the Balkans.

I also remember meeting a group of war widows who told me how by sheer determination and hard work they come together to pick up the pieces of their village and started to turn their skills in making traditional pickles ... into a business. They set up a money making enterprise and now they are wanting to expand their factory in order to bring more jobs to that village."

# **HONORARY SPEECH** by Cherie Blair

# REMARKS

"Today, in all the literature and all the discussions it is widely recognized that involving women in sustainable economic development and utilizing their untapped potential is vital for economic growth and development."

**SUMMARY** 

"The raison d'etre for our Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation among government officials, entrepreneurs, non-governmental organizations, as well as civic and religious leaders, is in fact to launch a new approach to international relations between people of different ethnicities, religions and cultures."

The brutal and disastrous conflict in the Western Balkans following the end of the Cold War, hindered these countries to take part in the EU enlargement process.

"While their neighbors like Hungary, ... later Bulgaria and Romania met the EU membership criteria and benefited from the European funds, the Western Balkan countries held negotiations for the peaceful settlement of military conflicts. Thank God this is already in the past.

The path to EU membership provides exceptional possibilities for stimulating mutual cooperation and trust not only among the candidate countries but also among the citizens in each of them.

The revolutions carried out by a new generation of young idealists in Northern Africa, inspired by democracy, united by Facebook and excited

by the notion of opening up to a wider world, have thrilled observers everywhere. There are universal aspirations for liberty, dignity, for political systems that listen to, respond and respect the will of the people.

It is CGDC's interest to support the people fulfill that vision ... with an inclusive dialogue open to diverse people, thinkers, politicians, business people and interested citizens. We are convinced that enhancing a fruitful dialogue amongst them will open new possibilities, foster out-of-the-box approaches and create innovative solutions to social and economic challenges.

We are also working to build greater understanding and trust to foster stronger ties between business communities and students: that includes our master study program in Public Governance - I am very proud to say that, ladies and gentlemen, the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation - CGDC committed to 13 scholarships for students from the Western Balkans for the next five academic years. It is a program to boost educational exchange and to create new links between the next generation of leaders in the EU and the Western Balkans."

It is now widely recognized that involving women in sustainable economic development and utilizing their untapped potential is vital for economic growth and development.

"At the EBRD we finished the session with the presentation ... of the businesswoman of the year ... to a Croatian woman, who expanded her small organic food company. The chief set up in the 1990s from employing two people to employ overall 100 and who extended her products from healthy food to cosmetics and other environmentally friendly items.

But how can women overcome the barriers preventing them from setting up their own businesses. By giving women financial independence, women get more to say and influence in the key decisions in their families in their communities, in their societies. And I just want to reassure the men in this room that tackling gender discrimination is not about women replacing men. ... It is actually about men and women working together using their different qualities, maximizing the potential of everybody to improve life for all."

WELCOMING SPEECH BY PRESIDENT PETAR STOYANOV



PROGRAM May 20 - 21

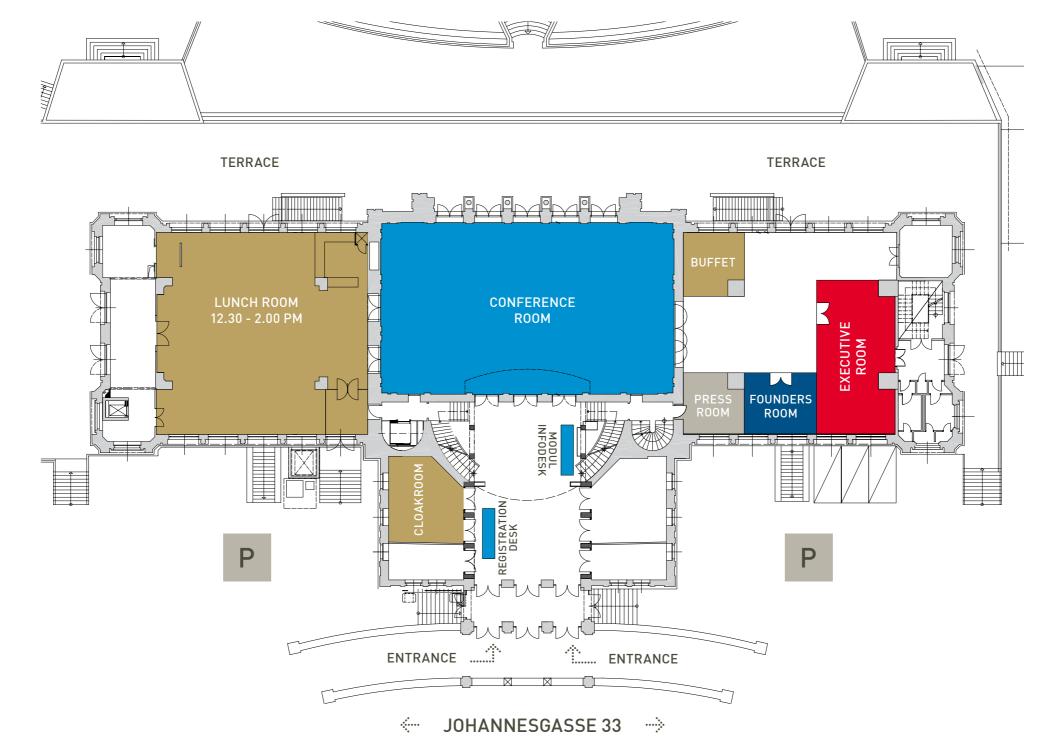
DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	SPEAKERS
FRIDAY, MAY 20	15:00 - 19:00	REGISTRATION	
	19:00 – 21:00	WELCOME RECEPTION Remarks by the Founders of CGDC	
SATURDAY, MAY 21	08:30 - 10:00	REGISTRATION	
	10:00 - 10:15	WELCOMING SPEECH President Petar STOYANOV	
	10:15 - 10:30	HONORARY SPEECH Cherie BLAIR	
	10:30 - 12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION 1 Creating a Growth Economy: Good Governance, Transparency and the Rule of Law PANEL LEADER Prof. Dr. Harvey GOLDSTEIN Dean of the Public Governance and Management Program MODUL University Vienna	<ul> <li>H.E. Samuel ZBOGAR Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Miomir ZUZUL Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia 2003 - 2005 President of the Dubrovnik International University, Croatia</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Mica JOVANOVIC Rector of Megatrend University in Belgrade since 1999</li> <li>Mike ZAFIROVSKI American-Macedonian Executive Formerly in CEO and COO posts at GE, Motorola and Nortel</li> </ul>
	12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	
	14:00 - 16:15	PANEL DISCUSSION 2 The Importance of Regional Stability in the Balkans PANEL LEADER General Wesley K. CLARK Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO 1997 - 2000	<ul> <li>H.E. Bakir IZETBEGOVIC Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>H.E. Edmond HAXHINASTO Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania</li> <li>Jovan KOVACIC Chief Executive Officer of Global Communications Associates, United Kingdom / Serbia</li> <li>Dr. Walter SCHWIMMER Vice President of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation - CGDC Secretary General of the Council of Europe 1999 - 2004</li> </ul>
	16:15 – 16:45	NETWORKING BREAK	
	17:00 - 18:00	KEYNOTE SPEECH BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON Followed by a Question and Answer Session Enhancing Mutual Understanding and Dialogue Amongst Diverse People	
	18:00 - 18:30	<b>GRANTING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CGDC AWARD</b>	
	18:30 – 21:00	CLOSING RECEPTION	

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ORIENTATION MAP OF KURSALON HÜBNER

# PANEL 1

"Creating a Growth Economy: Good Governance, Transparency and the Rule of Law"





### ABOUT

Harvey Goldstein is a Professor and Director of the Program in Public Governance and Management.

Prof. Dr. Goldstein spent the previous 26 years in the U.S. on the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of City and Regional Planning, where he directed the department's Ph.D. program for 15 years. He has also served on the faculty of Columbia University and as a visiting professor in the 1980s and a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 2000 at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.

Prof. Dr. Goldstein's principal research and teaching interests include regional and local economic development planning and management, the role of knowledge-based institutions in the governance and development of regions, research and evaluation methods, as well as research design. He has also done extensive work in the area of regional labor market analysis and economic forecasting. Prof. Goldstein has served as a consultant for the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labor Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and a number of state and local government organizations in the U.S.

# PROFILE Prof. Dr. Harvey Goldstein

Dean of the Public Governance and Management Program, MODUL University Vienna

# PANEL 1 Panel Leader

- Why is good governance important for economic development?
- The critical elements of good governance
- Special role of higher education institutions in promoting good governance



# PROFILE H.E. Samuel Zbogar

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia



In his 22 years as a diplomat he was included in all major political projects of Slovenian foreign policy. Between 2004 and 2008 he was Ambassador to the USA in Washington.

As State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 2001 and 2004 he supported the strengthening of the humanitarian aspect of foreign policy and led the project group for the preparation of Slovenia's OSCE Presidency. He was also a member of the EU membership negotiation group and the main negotiator for NATO membership.

Between 1997 and 2001 he was Deputy Ambassador to the UN and the Deputy of Slovenia's Permanent Representative to the UN Security Council during Slovenia's elected membership in 1998 and 1999.

He opened the Slovenian Embassy in Beijing, where he worked from 1993 to 1995. After returning from Washington in October 2008 he became the Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies in Ljubljana.

# PANEL 1

# TOPICS

- Importance of transparency and the rule of law
- Setting regional priorities for growth
- Slovenia as an economic example



# PROFILE Prof. Dr. Miomir Zuzul

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia 2003 - 2005 President of Dubrovnik International University

## ABOUT

Prof. Dr. Zuzul has an extensive political and diplomatic career. In 1992 he became Deputy Foreign Minister of Croatia and from 1993 to 1996 served as the Croatian Ambassador to the UN.

In 1996 he was appointed as the Croatian Ambassador to the United States. Prof. Dr. Zuzul served as the Croatian Foreign Minister from 2004 to 2006, advancing the nations prospects for EU and NATO membership. In 2005 he was appointed to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Panel of Eminent Persons, and was made the Chairman of the OSCEs personal representative to Georgia in 2007.

Prof. Dr. Zuzul holds two doctorates, one in Psychology from the University of Zagreb and one in Conflict Management from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

# PANEL 1

- Importance of regional economic growth
- Importance of regional cooperation
- Croatia as an economic example



### ABOUT

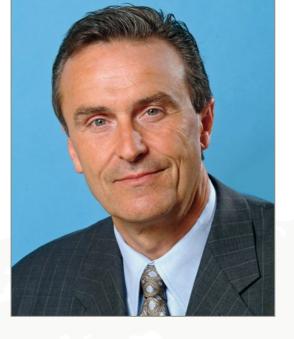
Prof. Dr. Mica Jovanovic is the Rector of Megatrend University in Belgrade since 1999. Between 1983 and 1989, he was a visiting professor at many foreign universities such as London School of Economics and the University of Tokyo, and served as a research team member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prof. Dr. Jovanovic has been awarded the title of Knight of British Order of the Fleur de Lus. He is the winner of the Cultural and Educational Community of Belgrade for the book "Intercultural Management". For the excellent results in business undertakings, educational projects and contribution to society, he was officially nominated for "the Businessman of the Year" - positioning himself among the most successful businessmen in Serbia.

In 2006, he was awarded "the Golden Link" for the continuous contribution to Belgrade culture. Prof. Dr. Jovanovic has been the author of over 80 scientific and professional works published internationally and several books, amongst them "Self-Management Sociology" (1980), "Intercultural Management" (2001), "Business As the Style of Life" (2006).

# PROFILE Prof. Dr. Mica Jovanovic

Rector of Megatrend University in Belgrade since 1999



## ABOUT

Mike Zafirovski is a 35-year business veteran who served as President and CEO of Nortel, a global communications technology company; President and COO of Motorola and its six separate multi-billion dollar technology and communications businesses; and within a 25 year career at GE, he served as the President and CEO of five GE businesses in the consumer, industrial and financial services arenas. He is known for his operational execution, vision, and passionate, principled leadership of companies renowned for game-changing innovation, intense customer focus and leadership development.

A native of Macedonia, he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2004. In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Zafirovski to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC). He also serves on the board of directors of Boeing and is involved in a number of not-for-profit organizations, including "Macedonia 2025", whose aim is to help build a stronger Macedonia by encouraging economic development, entrepreneurship, transparent government and corporate practices, education and the rule of law.

# PROFILE Mike Zafirovski

American-Macedonian Executive Formerly in CEO and COO posts at GE, Motorola and Nortel

# PANEL 1

# TOPICS

- Good governance as key for success of nations, companies and civil society
- Responsibilities of political and business leaders

PANEL 1

- The role of higher education in good governance
- Regional economic examples



SUMMARY of Panel 1



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In our first panel "Creating a Growth Economy: Good Governance, Transparency and the Rule of Law", chaired by Prof. Dr. Harvey Goldstein -Dean of the Public Governance and Management Program at MODUL University Vienna, with the panel members H.E. Samuel Zbogar - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Prof. Dr. Miomir Zuzul - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia 2003 -2005 and President of the Dubrovnik International University, Croatia, Prof. Dr. Mica Jovanovic -President of Megatrend University Belgrade, and Mike Zafirovski - American-Macedonian executive formerly in CEO and COO posts at GE, Motorola and Nortel, brought insights how good governance relates to a steady economic development.

Prof. Dr. Goldstein expressed his gratitude to the Founders of the CGDC for hosting 13 scholarships at MODUL University for the next 5 academic years to students from the Western Balkans who as a result will advocate good governance and development in their native countries.

Further, Prof. Dr. Goldstein spoke about the relationship between good governance and sustainable economic development and pointed out that the institutional capacity of a region and

a nation is at least as important, and arguably, a more important factor than the traditional economic and cause factors. Included in the institutional capacity are social capital, leadership vision and quality of governance. Further, Prof. Dr. Goldstein said out that universities play a major role in establishing good governance: "Universities have unique assets. They have a large concentration of very skilled experts in a number of different areas.

They also have a potentially very large role to play in providing leadership participating with members of government officials, with business leaders in being affective problem solvers being on teams that help in a collaborative way, help to solve problems, help to build a vision of where we want to go as societies in the future."

H.E. Minister Zbogar spoke about three pillars that represent the future of the Balkans: the EU enlargement, membership to the European Union, good governance and growth. He mentioned that the EU enlargement is the driving force and the key to the development of the Western Balkans: "the enlargement is the engine of the reforms that are needed." But he also warned, "We have to overcome on one side enlargement fatigue that exists within the European Union. On the other side we have to overcome the commitment fatigue that exists in the countries that want to join the European Union." Further, H.E. Minister Zbogar appealed that even with no enlargement in sight a first step towards better governance is to adjust the countries legislation to EU standards.

Prof. Dr. Zuzul reminded us how the fall of the communism challenged the values in the Balkan countries. He stated: "I am coming from the former communist world as well as many of us here. We got democracy and with democracy several important things came. With democracy you got both freedom and sudden opportunity. Not only did you get the chance to make a decision, but also responsibility. Suddenly we got that privilege to make a determination, but I don't know how quickly we do it, or how much we learned the responsibility. Yes, there is an opportunity to make money over a night, but at which rate and how."

Starting with the thought "the bigger the knowledge, the faster the economy develops," Prof. Dr. Jovanovic drew up topics, which need to be addressed globally in order to guarantee sustainable economic development. He explained the four corners of the square of "the successful sustainable economic development", containing international relations, intercultural relationship, knowledge or education and successful government. Prof. Dr. Jovanovic

then argued that with the unification of Europe international relations must become intercultural relations. Hence, since the first corner of the square is already being eliminated while there are no international relations any longer in the European Union as he mentioned, instead of the square "we have a triangle of the successful sustainable economic development with intercultural relations, knowledge or education and the third corner successful governance."

Mike Zafirovski, "as the only businessman on the panel", outlined what countries and regions need to provide to attract investment: creation of an attractive environment, eager in the productive force, real commitment to competitiveness, entrepreneurship and education as well as the Diaspora engage in a productive way. He strongly emphasized: "... investment in the business training, I would argue, is the best investment you can make, if you are brave enough to make investments."

The panel members provided the audience with versatile frameworks to foster economic development and agreed that education together with the know-how transfer is the first and the most important path to take on the road to good governance and economic development.



PHOTOS of Panel 1

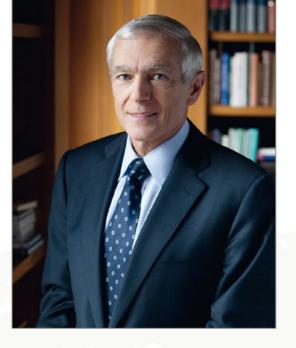
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# PANEL 2

"The Importance of Regional Stability in the Balkans"





# PROFILE General Wesley K. Clark

Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO 1997 - 2000

# ABOUT

Wesley Kanne Clark is the former U.S. Army general who ran as a Democratic candidate for the presidency in the 2004 election. Clark grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas and, at the age of 16, started at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated first in his class. He also earned a graduate degree as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and commanded fighting troops in Vietnam, where he was injured three times.

During the '80s and '90s he moved up the military ladder and served as an administrator in training and command posts, eventually becoming a four-star general.

In 1997 he was named as the U.S. commander of NATO forces in Europe by President Bill Clinton. In 2000 he retired after 34 years in the army.

General Clark entered the private sector as an author, consultant and investment banker, a highly decorated soldier and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

# PANEL 2 Panel Leader

- Improving public confidence in government in the Balkans
- Deepening economic growth
- Bosnia at a decisive point?



PROFILE H.E. Bakir Izetbegovic

Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

# ABOUT

President Bakir Izetbegovic was elected to a four-year term as the Bosnian Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina on October 3, 2010 and was sworn into office on November 10, 2010.

Prior to his election to the Presidency, President Izetbegovic served as a member of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2006 to 2010 and was the head of the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. President Izetbegovic also served as a member of the House of Representative of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2002 to 2006 and was a member of the Sarajevo Canton Assembly from 2000 to 2002.

President Izetbegovic was born in 1956 and graduated from the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sarajevo in 1981.

# PANEL 2

# TOPICS

- Bosnia and Herzegovina three peoples, one state
- Western Balkans EU perspective(s)
- South East Europe Cradle of interreligious dialogue?



### ABOUT

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Haxhinasto began his political career as Head of Foreign Relations at the Parliament of the Republic of Albania from 1991 to 1992. Starting from 1993 to 1997 Mr. Haxhinasto was engaged in the private sector.

From 1997 until 1999 he served at the Office of the Prime Minister as Head of Coordination Department. He was also Government Representative for the Emergency Management Group set up to manage the situation of Kosovian refugees in Albania. In 1998, he assumed as Chair of the Anti-Corruption Monitoring Group in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Government's plan to combat corruption. He served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, and from 2001 he was appointed as Charge d' Affairs at the Albanian Embassy in Belgrade.

From August 2002 he worked as Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Haxhinasto was Advisor to Mr. Ilir Meta, in his capacity as Member of the International Commission on the Balkans. In February 2004, he became Co-Founder of the Institute for Peace, Development and Integration.

# PROFILE H.E. Edmond Haxhinasto

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania

# PANEL 2

# TOPICS

- Role of outsiders: OSCE, UN, OHR, NATO
- Inter-religious dialogue
- Importance of solving border issues

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## ABOUT

Jovan Kovacic was a translator to the late Yugoslav President Tito and after his death, Jovan moved to Yugoslav news agency Tanjug where he was engaged as a war correspondent across the globe working for CNN, ABC, NPR, BBC and other major media outlets.

In 1998 Jovan moved on from reporting into the Office of the High Representative to Bosnia (OHR) where he was in charge of one of the most sensitive aspects of the IC work – reconstruction and negotiating and facilitating the safe return of thousands of refugees and displaced persons in Bosnia. Three years later he joined OSCE in Belgrade as a Media Development Advisor.

Jovan is the founder of GCA Global Communications Associates, which is designed to help Serbian companies and political entities establish better working relationships with Euro-Atlantic structures and viceversa.

Jovan is also a member of the Circle of Forty, and is actively engaged in several professional associations in Serbia. Currently, he is the Vice President of Serbian Society of Lobbyists and is actively involved in the process of enactment of the Bill on Lobbying.

# PROFILE Jovan Kovacic

Chief Executiver Officer of Global Communications Associates Ltd.

PANEL 2

TOPICS

security

Regional transition

and economic growth

• Importance of regional stability and

Significance of regional cooperation



## ABOUT

Dr. Schwimmer is an Austrian politician from the Austrian People's Party, a Christian democratic and conservative party. The holder of a doctorate in law was a member of the Austrian National Assembly from 1971 to 1999 and from 1999 to 2004 he was Secretary General of the Council of Europe. From 1984 to 1999 he was Executive Vice President of the Wiener Gebietskrankenkasse, the compulsory health insurance system of Vienna.

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# PROFILE Dr. Walter Schwimmer

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# PANEL 2

- Importance of stability and security in South-Eastern Europe
- Economic theories of the past fostered autarky and growing wealth at the cost of others
- Freedom of movement as a source of stability and security



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H.E. Bakir Izetbegovic - Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Edmond Haxhinasto - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Jovan Kovacic - Chief Executive Officer of Global Communications Associates. and Dr. Walter Schwimmer - Vice President of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation - CGDC and Secretary General of the Council of Europe 1999-2004, participated in the second panel "Importance of Regional Stability in the Balkans" which was moderated by General Wesley K. Clark - Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO 1997 to 2000. The panel dealt with the status quo of the Western Balkans at the moment and the issues which need to be addressed to develop further stability in the region.

General Wesley K. Clark opened the panel by expressing his gratitude to President Stoyanov and the founding members of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC, for creating "a wonderful, groundbreaking opportunity" that allowed "people, who can address the problems ... to get together and collectively find ways through them." Drawing on the frameworks provided in the first panel he continued: "There are four elements facing stability: stable, democratic governance that can do popular elections and transition power; a reduction of the influence of money covertly on decision making; a vision for the future, and popular attitudes. I approached this with a lot of humility because as Americans we have problems with all of this. There is no magic solution to all of that, but I am here as a fellow traveler who is pursuing a more perfect democracy and helping others to achieve it."

H.E. President Izetbegovic said that economic stability can be achieved through enhancing mutual dialogue and cooperation, and then he illustrated the current landscape of Bosnia and Herzegovina: "Bosnia is the meeting point of events, it is where the relations of Western Balkan entangle and untangle. Our society is a mixture of three religions and three identities which must be treasured. We often face fear of others and extremism, which still exists today and leads to fragmentation and disintegration." He emphasized: "the establishment of democratic accountable and effective governmental institutions can meet the needs of the citizens. With that we will be achieving NATO and EU membership and a stable environment for creating jobs."

H.E. Haxhinasto acknowledged the progress made in the region with the help of many

international organizations. He further pointed out: "the reality today is that countries are engaged in many initiatives, but we still need time to create more synergy. There is no country that does not have dialogue with the rest of the countries. However, we have to be more specific and look for action." To do so he also pleaded, "we need to eliminate problems and not to recycle them." Issues to focus on are "building Europe in each and every country of Europe" and improving the implementation of laws.

Jovan Kovacic agreed with H.E. President Izetbegovic and H.E. Haxhinasto not to live in the past, instead he said: "we should all stick to a common vision to join and change the mindsets that exist among the Balkans for millenniums. We are still in the process of adjusting legislation and improving the economy. The regulations of those aspects are as important as achieving the goal." He underlined that there is still a lack of investment capital in the region and urged institutions like CGDC to become efficient, and to be encouraged. After that he added: "it is very important that we, the people in the Balkans, become authors and movers of these dialogues, because we alone can find those indigenous solutions that will suit us best and will take ownership over our futures."

Dr. Schwimmer started his speech by convincing the audience that there is no stability in Europe without stability and security in South-Eastern Europe. However, he further warned about the threats like populism, extremism, organized crime and corruption. "We should strive for transparency and not only because of wikileaks: we lack a transparent decision-making process. People have lost their confidence." The acknowledgement of Croatia becoming an EU member by all other countries of the Western Balkans was very welcomed by him. Further, he added: "The dynamism and enthusiasm of European spirit of the region will wake up Europe, so we need each other. Today, there is maybe not enough cooperation among countries for membership, but we should strive to create a joint taskforce and lobby for admission and I hope that this region will contribute to a new development in Europe." The preparation for the EU membership is a starting point for improving regional stability and peace, however, "the EU can assist in finding a solution, but the solution itself can only be found by the two parties [in conflict]."

The European Union is seen as the most important engine to create stability and economic opportunities by the panel. They further urged to change the current mindset through dialogue and stop living in the past.



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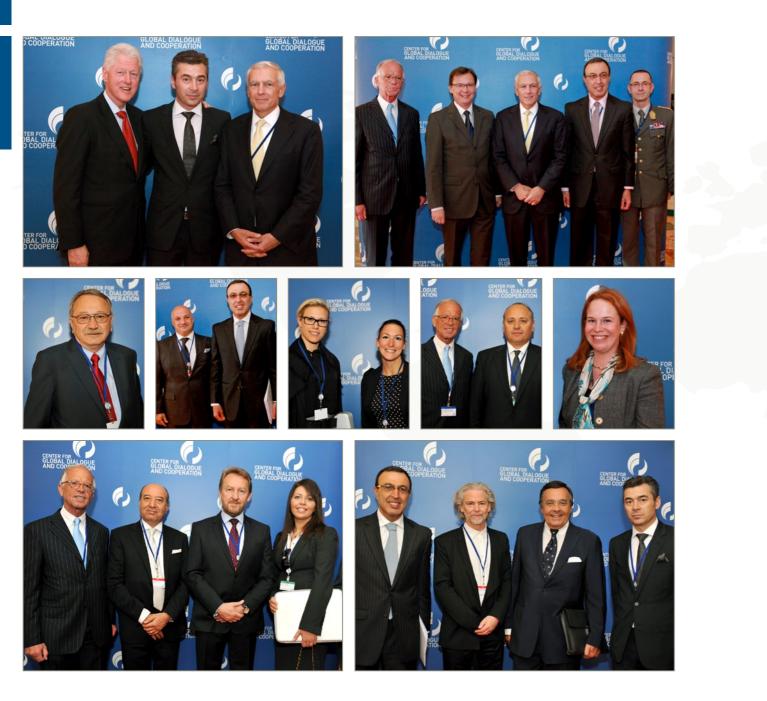








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