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INTRODUCTION

Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC is a politically independent, international, non-governmental organization.

We promote global dialogue to encourage stability and economic development on the basis of ethical principles.

Our organization aims to support and assist emerging countries to become more capable, stable, and trustworthy partners on a global scale.

By bringing together diverse stakeholders, representing all spheres of political and socio-economic life, we are able to identify their needs and challenges, and thus create synergies and forge solutions through partnership. The CGDC strives to translate goals into measurable results, and drive change towards a more sustainable future.

We believe that meaningful dialogue and active cooperation are essential for facing global challenges.

PROMOTING

Dialogue Between Politicians and Businessmen

PROVIDING

Frameworks Applicable Everywhere in the World

ASSISTING

Emerging Countries in becoming Politically and Economically Stable Partners

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FOUNDERS OF THE CGDC



Petar STOYANOV

President of the CGDC
President of the Republic of Bulgaria 1997 - 2002

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



Stamen STANTCHEV

Secretary General of the CGDC
Entrepreneur

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



Walter SCHWIMMER

Vice President of the CGDC
Secretary General of the Council of Europe 1999 - 2004

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



Werner FASSLABEND

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



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Vice President of the CGDC
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"With the focus of the CGDC on supporting emerging countries we can contribute to the wellbeing of every single individual in the world.."

THANK YOU NOTE BY THE FOUNDERS OF THE CGDC



DEAR CGDC FRIENDS,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 "Dialogue and Cooperation for Change", and acknowledge our appreciation for your active participation in our initiative. We were honored to welcome you in Vienna as we consider your expertise and contribution crucial for the success of our efforts to approach the most important topics of today: energy and democracy.

The CGDC Meeting 2012 brought together a dynamic group of business executives, heads of state, non-profit leaders, academics, media representatives, and global citizens. All of you embody a wide variety of professions, cultural and religious backgrounds, and geographic regions. This diverse community had one common feature that united all of us – we are all change-makers.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to President Bill Clinton who continues to be our ardent supporter and to inspire us with his achievements and vision "how each of us can change the world".

The CGDC would like to thank all the distinguished speakers for sharing their knowledge and presenting new perspectives in the fields of renewable energy, as well as economic and media power in the context of democratic leadership.

Furthermore, we are grateful to the sponsors for their support and trust in our initiative as their contribution empowered us to multiply the impacts of our efforts.

We highly appreciate your strong belief in CGDC's vision and mission and look forward to our common action for a better world.

Yours Sincerely,

Petar Stoyanov

Walter Schwimmer

Werner Fasslabend

Etienne Declercq

Stamen Stantchev

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WELCOME SPEECH BY H.E. PETAR STOYANOV



WELCOME SPEECH - SUMMARY

H.E. Petar STOYANOV

President of the CGDC

President of the Republic of Bulgaria 1997 - 2002

On May 17, 2012, H.E. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC, opened the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 "Dialogue and Cooperation for Change" by warmly welcoming the audience, and thanking everyone for their dedication and active participation. President Stoyanov was especially delighted to see President Clinton's continuous support of the CGDC's initiative, and thanked the President for his personal engagement and active participation at the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012. Petar Stoyanov also expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, R.H. Dr. Morgan Richard Tsvangirai, for joining the meeting and wished everyone a very successful meeting over the next two days.

In his welcome remarks, President Stoyanov emphasized that CGDC was founded to make a tangible contribution to the most concrete problems in public life and that dialogue is the most important tool for overcoming differences and reaching the best solutions on a national, regional and global level. *"The lack of dialogue, cooperation and the will to take joint action means that economic cooperation and big infrastructural projects come to a hold in some countries and in the long run the global process of economic cooperation and development is restricted,"* – as he noted.

CGDC is a non-government organization that strives to support its ideas by taking concrete actions, mentioned the President. Recently, the CGDC invested in the education of 65 young people from the Western Balkans who have been provided an exclusive opportunity to participate in the MBA Program in Public Governance and Management at MODUL University in Vienna, Austria. *"The CGDC has identified this opportunity to make a lasting and positive change in the region by investing in the education of young people, so that they must study and live together, understand and reconcile their differences."* said President Stoyanov and then thanked once again the MODUL University for a very successful cooperation and emphasized that these young people are the future leaders of their countries who after acquiring appropriate knowledge would be able to make tangible contributions and find adequate solutions to the most pressing needs and sensitive issues in their countries.

President Stoyanov then turned to the main topics of the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 illustrating the high importance of the detailed analysis of the current developments in the field of energy and democracy. Since *"the world has changed dramatically"* it is our duty to find new, unconventional solutions, asserted President Stoyanov.

Further, underlining and summarizing the urgent need for addressing the challenges in the field of energy and democracy, President Stoyanov wished everyone a prosperous day and passed the floor to Dr. Busek who opened the Energy Day of the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 with his insights to pressing energy issues.

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY DR. ERHARD BUSEK



KEYNOTE SPEECH - SUMMARY

Dr. Erhard BUSEK

Jean Monnet Professor ad personam

Dr. Erhard Busek, former Vice Chancellor of Austria, delivered the opening keynote address at the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 in Vienna, Austria, on May 17, 2012. Dr. Busek began his speech by illustrating the relationship of the two topics of the CGDC Conference and emphasizing the linkage between the question of energy and the quality of democracy. Then focusing on the title of his speech "Energy: Condition for Life or Instrument of Power" he advised the audience to interlink those two concepts rather than seeing them as alternatives: *"Power has always a tendency for monopolizing. If you have monopoly on something, you are stronger, more powerful, you can dedicate what is going on and so far energy is one of the key questions in this direction."*

Further, viewing energy as condition for life, Dr. Busek mentioned the importance of energy for the future, and expressed his concern regarding the lack of common regulations on the security condition, which creates tensions within the European Union. He also spoke about several changes that took place in the field of energy after the downfall of the Soviet Union. Gas and oil started to play a very important role and *"it [gas] might be the next step because seen from the ecological dimension gas is more preferable for the ecological situation, and to have gas power stations is not such a burden for the atmosphere"* as he noticed.

"We are in the phase of energy crisis and the background of this meeting is to bring in contributions, bring in an influence on the public, on political decision-making," said Dr. Busek, and then highlighted the importance of the cooperation not only among the states but also at the global level, *"Energy is not a subject of competence of the European Union. It is a subject of native state. Political power has to be based on European Parliament and is very much depending on other Member States' will to cooperate."*

Interestingly enough there is a high correlation and interdependence between energy and democracy as Dr. Busek mentioned at the beginning of his speech. The question of instrument for power is very much connected with the quality of democracy, in the context of *"who can switch on and off"*, its availability, the question of price, and these issues create a lot of social tensions when the decisions are not made for the benefit of all people. Energy is a human right, asserted Dr. Busek: *"We do not want only democracy on the level of nation state, we don't want only democracy on the European level, we are really convinced that democracy - and for sure this is for the human rights - is basics for a peaceful living together and so far it is very much connected in this context."* Indeed, it is a very difficult task to develop equal rights in this context of energy, and as Dr. Busek concluded the Energy Community for South East Europe, which is even a stronger instrument than the regulations within the European Union, might be the solution to the problem.

WELCOME SPEECH BY DR. WALTER SCHWIMMER



WELCOME SPEECH - SUMMARY

Dr. Walter SCHWIMMER

Vice President of the CGDC

Secretary General of the Council of Europe 1999 - 2004

The 2nd day of the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 "Dialogue and Cooperation for Change" was opened with inspiring remarks by the Vice President of the CGDC and former Secretary General of the Council of Europe Dr. Walter Schwimmer, who cordially welcomed the audience, and thanked the panelists of the Energy Day for the interesting debates held the day before.

After a brief deliberation on the facts, such as the rising of democratic states as a proof that democracy can survive even under difficult circumstances on the one hand, and the people's reaction to the financial crisis in Greece, or the rise of populist and extremist movements on the other, Dr. Schwimmer remembered Winston Churchill's words: *"No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise, indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government, except all the others that have been tried."*

Dr. Schwimmer then delved into the main two topics of the Democracy Day at the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012, "Democracy vs Economic Power" and "The Global Challenges of Democratic Leadership." Dr. Schwimmer first spoke about the influence and impact of economic and financial powers in the political life, mentioning that economic decision-makers want to be independent from politics. *"But, do they also want to refrain from influence on politics?"* asked Dr. Schwimmer to the audience. *"We need a trustful dialogue between politicians and business, between democratic and economic power."*

The speech then shifted towards the challenges of democratic leadership. *"There is certainly a desire for benevolent and all-wise leaders, in whom one can trust, on whom one can rely,"* noted Dr. Schwimmer, *"but are these still the politicians?"* and referring to Italian Prime Minister Monti and his government Dr. Schwimmer raised further questions: *"Will that be the democratic system of the future? A kind of Republican Monarchy with a ruler appointed for a certain period and not elected; the role of the elected parliament reduced to the control of the government and the approval of the laws? Or do we witness a development of more informal leadership in Europe as well as at the global level?"* he then added: *"At the global level, the real decisions are not taken by the United Nations as the only comprehensive global organization of states,"* and continued, *"I'm curious for the second panel today, who are the leaders, and how are they challenged?"*

As Former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Dr. Schwimmer then digressed into the interdependent principles of democracy. He assured that besides the new questions and challenges *"we have to be careful when extremist forces are abusing democratic freedoms. We have to be careful when certain government structures get out of democratic control."* He closed the speech by adamantly reinforcing the need for *"an open dialogue on how to safeguard one of our highest values – democracy – and make it even stronger."*

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY TIFFANY PERSONS



KEYNOTE SPEECH - SUMMARY

Tiffany PERSONS

Shine On Sierra Leone, Founder and Director

During the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012, Tiffany Persons, founder of the Shine On Sierra Leone, conveyed a keynote speech. Persons emphasized that the mission of Shine On Sierra Leone is to create change and it is in this spirit of positive action that she gave her support to the CGDC. *"Shine On Sierra Leone is about change not charity: President Stoyanov, Stamen and myself are united in the common goal of building partnerships across communities, cultures and countries,"* said Tiffany Persons, and then looking back at her first visit to Sierra Leone in 2005 she continued, *"Sierra Leone touched me personally. Here was the place where I was greeted with human warmth and smile, the perfect beginning for a dialogue on my journey."*

Soon she realized that money was not the only solution for success in Sierra Leone, and that the transformation should not be expected only from them, but come from her as well. *"I first had to reexamine the way that I viewed poverty. I had to shift my understanding of the community from poor, impoverished victims to seeing them as powerful human beings as they are. People worthy to be my partners",* acknowledged Persons. *"We changed the name from charity to partnership...and then we began to use the participatory approach, by including the voices, hearts, hands and solutions of the people in Sierra Leone in every single thing that we did,"* emphasized Tiffany Persons. She then recalled with a smile that although it took time to work through the challenges and expectations they eventually managed to build a community that is in harmony.

After sharing her experience in Sierra Leone, Tiffany Persons talked about the activities and projects that her foundation has got involved in. She was especially enthusiastic about her first project implemented in Sierra Leone recounting how they achieved to rehabilitate the worst school building, which was burned down to the grounds during the civil war and is now ranked number 5 out of 600 schools in Sierra Leone.

Afterwards Tiffany Persons excitedly introduced her other projects and involvement in Sierra Leone. She talked about different collaborative programs inspired by the pioneering work of Mohammed Yunus and his microfinance creation. *"We have created a micro credit program that has given out 7,000 loans to over 5,000 mothers of school-aged children. We have raised over 650,000 dollars for this project."* Further, encouraged by the discussions held on Energy Day of the CGDC Annual Meeting, she found the discussed topics and issues similarly important for Sierra Leone.

At the end of her speech Persons said, *"In order to create dialogue and cooperation I first need to focus on building trust. I did this in the most practical way possible by being on the ground, getting my hands dirty and continuing to challenge myself and my view of the world,"* and then concluded her speech with a quote about motivation on bringing about change: *"Give me the grace to see the beauty in unexpected places and in unexpected people."*

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



KEYNOTE SPEECH - SUMMARY

President Bill CLINTON

Founder of The William J. Clinton Foundation
42nd President of the United States of America

President Bill Clinton, Founder of The William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States of America, inspired the participants of the CGDC Annual Meeting 2012 with his speech about the challenges democracy or better democratic systems face in our world today.

Although not many countries are having an easy start, there are examples for peaceful democracies like in the states developed from former Yugoslavia – a region shaken by wars and genocide for the battle of independence and a better way of life. All Balkan countries have installed a democracy where *“all of them [= former head of states/ government] had left office peacefully, willingly, voluntarily. Either they had not gone through the election or they were limited by their terms of the constitution or they were defeated in an honest election and every one of them showed up determined to be part of civil society.”*

He further invited the governments of standing democracies *“to reform the systems we have, to modernize them, to point toward the future. [...] Every society that has long been wealthy, since the Sumerians 8,000 years ago, built systems to spread the wealth. Once having achieved success, human nature took over, and people who ran those systems, whether they were government systems or private systems, became more interested in holding onto present gains than creating a future.”* Therefore, President Clinton emphasized the importance of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation to tackle global as well as regional problems. *“And in a world like this, if you can’t escape each other, the only future that makes sense is one of shared responsibilities, shared prosperity, shared opportunity, a shared sense of community across all diversities within our societies. You have to work for that sort of shared prosperity.”*

Each country, be it a developed country like France, Germany, the States, be it a up-coming country like Brazil, India, China or be it a country at the beginning of the development, have to face their challenges and each country has, depending on their developing level, different challenges.

President Clinton also reminded the audience, *“If you just look around the room today, think about what we are taking for granted. [...] But you’d be surprised if these things failed, or if the climate controls failed. You know you can have clean glasses of water, or if you get totally bored with my speech you can excuse yourself and go to the restroom. I spent a lot of my life in places where people cannot take any of this for granted.”* He gave the example of a climate change program in Tanzania, a very poor country where cost of living is under a dollar a day. There he met farmers in Malawi that took part in an agricultural reform and he was talking to the spokeswoman of the farmers who raised her yearly income from \$ 80 to \$ 400 a year and made her, in her point of view, a middle class woman who finally could afford to send her child to school.

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



As another example of challenges, President Clinton referred to Haiti where the *“sun shines over 300 days a year and they have the highest electric rates in the Caribbean. The Caribbean has the highest electric rates in the world, because nobody has figured out how to organize investments so that they can bring solar and wind and geothermal and waste energy there, so they keep paying ridiculous amounts of money for oil and diesel systems.”*

Besides many other examples all over the world, he recounted in particular the challenges of Brazil. Although it was reducing rainforest cuts and having a high percentage of their energy coming from renewable sources, the country still has problems. Their demand for energy is constantly rising. *“More than half their fuel is sugar cane based ethanol and it’s the best bio-fuel in the world; 9.3 gallons for every one gallon of gasoline. And you don’t need a rainforest to grow sugar cane. Sugar cane needs deep topsoil and the rainforest has thin topsoil. So what is happening there? The more they take the deep topsoil, the more the cattle ranchers and the soybean farmers are driven into the rainforest. Another big problem they have there is that 85% of their electricity is green electricity from hydropower. [...] But the only places left in Brazil where the rivers flow deep and strong enough to generate electricity, are in the rainforests.”*

President Clinton reasoned Brazil as an example for lived democracy because of his experience at a conference in Manaus. *“And everybody [from Brazil] was sitting around a table like this, every oil company, every utility company, the representatives of all the big businesses, the representatives of the small businesses, the representatives of the working people, the head of the Green Party, representatives of the native tribes, and instead of screaming at each other or fighting or calling each others names, they were actually sitting around a table saying, ‘This is a really hard problem. There is no perfect solution. How can we do this together?’ The process is sometimes more important than the end product.”*

He emphasized *“But if you look at all these countries and all their challenges, whether they are wealthy, challenged to reform, rising, challenged to perform and extend systems to people who are left out, or very poor challenged to begin, there is one thing that works everywhere and only one. The one thing that is in shortest supply in the modern world. The one thing that makes this Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation so important. The thing that works everywhere, are creative networks of cooperation.”*

In the Q&A Session President Clinton gave his point-of-view on the current economic situation in Europe and US. *“You could pass a long-term deficit reduction plan, in the United States. You could have a long-term EU plan that would have quite a bit of austerity in it, but first the economy has to be growing, people have to be making a living, jobs have to be being created, businesses have to be starting or expanding. [...] By the way, for those of you who are skeptical if this will work, if you get growth, Europe and the U.S. will have no choice but to deal with the debt because you will have exploding interest rates as the public demand for borrowing conflicts with the private demand for borrowing. So the right thing to do is start growth and then practice for strength and that’s what I think we should both do.”*

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SPEAKER

Hartmut BEYER
City Challenge, President & Chief Executive Officer

QUOTES

"The world is in the lead of the development of new technologies but we are only at the beginning of a new era."

"It is a great importance to us to participate in this development by giving the industry an opportunity to test new technologies such as electric vehicles, and promote this to the public and the cities."

"We would like to bring the responsible politicians and industry together to discuss this great opportunity to move to a new era of private public transportation. We are starting this year with GT 3 cars most likely change into electrical cars in 2014. It's once in a life time opportunity for the industry to promote new technology and products with our platform."



SPEAKER

Uwe DREHER
BMW Group, BMW i Brand Management

QUOTES

"The customer who decides to buy a sustainable product, they think about how these people produce the car. So it is not just about launching a new electric car, it is the question where is it been produced, how is it been produced or where the electricity is coming from to produce this car."

"When it comes to the mobility of the future and electric cars you have to change the way you build them. The weight of the car is like the key factor. The heavier the cars are, the less range you have, and they are not attractive for your customers. Our engineers come up with all new materials: it's carbon fiber and for the first time we will produce, as the first car manufacturer on earth, mass production cars made of carbon fiber. The weight advantage is pretty incredible because carbon fiber is 50% lighter than steel and even 30% lighter than aluminum. You can imagine that a car with a heavy battery you have to carry to drive, you have to get rid of the weight as much as possible."

SPEECHES IMPRESSIONS



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ENERGY DAY PANEL 1 - SUMMARY

”ENERGY TRENDS IN THE CONTEXT
OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT”



PANEL 1 SUMMARY & QUOTES

PANEL 1 - SUMMARY

by Slavtcho NEYKOV

Energy Community Secretariat, Director

The first panel of the CDCG Meeting 2012, focusing on the energy trends in the context of the social development, emphasized on the role of the overall political and policy framework in relation to the social dimension of the market reforms in the energy field. Thus, the speakers recalled the need to provide adequate match between the necessity of market developments, supporting investments and thus energy security on the one side, and the care of those for whom the price of the reforms is too high and therefore hardly affordable.

Although the panelists represented different stakeholders (parliaments, governments, international organizations, the business community), no particular differences in the understanding about the interdependence between adequate economic developments and the protection of the vulnerable people in the energy field was noted. In parallel, there was general agreement that the energy related developments worldwide follow very specific trends, which have drastically changed within the last twenty years.

On this ground, the speakers as well as the participants in the conference who took active part in the debate, outlined several major points in relation to the topic, emphasizing on the following:

✦ The role and respectively the responsibility of the politicians as to provide the necessary balance between reforms and social protection is increasing. Although energy prices go up, energy security continues to be on the top of politicians' agenda as it is clear that the energy security is a key prerequisite for political and economic stability. Therefore, politicians are expected to have much more pro-active position, taking preventive measures with long lasting effect, rather than following ad hoc developments under the pressure of the civil society;

✦ The role of the business for providing energy security and thus influencing the political and economic stability is crucial. Therefore, the business is in its right to expect respective stimuli for developing and improving the energy sector as investing in the energy field is very specific – long-term planning and enormous funds are necessary; in parallel, as the sector often presupposes monopoly situation, the list of requirements to be met is increasing. Certainly, the relevant developments should be along the established rules. And last but not least – the work of the business is directly visible via the prices, which is a very sensitive issue in the energy field;

✦ Due to the above mentioned reasons, concerning the influence of the energy sector developments on the civil society as a whole as a result of investment scale, prices etc., adequate social developments presuppose much stronger cooperation between all social partners. This is particularly relevant to the issue of transparency as a format for more visibility of all aspects concerning the energy sector developments. However, maximum transparency is expected not only from the side of the state institutions and the respective companies, but also via more active involvement of all interested stakeholders on national and regional level in the relevant social debate – it was recalled that in the energy context these interests cover a wide range of issues – financial, social, environmental, demographic etc., which demand more transparency at all levels.

In summary, the panel concluded that the developments in the energy sector should be based on the search of a balance between the interests of the society and of the individual, as this balance is a key element of the social contract. The participants also noted the importance of paying due attention to the realities, concerning the energy developments, as well as of the need to look for best governance approach under these realities in favour of the people. There was common understanding that this presupposes realism in assessing the energy trends. Such a realism demands provision of affordable and secure energy supply on the one side, fair treatment of investors and consumers on the other as well as adequate mechanisms for social protection to those, who really need it.

PANEL 1 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL LEADER

Slavtcho NEYKOV

Energy Community Secretariat, Director

QUOTES

"Access to energy might be and should be considered also as a human right. At the same time noting the fact that energy is a mighty tool in the area of politics, one should not recall that at the end of the day politicians work and should work for the sake of the everyday citizen."

"So there is a possibility to target to a maximum extent these issues throughout the world but with particular thought to these more than 1.3 billion people who do not have access to electricity, and I think that this is not an issue only of national governments – it's a world issue."



PANEL SPEAKER

H.E. Vladimir KAVARIC

Minister of Economy, Montenegro

QUOTES

"Following the act of developments under the pressure of the civil society rather than taking measures with long lasting effect is unfortunately still reality. Especially when matching the link between the market developments in the energy field and the social consequences."

"I would like to emphasize that there is hardly another economic sector than energy which requires so much that the developments are transparent. And this refers not only to the work of the politician but also to businesses I have already referred to. It is the practical terms of the requirement to all governmental institutions, to the work of all the social partners and last but not least, to the cooperation among all these players."

PANEL 1 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL SPEAKER

Giles CHICHESTER

Member of the European Parliament
European Energy Forum, President

QUOTES

"We are consuming more and more energy overall. Within that basic trend the relative proportions consumed have changed. The world has switched relatively speaking from oil to electricity as the one has become more expensive and the other is more convenient to the world of machines run by electricity not steam or petrol."

"The long-term trend in energy demand can only go up as the population of the world grows and standards of living rise to increase people's expectations. This will be manageable for those countries and people who can afford the increased costs, but it brings me to the context to social development and the have-nots of the world, I mean, in energy poverty and in a number of ways to define this condition. The most obvious is the number of people without electricity."



PANEL SPEAKER

Mauro HOYER

OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID),
Director of Information

QUOTES

"Energy poverty can be defined as the lack of adequate, accessible and affordable energy to promote economic growth and certify basic human needs. Unfortunately, as we mentioned before, energy poverty statistics worldwide are inexcusable."

"We all know that widespread use of biomass is the major cause of deforestation. Less known perhaps it is that it is also the major cause of health problems. Over 1.6 million deaths every year are due to the respiratory diseases caused by biomass fuels. This is more than the number combined of malaria and tuberculosis put together."

PANEL 1 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL SPEAKER

Anatoly KARPOV

1st Deputy Chairman, State Duma Committee for Natural Resources,
Environment and Ecology

QUOTES

"The most important issue is that energy floating in the biospheres is more and more locked by the human requirements. Apart from that the supplies of non-renewable energy are spent here and now, while economic logic prevents a global transmission to the renewable energy supplies."

"Understanding the importance of the ecology leads to setting up a new ecological economy and according to it we should not only take the environment exploration expenses into account, but also the expenses for its protection and atmosphere recovery. We should pay attention not only to the profitability and productivity, but also to the ecological safety."



PANEL SPEAKER

Emmanuel LIMIDO

Centuria Capital, Chairman
World Institute for Renewable Energy-WIRE, Founding Partner

QUOTES

"Access to energy, electricity power is a human right, but unlike most of human rights unfortunately it is not a natural one, its one which needs to be financed, and sources of financing are not always easy to identify and not easy to mobilize."

"To provide energy and power to populations which are in difficult locations indeed requires a very strong political commitment, also requires very strong financing, and the public financing – which is an absolute need – is unfortunately not sufficient, and the recent developments on the global world economy are rather aggravating the case, and therefore increasing the need for private money to be able to join in public support to provide the world populations with this human right."



• BILD: The French President (Sarkozy) said that Europe should learn from the German model...

• Draghi: ...he's right. Long before him I said that Germany is a model. The old European welfare state model is in fact dead, because it had to make debts far too often. The Germans have re-invented it – with no excessive debts.

• BILD: Do you have a message for the people of Germany?

• Draghi: Keep it up!

• ILO (2012) Germany is contributing to problems of the Eurozone. Wage deflation, growing inequality, low wage economy. In that model other economies have to refer to wage deflation leading to a downward spiral. ...partly recognises the problem in recent Community Employment/Jobs)



ENERGY DAY PANEL 2 - SUMMARY

”ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS –COMPATIBILITY WITH SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS, ENERGY REFORMS & PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS”



PANEL 2 SUMMARY & QUOTES

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Panel 2 focused on energy developments and "Compatibility with Social Expectations, Energy Reforms and Public Perceptions." The focal points of the discussion were built around energy efficiency and public perception, specifically the EU policies and the future of the energy market. The participants of the panel discussion addressed fundamental questions in relation to the renewable energy developments, consumer benefits and EU Regulations. The panel leader Ab Iago and all the panel members agreed that energy efficiency is not yet achieved.

Alberto Pototschnig focused particularly on gas and electricity and spoke about the three pillars of the EU Energy Policy, thus mentioning that these pillars – competition, climate change and security supply – pull the prices in different directions. Pototschnig mentioned that security of energy supply is not the cheapest option in the short-term, but reasonably priced option in the medium-term. He also highlighted the importance of the diversification of sources and input rules, as well as the internal interdependency and the solidarity problem in regard to this vital issue.

Peter Vadasz, the only politician on the panel, shared his successful experience of developing renewable energy in his region and stressed the importance of the governmental support in turning to renewable energy. Vadasz mentioned that the research plays a key role in the energy generation and that the future of energy is in the mix of various sources. Renewable energy development is a win-win situation for communities and municipalities, continued Vadasz, which will enable to create an economic cycle by producing clean affordable energy.

Elena Rybak drew the attention of the audience to the various stakeholders involved in the energy development, highlighting especially the role of the Media and NGOs. She then sketched out the model of a successful country and stated that in Germany there are ambitious targets of 80% renewable energies until 2050 from just some 10% that they are having in primary energy consumption in 2011. According to Rybak, Germany was the first one to introduce hidden tariffs successfully, and their allocated budget for research in the field of renewable energy is 1.3 billion euro for the coming several years. However, the most surprising in this country is that the population is not sensitive to the increase of the electricity values, something not imaginable in Australia where the price concerns have reached a level where there is no more tolerance for price increase to pay for renewable energy subsidies. During her speech, Elena Rybak talked also about Ukraine, as one of the most energy intensive economies in the world, and stressed the importance of huge investments in the field of energy development in the country. Energy efficiency and energy sector developments are the tasks of society, and the energy culture and perception must be changed in their countries.

Jan Willem Goudriaan had quite a different view in regard to energy developments. Goudriaan spoke against austerity policy, arguing that this policy is proving to be non-sustainable and that there are alternatives available. He then brought up a number of examples of social movements against the recent reforms. Goudriaan further stressed the importance of regulations, which he thinks are directly correlated to stability. According to him, the problem is that electricity is sold out as commercial product which is however a governmental responsibility. He further highlighted the importance of having social dimension and pointed at the negative consequences of the electricity deregulation and advised to move for public service solutions. The speech by Goudriaan was followed by the wide-ranging Q&A session discussion, starting with the definition of demand-side management to the importance of renewable energy and field investment. The Q&A also included debates about the new piece of European Regulation to monitor energy markets and internal energy market that can ensure confidence both for consumers and for market participants, and the importance of powerful regulators for creating internal market.

PANEL 2 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL LEADER

Dafydd AB IAGO
Argus Media, Journalist

QUOTES

"In Europe we are spending around 300 billion in inputs of energy, oil, gas or whatever it is. In Güssing, they have that same problem, ok it was a small scale of a small municipality of 27 thousand, but they were loose spending so much money on energy. [Güssing] was turning to renewable, turning to self-sufficiency and using that to drive the city to turn it around."

"So, at the moment, most consumers are not exposed to higher prices and not exposed to prices at all. I mean they have a tariff, sometimes this tariff is indexed, but they only see at the end of the month or the two months what has happened. Why not trying to change and why not trying to do even better because, as I have mentioned with a massive increase of renewables we need to assist them and make them able to react in a much quicker way then we are used to."



PANEL SPEAKER

Jan Willem GOUDRIAAN
European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU),
Deputy General Secretary

QUOTES

"It is important that social dimension is also recognized by the European Commission, because the electricity prices, as have been mentioned will increase, they will go up. On the trade union side we see the energy transition as being part of a more general transition."

"The alternative view to that is that a dysfunctional market can impose infinitely more harm to consumers than regulators on their worst day and that's the view of the Consumers Federation of America and a few intents to share. I think the problem is in the fact that electricity is tried to be sold as washing powder."

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PANEL SPEAKER

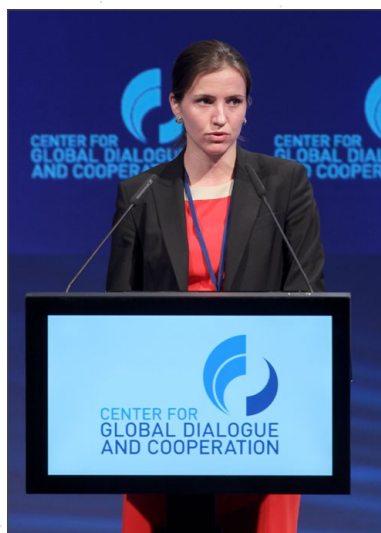
Alberto POTOTSCHNIG

Agency for Cooperation of the Energy Regulators – ACER, Director

QUOTES

"I would like to focus on two aspects: one is perception and the other one is expectations, because when it comes to energy regulations, when it comes to energy developments, I think, there is first of all a communication exercise or effort that we need to put in place, we need to have citizens, consumers and citizens understand what's up, and also manage expectations."

"Renewables are going to be more volatile, or more intermittent, at least some of them. Wind and solar, which are going to play a major role in the new scenario, they are intermittent, they are not predictable over long-term and there is not much that you can do if there is no wind, or if there is no sun."



PANEL SPEAKER

Elena RYBAK

EUEA – European-Ukrainian Energy Agency, Director

QUOTES

"This forum aims at practical support and actions, as we heard this morning that organizers are willing to deliver. And there is one thing that I do think, that I do hope, most of us will be able to bring back to their own countries, is the issue of energy usage is apart from the government policy in principal, a very much an individual choice. Attitudes shape the behavior but it is ultimately the behavior that affects energy usage."

"We need to start changing the energy culture and perception; we need to encourage the bottom up reform of our economies."

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PANEL SPEAKER

Peter VADASZ

Mayor of Güssing, Burgenland, Austria

QUOTES

"Energy is a topic very high on the agenda of many governments across the globe today, and although many governments have produced and developed energy strategies, when it comes to implementation, you go down again to the community and to municipalities."

"Research plays a key role in the energy generation of our future [...] we are producing a very, very clean gas from wood, and this stream of gas can be diverted to produce electricity to produce synthetic natural gas, as I said before, in small quantities it proves that it is possible to produce fuels from this wood gas."



CONCLUDING REMARKS - TRANSCRIPT

Dr. Werner FASSLABEND

Vice President of the CGDC

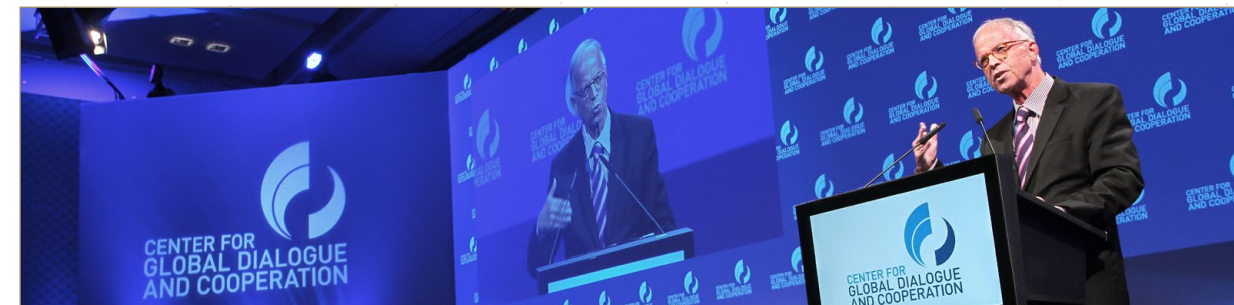
Minister of Defence, Republic of Austria 1990 - 2000

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I do not have the intention to repeat what you have heard already during this day. But I just want to make three additional remarks that I think that could be important also in order to sum up this issue of energy and also prepare a little bit the issue of democracy.

President Petar Stoyanov started this day with the statement that the world has changed dramatically. And I want to add not only since the fall of the Iron Curtain, the breakdown of the Soviet system but already 11 years earlier. Sometimes we forget that already in December 1978 Deng [Xiaoping] in China made his famous report to the Politburo where he started the economic reform in China that changed the world in a specific way. It was not only reform towards market economy, it was at the same time also the statement that in control of the process the Communist Party in China should stay. And if we look now it is a process and we have heard already so much about it - the increase of coal production that is more than oil and gas and others combined, but they also changed not only the system, the economic system in the world, but also the methods. And what I mean on energy sector is for example that up to this date it was clear that there should be a free global world market. Since then we have a situation where we also find that tendency of bilateral state treaties on the energy sector with a long-term range that maybe can in the longer run limit the perspectives. And if you think just of the fact that up to 2050 the population of China and India together combined will just grow in addition to that underworld, you can imagine that of course any limitation of global market could be decisive and I think it is important from the strategic aspect to look at this phenomenon and also to think it over, try to harmonize it, maybe if it is possible, but anyhow try to keep the market, the energy market, the global energy market as a free market. This is something we need for the future.

Second: What we should be aware is that energy policy worldwide has become at least to quite some respect a result of a bottom-up process. What do I mean? Many phenomena we do see now are not the result and the consequence of the policy of states or big actors like big companies of experts or so, but the other result of movements that come out of the society. And if you look just to two phenomena: on the one side as it was called today the hysteric reaction on the nuclear side after Fukushima in some country - I do not mention specific names. You can agree with it but you have to admit this was the result of people's movement, of people's tendency, of people's attitude towards this nuclear power out of fear, out of angst. But you have to be aware that emotions, that feelings are important and they can also decide on politics and that our energy politics, our energy policy is at least partly also steered by such phenomena that come from the bottom-up. And it is not only on the nuclear side



but also on the renewable side, of course it is. What we have to take as a consequence that this is a fact and that we have to look at the society as a whole also on energy politics to take society seriously, to try with information, with public discussion and with public leadership to get it into the right direction. Don't leave energy policy just to some NGOs, but give it to the politicians, but also make them sure that they have to lead and they have to lead it in a responsible way into the right direction. It's necessary to be aware of it. It's not the big companies anymore and it's not a few groups of exports that can decide over the policy. It's coming from the people and this is very important also for the future.

Third: If you want to meet supply and demand, then we probably need two tendencies in the future: In a specific way, we need more centralization for example for continental or intercontinental energy transport structures. This will be necessary. We need maybe continental markets in Europe, we certainly have a need of more Europe on the energy sector. I do not think that with 27 or 28 national politics this will find a good end. Of course we need a specific sort of centralization and on the other hand what we certainly will need is a tendency of decentral energy - supply of decentralization. If you look back at this map Mr. Chichester has presented us about Africa, about the fact that in many countries more than 75% or more than 50% of the people do not have electricity ...

I am also engaged in Africa and I can tell you: You will never be able to bring enough energy to the different villages all over this huge continent and the same in South America, the same in many Asian countries with a centralized system. What we have to build up is decentralized system where you can bring energy supply closer to the people and therefore I also think that it was a really good example even if you cannot compare the situation in Güssing with some African situation, but you can find ways to do it.

And so far I think we should not only look at the prices, we should not only look at the amount of increasing energy demand, but we also should look at strategic questions and start strategic dimensions: is this free global market? Is this looking at the people, at energy policy that derives from the feeling, from the emotions of people, and also the task to steer the people, to steer the policy, politicians cannot get out of their responsibility they have to steer and third -it would be necessary also to overthink whether there is just one method where we can bring enough supply to the people. I do not think so, it will be a double strategy with more centralization on the one side and decentralization on the other side.

So I will come to my end: Thank you very much for your attention and in the name of Petar Stoyanov and the whole team of our organization. I am looking forward to meeting you at 8 pm for dinner and I hope you will also find some time in between to appreciate a little bit from this wonderful city.

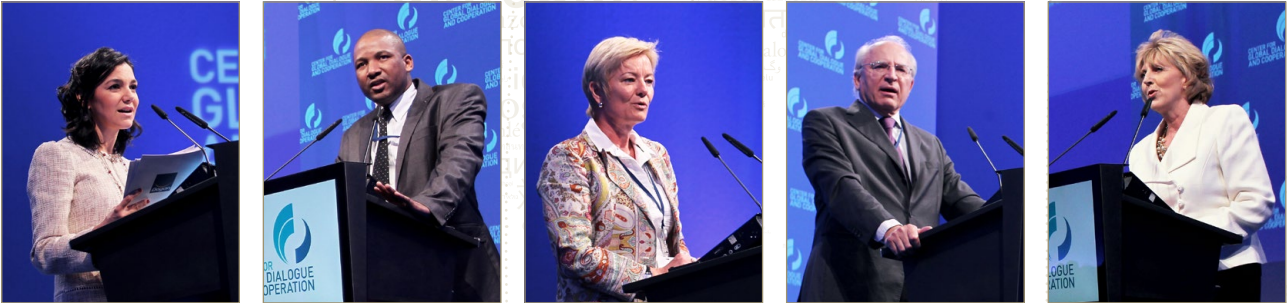
Thank you very much, and see you later!



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DEMOCRACY DAY PANEL 3 - SUMMARY

”DEMOCRACY VS ECONOMIC POWER”



PANEL 3 SUMMARY & QUOTES

PANEL 3 - SUMMARY

by Hans DEMMEL
n-tv, CEO

The morning panel "Democracy versus Economic Power" attracted nearly all of the registered participants. The key questions were: "What is the role of media?" and "Does the financial world endanger the neck of democratic systems?"

There were a lot of different angles that were explored and brought forward from a very diversified panel: two politicians: H.E. Ilir Meta, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, and Duma Boko, opposition leader of Botswana, two representatives of the international media world, Begümhan Dogan, Chairwoman of the Turkish Dogan Holding, and Ingrid Deltenre, Director General of the European Broadcasting Union. These four were flanked by Dr. Claus Raidl, President of the "Oesterreichische Nationalbank" and Gail Romero, an American consultant for NGOs and CEO of MBA Women International.

With Hans Demmel, Managing Director of the German news-channel n-tv as host, it became clear relatively quickly, how important and critical democratic oriented, uncontrolled media are for a developing democratic system on the one side, and how difficult it can be to report from the focal points of transformations in countries like Libya and Syria. All the panelists agreed, that democracy and journalism are two sides of one medal, or in other words: they should be inseparable like Siamese twins. Begümhan Dogan emphasized that free media cannot threat democracy as long as ground rules, a code of conduct, and the rule of law apply to all citizens.

Talking about the options of reporting and exchange of information enabled by new media channels like Twitter, Youtube, or the new technological possibilities smart phone videos offer, Ingrid Deltenre made clear, that it can be a great help seeking the truth in countries like Syria at the moment, but there is a risk evident that this kind of videos are used as propaganda, no matter from whose point of view, and have to be strictly controlled and validated by the free foreign press.

The second important question in the discussion was whether the demands of the financial markets can strangle democracies per se. In 2011, two democratically elected leaders in Europe, Berlusconi and Papandreou, had to be replaced by technocrats, deemed more capable of handling the economic crisis in their countries. Looking forward to the further development of Greece, the panel members expected all upcoming frontlines between the short-term needs of the population, expressed by the result of elections and a long-term needs, asked for by the financial markets.

Another important topic was stressed by several panel members, initiated by Dr. Raidl: the issue of corruption that is highly endangering successful economies. This is also fostered by the tight linkage of politicians, entrepreneurs and media. H.E. Ilir Meta prompted that the real economic power of a country should be the prosperity of its citizen however the political power and therefore also the governing power comes from big businesses and ruling elites. The consolidation of free markets and growth of big businesses has witnessed in the recent Western Balkan history friction between the power of money and the pressure of dominance over political decision-makers.

Dr. Raidl underlined that in some countries like Austria or Germany, the election system itself should be thought over as parties are elected and not people who represent the opinion of the voters in the parliament and therefore opinions of the parties count and not the representatives input. Also Duma Boko pointed out that voters asked themselves how the democracy they are living in transformed their life for good. These are serious questions and if they fail to be answered, voters lose faith and confidence in the structures of democracy. As seen in the Arab Spring, if governments do not pay attention to this long unheard voices and do not find solutions to the problems of the people, a revolution is nearly inevitable.

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PANEL LEADER

Hans DEMMEL
n-tv, CEO

QUOTE

"And now let's make a huge jump, not even geographically, to the Maghreb states, to the Arabian Spring, what have we seen there, what has fueled these liberation movements? Was it the wish for democracy? Yes, but wasn't it also the huge unemployment rates that we've seen there, especially among young people? Is this really what we talk about? Dictatorship is cruel in these countries, and what we know and what we see, what we can follow now, is Syria: people who are fighting and people who are willing to die for freedom, for freedom of speech, for democracy. Is it hope? Is it desperation, what brings them forward to ask for democracy, to postulate it? And what's the role of media in it? (...) Was the Arab Spring a Facebook revolution? Was it the new media, social media that played an important role there? Or was it more people's revolution and all this new media were tools to connect them?"



PANEL SPEAKER

H.E. Ilir META
Member of the Albanian Parliament
Prime Minister, Republic of Albania, 1999 - 2002
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2009 - 2011

QUOTES

"Albania and other Western Balkan countries have witnessed an immense positive transformation, as they are all presently engaged in the pre-accession process with the European Union. EU integration is based upon strict conditions of democratic changes, and we have seen how the strengthening of democracy has brought a wider prosperity for our citizens and more economic power for each of our countries. The challenge for us all today is how to sustain our growth performance, and I'm convinced that this is a common shared goal with our European partners."

"Nevertheless, this overall progress [of Western Balkan countries], the consolidation of the free market, the growth of big business, has witnessed friction between this power of money and the pressure of dominance over the political decision-makers."

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PANEL SPEAKER

Begümhan DOĞAN FARALYALI

Dogan Holding, Chairwoman

QUOTE

"Another important factor media can have, is through entertainment TV. Because recently in the last couple of years, in these Arab countries [referring to the Maghreb countries], the Turkish series are very, very popular; and in these Turkish series of course they see different lives, different type of, you know women are very suppressed in Arab countries, they see strong woman leadership examples, women are out there working by themselves etc. and all these inspire the women in the Arab world and the population in the Arab world to start asking for change. I have been contacted by many women organizations asking us to do more TV productions."



PANEL SPEAKER

Ingrid DELTENRE

European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Director General

QUOTES

"Sustainable economic power and wealth, not only for a small elite on the top, but for the majority of the people are always build on education, innovation, and on hard work."

"To educate well, you need to open the gates of knowledge beyond your own borders. To create innovation, you have to allow that everything is questioned, including yourself. You have to allow that people think out of their box, and above all, that they make mistakes. To be willing to work hard, you have to have the opportunity for a fair reward, a reward that is based on your own achievements and actions, instead of just the protectionism by those who hold power. It is democracies which allow and foster these qualities."

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PANEL SPEAKER

Dr. Claus J. RAIDL

Oesterreichische Nationalbank, President

QUOTES

"Democracy and politicians are really challenged to show who decides. Who decides? Are the politicians still able to decide how the country is being run; [...] or do, [...] private interest groups decide on that? Or do we have a democracy for the elites? Not for the people, but for the elites."

"I mean, in many countries [...] a lot of politicians do not ask themselves what's good for the country; they ask themselves what's the headline tomorrow in the newspaper?! [...] And this, I think, is the biggest threat in a democratic process, when the politicians don't ask themselves what's good for them who elected me, but what's good for me to stay in power, and the instrument that helps me to stay in power are the newspapers, or TV stations, or talk shows, all those things we see 24 hours a day. And this, I think, we should try to discuss more deeply."



PANEL SPEAKER

Duma Gideon BOKO

President of the Botswana National Front

QUOTE

"It is important to understand what role the developed democracies can play in ensuring that democracy takes route in some of the less developed countries and places of the world. And so it is a challenge to this organization to ensure just as when the alarm bells ring in Syria, and when they rang in Libya, the international community was mobilized, they intervened, in some instances decisively, in other instances less decisively than in others."

But the critical point is when they get mobilized, they try and find the alternative voice in the particular country or community, they find the opposition. And I'm the trumpet voice of that African opposition that seeks to be found, that seeks to be nurtured, that seeks to be supported, in order to enhance accountability on the African continent; and in order to ensure the re-energization of democracy in Africa and, indeed, the world."

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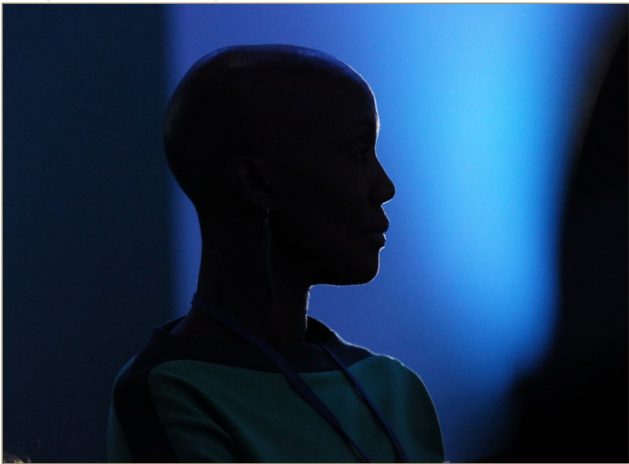
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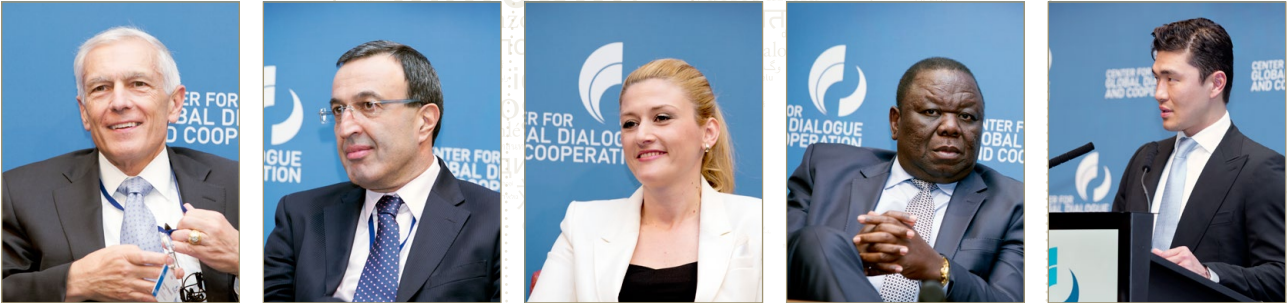
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"This is about the future. We heard about the way things are today, we have the questions about what happens tomorrow. I believe that if we have the right leadership that we will make a difference. And again it is the responsibility of democracy, and it is the responsibility of economic power."

"So today, and this is our first, I guess, announcement to the press and everyone else, we have made a commitment, not only to the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation, but to the world, that we are going to be starting a Leadership Academy for Women."

AUDIENCE IMPRESSIONS





DEMOCRACY DAY PANEL 4 - SUMMARY

”GLOBAL CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRATIC
LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY”



PANEL 4 SUMMARY & QUOTES

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The last session of the CGDC Meeting 2012 “Dialogue and Cooperation for Change” was, as Ali Aslan, the panel leader mentioned, if not the most important than certainly the most high-ranking panel that featured renowned officials. At this session, entitled “Global Challenges of Democratic Leadership in the 21st Century”, panel members convened to talk about various aspects of democracy, power, and leadership.

The discussion topics centered on challenges that newly formed countries meet on their path to democracy. All the panel members highlighted the crucial role of the leader in establishing a working democracy. In this regard, H.E. Mimoza Kusari- Lila shared her views and experiences as a Deputy Prime Minister of a newly formed country. Along with hardships and constraints such as limited recognition of the state and certain EU rules that her country is currently facing, Kosovo is a success story with tremendous economic growth registered for the past five years.

The panelists involved in an interesting discussion and exchanged ideas about democratic principles, and the role of the global leadership in the 21st Century in general, and then gave in-depth analyses of challenges of the transitional period in different countries. Prime Minister Dr. Tsvangirai brought forward an interesting argument regarding the difference between freedom and being independent. He noted that democracy means elections, but having elections is not the same as building democratic institutions and in Zimbabwe they have never been free and fair. Dr. Tsvangirai identified some obstacles to the fair elections: these being the lack of free media, civil society, and the use of party institutions. Professor Abdul Latif Al Meer agreed with Prime Minister Tsvangirai that building appropriate institutions are essential for democracy and mentioned the achievements of the State of Qatar in this respect.

President Stoyanov then made an interesting remark concerning the phenomenon of “political marketing” and the negative influence of the PR agencies in established democracies with free and fair elections. In the near future the world leaders will be elected not because of their intellectual capacity, but because of the ability to be ‘well-packed’ and ‘sold politically’ as the President noted. However, for building a real democracy, as he mentioned, it is very important that the leaders leave the political stage on time and this was also an issue that Dr. Tsvangirai hoped that President Mugabe will consider.

General Wesley Clark added public opinion formations to the cornerstones of democracy and concerning the disputable question whether leadership can be taught. General Clark agreed that leadership can be taught and that future leaders should feel the inclination towards becoming leaders. The discussion also involved the current complicated developments in Syria. The situation is very tough and General Wesley Clark believes that the constructive steps for the moment being are the protection of the refugees, giving the matter greater publicity, and promoting the emergence of the legitimate Syrian opposition.

The session provided a challenging opportunity to hear the views of various influential individuals particularly at this crucial moment when democracy building and global leadership are taking new shapes which was followed by a number of questions by the curious audience. Once again the panel members assured that the rule of law and a strong political leader can break the vicious cycle of the broken system, and as Professor Al Meer mentioned that the youth is the future, which has the power of technology like Facebook, or Twitter, that enables a better flow of information around the world and help form a system that would change the people. To the question whether there is contribution coming from the women during the transformation process, H.E. Mimoza Kusari-Lila brought the example of her own country as an excellent model of women representation and engagement in politics. Moreover, she noted, that in the post-conflict-societies women emerge stronger. Ali Aslan thanked everybody and closed the discussion by mentioning once again that leadership takes courage and courage is something that all five panelists have exemplified and demonstrated on a daily basis.

PANEL 4 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL LEADER

Ali ASLAN
Deutsche Welle TV, Host of the international talk-show “Quadriga”

QUOTES

“The second day, as you all know, is going to focus on democracy. And it’s a term, as you know, that couldn’t be more ambiguous and general, but we will try to dissect [...] what it’s all about, both on the political, but also of course these days, no doubt, on the economic level.”

“I think if we take one thing away here, that we can all agree on [...] certainly the value that all five here on the panel exemplify: leadership takes courage.”



PANEL SPEAKER

H.E. Petar STOYANOV
President of the CGDC
President of the Republic of Bulgaria 1997 - 2002

QUOTES

“Now we are facing a lot of serious challenges, not only financial challenges. Now we are facing a lot of problems regarding the very core of democracy. I think that the most dangerous phenomenon is that we are witnessing a growing lack, not only in the politicians, but in the political and economic elites, too, which could become very dangerous.”

“Is it possible, however, this is the question, for the voters to make a wrong choice, or at least not the best one, even when they vote in elections which are fair and not manipulated? Unfortunately, the answer today is yes. This is because quite often the battle is not between the political candidates themselves, and between their ideas, but between their huge and highly-paid PR agencies.”

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PANEL SPEAKER

R.H. Dr. Morgan Richard TSVANGIRAI
Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe

QUOTES

"But one of the fundamental issues that, I think, Africa has realized was: there was a difference between being independent and being free."

"Yes, you can elect, but elections alone have their limitations. Because having elections is not the same as building democratic institutions to sustain that democracy."

"You don't get legitimacy from outside. You get legitimacy from your own people."



PANEL SPEAKER

H.E. Mimoza KUSARI-LILA
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Trade and Industry

QUOTES

"Once the freedom is there like [in the case of] Kosovo in [19]99, then the democratic process of building the state and the role of local leadership is crucial, and often international organizations who are part of the solution, become now part of the problem by not empowering a lot of the local leadership, trying to find the solution elsewhere."

"It's also a challenge for countries that are in process of being built to actually take leadership, local leadership, and to show to the internationals that we take the leadership, we take the responsibility and accountability. And not always others who were bigger and stronger than us can make better decisions for us."

PANEL 4 SUMMARY & QUOTES



PANEL SPEAKER

Prof. Abdul Latif AL MEER
Chairman of ICQ
Vice Chairman of Sidra Takaful

QUOTES

"I believe, when you explain democracy; democracy to many of us means different things – is it fairness, is it rule of majority, is it rights, [...] is it culture, is it ethnicity, [...]. I think in my country, we believe that we need to, first, build institutions that will make democracy accessible or let's say affordable for more integrating than just impose democracy on a nation who doesn't understand what their rights are before they can accept their responsibility."

"I don't know [...] what comes from the Arab Spring. Some countries will have constitutional democracy, some countries will have republican, but with multi-parties and the issues have been in our part of the world is we've had multi-parties, but they'd be sectarian parties, they'd be ethnic parties, [...] we've never had parties that are diverse in its composition from people to ethnicity to culture."



PANEL SPEAKER

General Wesley K. CLARK
Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO 1997 - 2000
CGDC International Honorary Board Member

QUOTES

"Sometimes in democracy, because you're dealing with public opinion, things have to become so bold and so open, before action can be taken, that a lot of people suffer. And you wish you could take action more quickly, but you have to give time for public opinion to form. That's the way democracies operate."

"Yes we should be training leaders, and yes these leaders are going to come forward, and yes you've got to have a democracy. And there will be some people who come forward no matter what the cost because they have passionately believed in things and they want to do something for others."

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QUOTE BY PRESIDENT CLINTON

"I would like to say that I am deeply honored to get this Award, because it was not only given to me by a friend of mine (President Petar Stoyanov), but the person who won it last year (was) - General Wes Clark.."

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Anatoly KARPOV

1st Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee for Natural Resources, Environment and Ecology
Chess Grandmaster and World Champion

For his dedication and support to humanitarian causes as well as unique intercultural perspectives Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC proudly presented the CGDC Award 2012 for "ENHANCING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE" to Chess Grandmaster, politician and ecologist, Anatoly Karpov. The CGDC Award was handed over by the CGDC Honorary Board Member General Wesley K. Clark for his outstanding charity works and promotion of peace and sustainable development in the world.

QUOTE BY ANATOLY KARPOV

"It is a great honor for me and it is a big pleasure to be here and to share our positive atmosphere, which could be created by speakers and participants. I can feel a big difference with many other conferences or meetings, because I could see that people here have interesting ideas and they are ready to share these ideas with others and what is really important is that people here can listen to other people."

CGDC AWARD 2012 GRANTED TO PROF. MUHAMMAD YUNUS



CGDC AWARD 2012

”ENHANCING SOCIAL BUSINESS DIALOGUE”

Prof. Muhammad YUNUS
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Chairman of Yunus Center

Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC proudly awarded Nobel Prize winner, Professor Muhammad Yunus, with the CGDC Award 2012 “ENHANCING SOCIAL BUSINESS DIALOGUE” for his meritorious contributions to cultural and significant public and private endeavors – for creating micro-finance loans in developing countries. Hans Reitz, Founder and Managing Director of the Grameen Creative Lab, accepted the CGDC Award on behalf of Muhammad Yunus. Vice President of the CGDC, Dr. Werner Fasslabend, presented the Award in recognition of Muhammad Yunus’ work to create opportunities for economic and social development with the aim of eliminating world poverty. Reitz thanked the founders and presented Professor Yunus’ heartfelt message of gratitude.

QUOTE BY PROF. MUHAMMAD YUNUS

“I am very honored to receive this very prestigious Award, Global Dialogue Award, I never thought of receiving this Award and now hearing this, I am very excited, very honored. I am extremely sorry that I could not come to be present to receive this Award because of the circumstances that I am in. I am very happy particularly because my long time friend President Bill Clinton is also receiving the Award. This is very special occasion for me to be on the same side of receiving Award and I am very happy that it is happening and this gives recognition to the work with the poor people. [...] Your Award, your recognition brings more attention to my work. Thank you very much for giving me this prestigious Award.”

CGDC AWARD 2012 GRANTED TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



CGDC AWARD 2012

”ENHANCING SPORT IN DIALOGUE”

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Timothy P. SHRIVER, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board and CEO of Special Olympics

For transforming lives through the joy of sport and for the enormous support and encouragement of disabled people Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC presented the CGDC Award 2012 “ENHANCING SPORT IN DIALOGUE” to Dr. Timothy P. Shriver, Chairman & CEO of Special Olympics. The Vice President of the CGDC, Dr. Walter Schwimmer, proudly handed over the CGDC Award to the Special Olympics representatives: President of the Special Olympics, Hermann Kröll – President of the Special Olympics, Marc Angelini – Vice President, Oliver Sodeik – Special Olympics Monaco and the Gold Medal Winners Isabella Szele and Christian Hofer in recognition of Special Olympics’ distinguished work to promote the universal language of sports among people with disabilities.

QUOTE BY HERMANN KRÖLL

“On behalf and in the name of our CEO Dr. Timothy Shriver, we are very proud to take over this highly honored CGDC Award. This is a big honor for us all and we will continue the work of Eunice Kennedy Shriver in taking over the 2017 World Winter Games in Schladming and Graz, and we will bring these Games in the sense of Global Dialogue and Cooperation and inclusion of people with special needs in our country and we want to say thank you to you all.”





CGDC AWARD 2012

”MUSIC FOR DIALOGUE”

SCORPIONS

Rock Band

Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation – CGDC proudly honored the German rock band “Scorpions” with the CGDC Award 2012 “MUSIC FOR DIALOGUE” for their unique ability to transmit power for change through their music and unite people worldwide in their hopes and dreams for the global peace. The CGDC Award was handed over by the President of the CGDC, Petar Stoyanov, to the band’s vocalist Klaus Meine for their constant pursuit of universal ideals through art and music.

QUOTE BY KLAUS MEINE

“It is a huge honor to receive this very special award for the Scorpions this evening here in Vienna. [...] When we started playing music, we started the global dialogue right there making the decision to sing in English. [...] Who would have known that after I wrote ‘Wind of Change’ just a few months later the Berlin Wall would come down and who would have known that more than 20 years later this song in East and West would mean so much for so many people. It is still so emotional, because it is so very much connected with this historical moment in time. [...] Scorpions always try to build bridges with music making the world a better place. And again, I would like to say thank you for this wonderful award and we really feel very, very honored.”



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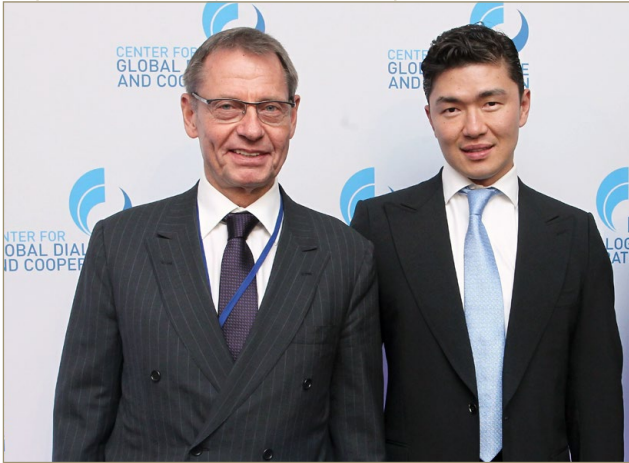
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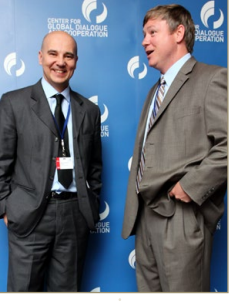
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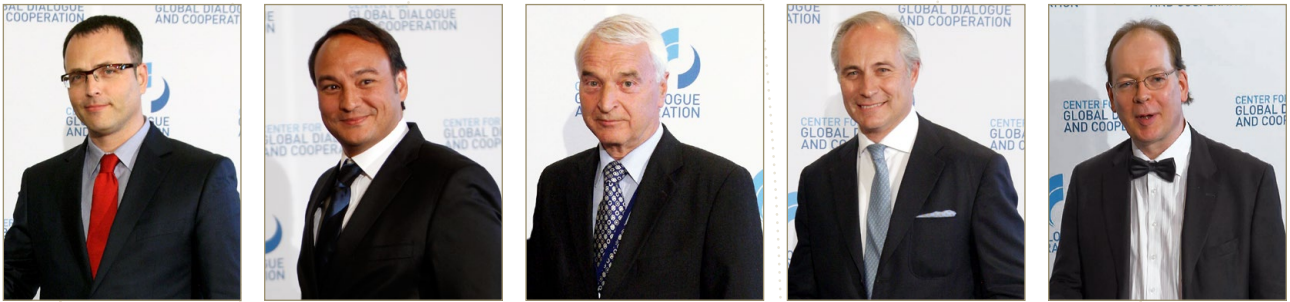
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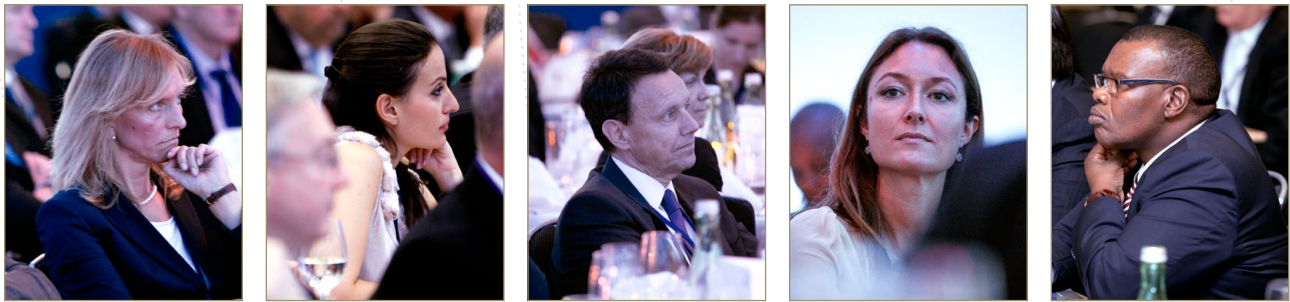
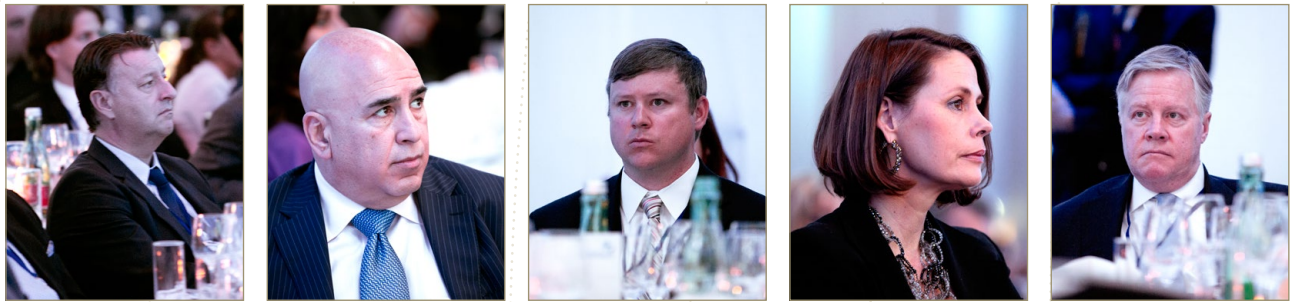
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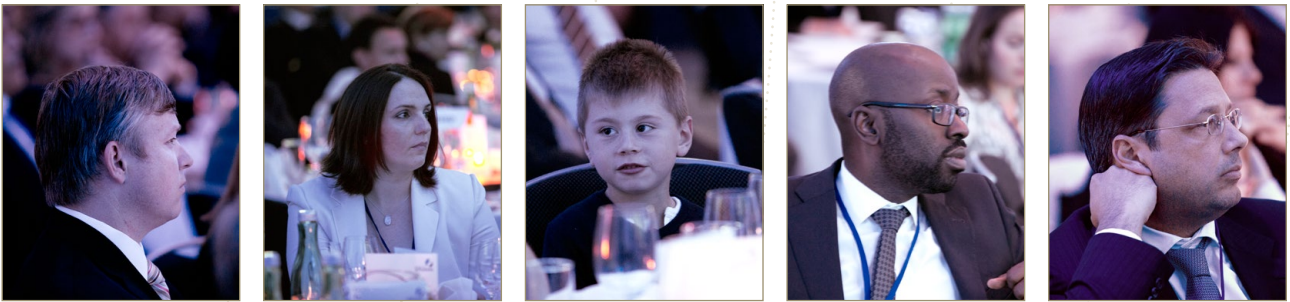
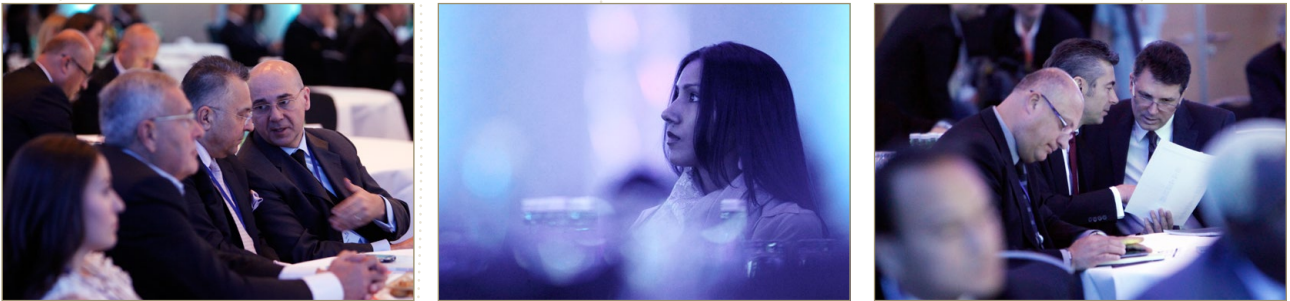
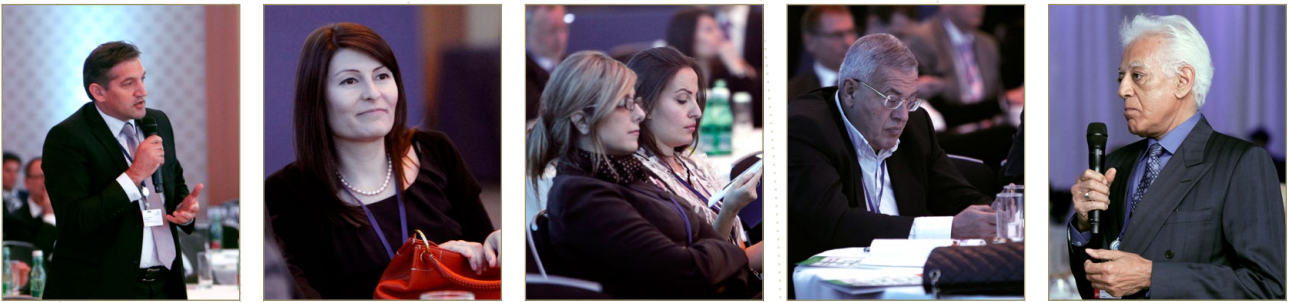
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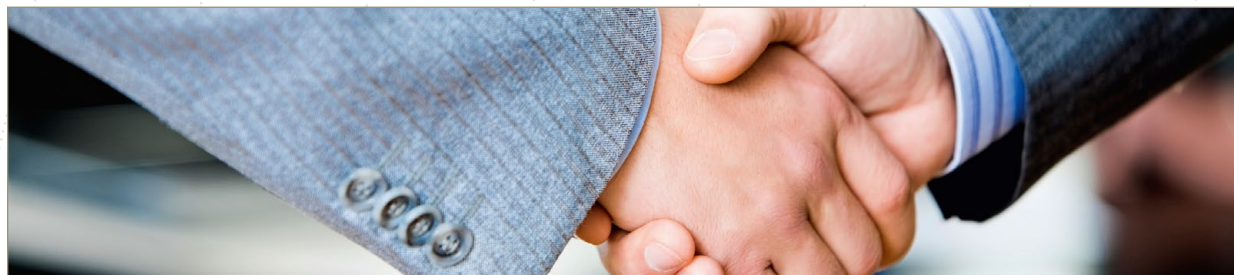
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