



Regional Competitiveness Initiative

AGENDA

DAY 3

DAY 3 (June 18): Internal Discussion - for USAID Missions and Project Implementers

Looking Forward: Future of Bilateral and Regional Programs in Economic Growth, Competitiveness, and Financial Sector Stabilization [Facilitated by Steve Eastham and Neal Nathanson (EE/EG/MT)]

9:00 am – The Future of Economic Growth Activities in the E&E Region

Ken Yamashita – Acting Assistant Administrator USAID E&E Bureau, TBC

9:30 am – Presentation by RCI of its activities and resources, Filip Stoyanovich, RCI Director

9:45 am – Evolution of Competitiveness Project Designs in the E&E Region – Neal Nathanson, Senior Competitiveness Advisor, E&E Bureau

10:00 am – Brief Introductions: Competitiveness Project Models (Each USAID Mission or Competitiveness Project to have **maximum 3 minutes** to introduce the key aspects of their projects)

- **Ukraine** – Terry Miller, USAID Ukraine and Howard Ockman, CoP, LINC Project
- **Kosovo** – David Cowles, CoP, Kosovo Private Enterprise Program
- **Macedonia** – W. Cullen Hughes / Margareta Lipkovska, USAID Macedonia and Nimish Jhaveri, CoP, Macedonia Competitiveness Project
- **Montenegro** – Elizabeth Markovic, CoP, Montenegro STARS Project
- **Moldova** – Sergiu Botezatu, USAID Moldova and Douglas Griffith, CoP, Moldova CEED Project
- **Georgia** – David Gosney, USAID Georgia and Dan Berkshire, CoP, SME Support Project

10:20 am – Short Break

Continued Project Introductions

- **Serbia** – Jim Stein / Alexandra Zoric-Krzic, USAID Serbia and William Seas, CoP, Serbia Competitiveness Project
- **Armenia** – Donald Niss, CAPS Armenia
- **Azerbaijan** – Paul Davis, USAID Azerbaijan and Dani Cruz, CoP, Private Sector Competitiveness Enhancement Program
- **Albania** – Son Nguyen / Alma Kospiri, USAID Albania and James Riordan, CoP, Competitiveness Enterprise Development Program

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** – Amira Vejzagic - Ramhorst, USAID Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:00 am – Open Discussion

- Sectors – ICT, Tourism, Agribusiness, others
- Regional Trade Cooperation and Opportunities

12:00 pm – Networking Break with Brunch

12:30 pm – Brief Presentations and an Open discussion

- Global Development Alliances and Partnerships – **Nancy Wildfier-Field**, Regional GDA Advisor
- Regional Collaboration between Missions – **Jim Stein**, USAID Serbia

1:00 pm – Other Suggested Topics by participants

- Global Recession and Credit Crisis, their impact on our host countries, and their impact on our country programs;
- Energy-related projects;
- Pension reform;
- Capital markets development;
- Additional discussion points suggested by participants.

4:00 – 5:00 pm – Wrap Up, agreement on next steps, actions and next meeting