



## 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 – Opening Session

Maureen Dugan, Director, Office of Economic Growth

9:15 am – Presentation by RCI of its activities and resources, Filip Stoyanovich, RCI Director

9:30 am – Evolution of Competitiveness Project Designs in the E&E Region – Neal Nathanson, Senior Competitiveness Advisor, E&E Bureau

9:45 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 – Terrence Miller, USAID Ukraine and Howard Ockman, CoP, LINC Project
- Georgia – David Gosney, USAID Georgia and Dan Berkshire, CoP, SME Support Project
- Kosovo – David Cowles, CoP, Kosovo Private Enterprise Program
- Macedonia – W. Cullen Hughes / Margareta Lipkovska, USAID Macedonia and Nimish Jhaveri, CoP, Macedonia Competitiveness Project
- Moldova – Sergiu Botezatu, USAID Moldova and Douglas Griffith, CoP, Moldova CEED Project
- Montenegro – Elizabeth Markovic, CoP, Montenegro STARS Project

10:20 am – Short Break

## Continued Project Introductions

- Serbia – James Stein / Alexandra Zoric-Krzic, USAID Serbia and William Seas, CoP, Serbia Competitiveness Project
- Armenia – Donald Niss, Competitive Armenia Private Sector Project
- 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
- Azerbaijan – TBD

## 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 – James 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;
- Follow Up Roundtable “Assisting E&E countries through the Economic Crisis” (Fall 2009 for EG officers/implementers), location in region TBD (Sofia, Budapest, other)
- 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