

Centre for Independent Social Research
Think Tank Partnership Program
International conference

PROSPECTS FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN POSTSOCIALIST COUNTRIES
January 15 – 16, 2004

Conference venue:
Conference hall at the Centre for Non-Commercial Organisations' Development
St.Petersburg, Ligovskii prospect, 87, office 300

Program

15 January

10:00 – 10:15 Opening of the conference:
opening remarks by the Director of Economic Growth Office USAID/Russia
Dr. Paul Mulligan

10:15 – 11:45 Session 1 (moderator Elena Nikiforova)

Irina Olimpieva «Transformation of the Market of Bureaucratic Services: Institute of Intermediaries »
Leonid Polishchuk «Bureaucrats, Businessmen, and Middlemen: Gainers and Losers»

11:45-12:00 coffee-break

12:00 – 13:30 Session 2 (moderator Irina Olimpieva)

Mária Major Dezsériné «Nature of Corruption in the Public Procurement in Hungary»
Klavs Sedlenieks «Corruption in the Process of Issuing Building Permits: Perceptions, Practices, and Recommendations»

13:30-14:30 lunch for the participants

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3 (moderator Leonid Polishchuk)

Tania Chavdarova «Corruption Attitudes and Practices: between Bulgarian and Western Economic Culture»
Vladimir Rimskii «Bureaucracy, clientilism and corruption in Russia»

16:00 – 16:15 coffee-break

16:15 – 17:45 Session 4 (moderator Tania Chavdarova)

Robert Orttung «Correlates of Corruption»
Oleg Zamulin «Monitoring of Administrative Barriers to Small Business Development in Russia»

18:00 dinner for the participants

16 January

10:00 – 14:00 ROUND TABLE: «Civil Society and the Problem of Corruption»

Moderators: Iurii Vdovin (Citizens' Watch) and Oleg Pachenkov (CISR)

There are 4 topics to be discussed:

10.00 – 11.45 Part I: Current situation

Moderator: Oleg Pachenkov (CISR)

1. Inefficiency of anti-corruption measures in Russia: the reasons (*opening word by Oleg Pachenkov, follow-up discussion*)
2. Civil society fighting corruption: possible actors and possible strategies (*short presentations by participants, open floor discussion*)

11.45-12.15 – coffee – break

12.15 – 14.00 Part 2: Prospects

Moderator: Iurii Vdovin (Citizens' Watch)

3. Concrete mechanisms of civil society towards fighting corruption (*presentations of anti-corruption programmes*)
4. Dialogue with authorities: prospects for realisation of anti-corruption programmes in St. Petersburg (*opening word by Iurii Vdovin, follow-up discussion*)

Informational support:

«Expert» magazine

Radio «Svoboda» (SPb branch)

TV «Canal 100»

Conference organisers:

Centre for Independent Social Research

St. Pb., Ligovskii prospect, 87, office 301

Phone/fax + 7 812 118 37 96

Contact persons:

Irina Olimpieva, Elena Nikiforova, Oleg Pachenkov

e-mail: centre@indepsores.spb.ru

Accommodation:

”OKTIABR’SKAIA” HOTEL

St.Pb, Ligovskii Prospect, 43/45 (metro ”Ploshchad’ Vosstaniia”).

Tel. +7 (812) 118 1515