



# PARTNERSHIP FOR OPEN SOCIETY

## THE ROLE OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA AND ENSURING ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE IN ARMENIA

### Public Discussion

### Draft Agenda

December 18, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan, Milano Hall  
Grigor Lusavorich 4/2, Yerevan Armenia

09:45 – 10:00 *Registration of Participants, Coffee*

*Moderator*

Larisa Minasyan, Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Executive Director

*Speakers*

10:00 – 10:15 H.E. Dr. Piotr Antoni Świtalski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of the EU Delegation in Armenia

10:15 – 10:30 H.E. Richard M. Mills, Jr., Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, US Embassy in Armenia

10:30 – 10:40 Garen Nazarian, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)

10:40 – 10:50 Avetik Ishkhanyan, Armenian Helsinki Committee, President

*The perception of the concept “policy” and its interpretation, how it influences the content of civil society-government dialogue*

10:50 – 11:00 Gayane Abrahamyan, "Article 3" Human Rights Club", Founder

*The impact of the policies implemented by the authorities on the image of civil society*

11:00 – 11:10 Vigen Kocharyan, RA Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

11:10 – 11:20 Artur Sakunts, Helsinki Citizen’s Assembly Vanadzor, Chairman

*The role of civil society in developing and implementing human rights protection policies*

11:20 – 11:30 Davit Khachatryan, Expert, Ph.D., OSF-Armenia Justice Group

*The role of civil society in ensuring justice and rule of law in Armenia*

11:30 – 11:40 Garegin Melkonyan, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)

11:40 – 11:50 Levon Barseghyan, Journalists’ Club “Asparez”, Chairman

*The role of civil society in safeguarding accountable governance of state and local self-government bodies*

11:50 – 12:00 Daniel Ioannisyanyan, Union of Informed Citizens, Programs Director

*The role of civil society in forming public opinion*

12:00 – 12:10 Stepan Grigoryan, Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Chairman of the Board

*The importance of EU-Armenia Visa Dialogue in promoting good governance and human rights*

12:10 – 12:20 Larisa Minasyan, Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Executive Director

*EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement as a platform and safeguard for government-civil society constructive collaboration*

12:20 – 13:00 *Discussion, Q&A*

13:00 – 13:10 *Closing Remarks*

13:10 – 14:00 *Refreshment*