

Tirana International Hotel
“Towards Better Governance in Albania”
September 13, 2011

9.30 – 10.00 Registration

Session I - Inaugural

10.00 – 10.05 Welcoming Remarks –Kseniya Lvovsky, Country Manager, WB

10.05 – 10.15 Opening remarks - H.E. Prime Minister, Prof. Dr. Sali Berisha

10.15 – 10.25 Governance and Development –Jane Armitage, Country Director, WB

10.25 - 10.35 Civil Society and Monitoring of the Governance Agenda –Auron Pasha, IDRA

10.35 – 10.45 Governance for Growth and Competiveness - H. E. Minister of Finance, Ridvan Bode

Coffee Break

Session II – Albania’s Governance Profile: Trends and Directions

Moderator - Ambassador Ettore Sequi, the Head of the EU Delegation to Albania (TBC)

11.00 – 11.20 Presentation of a World Bank paper

11.20 – 12.20 Panel discussion focused on procurement, business environment, voice and accountability

12:20-12:30 Concluding remarks

Session III – Governance in the Protection of Immovable Property Rights

Moderator – Flamur Kuci, PM Adviser (TBC)

12.30 – 12.50 Presentation of a World Bank paper

12.50 – 13.50 Panel Discussion focused on the Government strategy on the protection of property rights, local government perspective, and international experience

13:50-14:00 Concluding remarks

14.00 – 15.00 *Lunch Buffet*

Session IV - Civil society action to improve governance

Introduction by the UK Ambassador, Ms. Fiona McIlwham (TBC)

15:00-16:30 – Showcase of winning projects of the Development Marketplace on better governance

Session V- Governance in Education

Moderator - UN representative (TBC)

16.30 – 16.50 Presentation of a World Bank paper

16.50 – 17.50 Panel Discussion focused on sector reforms, public perception, and measures to strengthen accountability

17:50-18:00 Concluding remarks

Session VI– Decentralization and Service Delivery in the Water Sector

Moderator Edlir Vokopola, Urban Institute

16.30 – 16.50 Presentation of a World Bank paper

16.50 – 17.50 Panel Discussion focused on water sector governance and service performance

17:50:18:00 Concluding remarks

18.00 Closing and Reception