

SHORT BIOS OF SPEAKERS

Dirk Reinermann

Dirk Reinermann, a German national, joined the World Bank Group in 1996, as an Advisor to the German Executive Director on the World Bank's Executive Board, a position he held until October 2000. In 2000 he became the Country Program Coordinator for Nigeria, in the World Bank's Africa Department and was based in Washington, DC. Since September 2003, Mr. Reinermann has been the Country Manager for Bosnia and Herzegovina, based in Sarajevo.

Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Reinermann worked for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in Bonn, as human rights expert, speech writer to the Minister and trade economist, and, before that, for Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg, Germany, and Shell South Africa in Cape Town.

Mr. Reinermann holds a Masters Degree in Economics, earned at the Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg, Germany.

Mary McNeil

Mary McNeil coordinates the Socially Sustainable Development thematic group, and Senior Operations Officer in the World Bank Institute's Sustainable Development Division (WBISD). She is also a team member of WBI's Urban Program. Ms. McNeil has been with the World Bank Group since 1986. Before joining WBI in 1997, she was Public Affairs Specialist for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), where she coordinated the Corporation's relations with the NGO community. Prior to IFC, she worked in the World Bank's Vice Presidency for Sustainable Development, where she managed capacity building programs and provided operational support in the urban and water and sanitation sectors, working primarily in Africa and Eastern Europe. In 1992 she launched *The Urban Age*, a quarterly journal on urban affairs.

During 1993-94 she took a leave from the Bank to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government, where she was the Joel Leff Fellow in Political Economy, focusing on community development, participation and urban development issues. Before joining the Bank, she was a journalist covering environmental affairs for *Congressional Quarterly*, where she authored a book on environment and health. She has also worked as an editor/journalist for the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, the National Academy of Sciences, and for several newspapers. Ms. McNeil has a Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Maniza Naqvi

Local Development. Community Development Specialist, Employment Creation. Senior Operations Officer--Social Protection Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Task Team Leader for Community Development Project and the Second Employment Support Project in Bosnia.

André Herzog

André Herzog is a Local Governance Expert trained in U.K (MSc/University College London) and Brazil (BSc/University of São Paulo), with over 14 years of experience

in and across Africa, Latin America, South East Asia, East Europe and Middle East. Substantive areas of expertise: decentralization, social accountability, and local development. Since September 2003, working at the World Bank, leading and contributing to high level technical assistance, operational work, and policy guidance to national, regional, and local governments as well as civil society organizations and learning institutions.

Before joining the Bank, he worked for the InterAmerican Development Bank, and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), and private sector in Brazil, coordinating technical assistance, capacity building, and research projects in Latin America, East Europe, Middle East, and East Asia. His career initiated in France, later moved back to Brazil where he founded his own organization (E+A), lectured at university, founded a new Faculty (School of City) and collaborated with different local governments, and non-governmental organizations.

Emir Dervisevic

Emir has been working in the field of social research for 5 years now. Currently he is employed at Prism Research Sarajevo and over the last 2 years has been mainly focused on public policy in local governance. He had acquired BA in sociology at University of Sarajevo and obtained a Master degree in Decentralized Governance from Central European University Budapest.

Tiago Peixoto

Tiago Peixoto is a PhD researcher at the European University Institute in Florence (EUI). His main research interests are related to identifying factors that contribute to successful policies aiming at reinforcing political participation, such as the role of institutions in participatory engineering or the use of Information and Communication Technologies on democratic procedures (e-democracy). Mr. Peixoto has been involved in pioneering work concerning Participatory Budgeting and also on e-democracy experiences at the local level funded by the European Commission. Among other publications, he is co-author of the report Beyond Public Scrutiny: A Stocktaking of Social Accountability initiatives in OECD countries (WBI / OECD). He holds a Masters in Organized Collective Action (Sciences-Po, Paris) and in Political and Social Sciences (EUI). Mr. Peixoto is also a research associate of the Electronic Democracy Center, a joint venture of the Geneva University, the EUI and the Oxford Internet Institute. Mail: tiago.peixoto@eui.eu

Melissa Pomeroy

Melissa Pomeroy is project coordinator at the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (OIDP) in Barcelona, Spain. She earned her undergraduate degree in International Relations and holds MA in Participation and Sustainable Development. Currently, she is working on her PhD dissertation in Participatory Democracy Practices and Discourses at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She also collaborated with Sao Paulo's Participatory Budget process.

Marina Maslova

Marina Maslova is consultant at the Institute for Urban Economics (Moscow) and professor at the Moscow Technical University. Marina has more than 13 years of experience in consulting projects in public policy (working as a consultant for the

Institute for Urban Economics, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, RTI, etc.). Currently, Marina is the co-ordinator in the Republic of Adygey on the CAF's project on Local Self-Governance and Civil Participation in Rural Russia.

She is also a senior lecturer on computer science (software, hardware, and electronics) at the Moscow Automobile and Road Construction Institute/Technical University to graduate and post-graduate students. As a part of her job, she provides training to lecturers from other universities. Marina became a professor of the Moscow Automobile and Road Construction Institute in 2001.

Marina has published more than 30 articles on both her work in public policy and on computer science. She has been speaker at over 30 international conferences and workshops on public policy, including over 20 workshops on local self-governance under the Project Open Russia.

Anara Alymkulova

Anara Alymkulova is a Chair of Board of Directors of the NGO "Counterpart-Sheriktesh". She has been active in the Kyrgyz non-governmental sector for over 8 years. Prior to joining Sheriktash in 2006, she worked with Counterpart International Kyrgyzstan, first, as a project manager and later as a Technical Advisor for NGO Financial Sustainability Program Component of Civil Society Support Initiative Program (USAID). From 2000 to 2005, Anara worked as a Loan Officer for a joint micro-credit program of Mercy Corps International and Central Asian American Enterprise Support Fund. In 2000, she was awarded Contemporary Issues Fellowship funded by Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State to conduct an advanced research on "Micro crediting and its role in the economy" at the Florida State University.

Currently, she is working as Liaison Officer for Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic and civil society organizations within "Public Finance Reform" (DFID) to make permanent changes to the state approach to dealing with civil society groups to meet the demand from citizens for more efficient and transparent management of public finance. Anara earned her MBA from Academy of Management, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

Imanaliev Kairat

Imanaliev Kairat is a founder and a head of Public Association of Invalids having Higher Education "Namys" for more effective protection of disabled people's interests and rights. Prior to founding Namys in 2002, Kairat was elected as a chairman of the board of directors at the disabled people's Association of Auyezov district at Almaty city in December 1992, and was elected as a vice-chairman of Almaty municipal association of disabled people in 1995. From 1987 till 1991, he lectured at the department of optics and physics of plazma at the Kazakh State University (KSU). He also worked at the Kazakh Polytechnic Institute from 1980 till 1984.

He is an executive secretary of the Coordinating Council on disabled people's interests and rights protection, attached to the mayor of Almaty city. Kairat takes part in discussing and outlining laws concerning lives of people with disabilities. He is a permanent member of a workgroup working with the Government and Parliament on developing bills and State programs concerning disabled people's issues. He was one of the initiators and active participants of the Law "About social protection of people with disabilities", and also republican and regional programs of disabled

people rehabilitation for 2006-2008. He received trainings in Social Partnership, Financial Stability of non-governmental organization (NGO), fundraising, operation of projects, advocacy campaigns, and NGO participation in a budgeting process.

Kairat graduated with distinction from a physical faculty/ department of the Kazakh State University (KSU) in 1980. He earned his post-graduate degree on the subject of "Nonlinear wave mixing in the relativist magnetoactive plazma" at the KSU in 1987. He also worked for the Physical Institute after Lebedev (Moscow city) of the USSR Academy of Sciences to the quantum radio physics department. He is married, has three children, and the 1st group of disability since childhood.

Kairat is author of many scientific articles in Soviet, Russian and foreign magazines and books: "Legislation in relation to disabled people: review and comments" (in co-atorship, in Russian language) (159 pages), Almaty 2003, Budgetary Policy Forming with the purpose of Almaty city disabled people supporting" (in Russian language) 2004, Legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan in relation to disabled people: review, comments and proposals" (in co-atorship, in Russian language) (280 pages), Almaty city 2004, "How Invalid can find a job: advice to invalid and employer" (in co-atorship, in Russian language) (55 pages), Almaty city 2005, "Distributing materials for legal workshops for disabled people (in co-atorship, in Russian language) (60 pages), Almaty city 2005, "Collection of legislative and legal acts re Social protection of invalids at the Republic of Kazakhstan, Part 1 (in Kazakh language 273 pages & Russian language 271 pages), Almaty city 2006, "Collection of legislative and legal acts re Social protection of invalids at the Republic of Kazakhstan, Part 2 (in Kazakh language 183 pages & Russian language 195 pages), Almaty city 2006, Program of disabled people rehabilitation for 2006-2008 (in Kazakh language 354 pages & Russian language 358 pages) Almaty city 2006, "Forming of disabled people vital activity surroundings. Access to buildings and dwelling houses" (in Kazakh language 55 pages & Russian language 444 pages), Almaty city 2006.

Bakhtiyor Inamov

Bakhtiyor Inamov currently serves as the Senior Project Manager for Capacity Building for Urban Institute Tajikistan under the USAID Local Government Initiative II. He has nearly 20 years of experience in academics, project management, and training. Before joining Urban Institute, Bakhtiyor managed micro-credit, economic development, and agricultural programs for Mercy Corps, as well as conducting field research. He has managed diverse training projects, oversaw a private company, and held a leadership position at the Tajik University of Technology.

Bakhtiyor specializes in designing and implementing technical training programs, which are tailored to fit the participant needs and the Tajik context. He has conducted over 300 trainings for local government officials and managers on diverse topics such as Modern Budgeting in Tajikistan, Citizens Involvement Techniques, Public Procurement, Role and Responsibilities of Local-Self Government, Strategic Planning, Garbage Collection and Street Cleaning Costs and Fees, and developed different training curriculums and modules. He has a good experience in conducting of national conferences in partnership with the state bodies; in development and implementation of grant programs and civil forums in corporation with the local self-government.

Bakhtiyor's broad experience provides him with a unique knowledge of local government in Tajikistan. He knows many of the key leaders at the national and local level working on local government issues and is respected as a trainer and highly qualified specialist. These personal relationships and his professional attitude increase his ability to gain access to key local government leaders, attain unbiased and high-quality information, and to facilitate joint agreements. Bakhtiyor Inamov uses his experience and unique access to improve training programs, grant projects, and technical assistance, and to increase the overall quality of his work. During his experience he developed more than 13 publications and presentations related to his work. Bakhtiyor is a fluent in Russian, Tajik and Uzbek and is proficient in English.

Gulnara Derbisheva

Gulnara Derbisheva has been working in NGO sector since 1998. In 1999 Gulnara and her colleagues from a small village school established "*Insan-Leilek*" Public Foundation. The main objective of the NGO is promotion and lobbying interests of youth and women in rural areas. For achievement of that goal the NGO conducted huge educational work in raising awareness among young people and women about their rights, the ways of increasing their participation in social life of the village. Thus, the idea of involving young people to decision making processes at the local level emerged. For the first time in Batken oblast, the organization together with the village youth conducted Public Hearings on problems of the youth. As a result of those Public Hearings, a provision in local 2002 budget of Isfana village administration for item "Expenditures for work with youth" was made. The amount envisaged was not huge but for local young people knowing that their needs and problems are taken into account by local administration had much greater impact. At the moment 12 staff members and 44 volunteers work for the Foundation.

Gulnara graduated from Orenburg Pedagogical University with specialization of a teacher of Russian language and literature. Now she is studying at the Academy of Management under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic specialized in non-profit management.

Vano Tavadze

Vano Tavadze is a manager of the Cross Sector Partnership Program of the Horizonti Foundation since September 2001. Previously he served as a lawyer of the CSPP of the Horizonti Foundation (2000-2001), State advisor and Deputy Chief of the International Relations Department of the Georgian Constitutional Court (1997-2000), lawyer at JSC Georgian Propane Gas. He has a law degree from the Tbilisi State University. Since joining the Horizonti Foundation he has had extensive experience providing technical assistance, training and advise to local nonprofit organizations on legislative, advocacy and inter-sector partnership issues.

Vahan Movsisyan

Since 1999 the Chairman of Community Finance Officers Association (NGO). 2004 the member of the committee on Local Self -Government under the President of the Republic of Armenia. Since 2006 the national expert of the "Performance Budgeting at the Local Level" UNDP program. Worked as: 1994-96 the deputy mayor of Ashtarak city, 1996-99 adviser of the mayor of Ashtarak city, 1999-2002 and 2002-2005 the member of the Ashtarak municipality council. Since 1999 the he has done

several expert works for international organizations (USAID, World Bank, JTZ, UNDP, DFID, and etc.) as an expert on local level.

- Implemented projects
- ✓ Monitoring within the framework of the MCA Armenia project (2006-2007, OSI)
- ✓ Strategic Planning and Capital Budgeting at Local level (2006-2007, RTI)
- ✓ Development of Financial Equalization Mechanism in Armenia (2005-2006, OSI/FDI)
- ✓ Study on Rural infrastructure of RA (2005-2006, World Bank)
- ✓ Community Database (2002-2003, Barents Group, USAID)
- ✓ Assistance to Establishment of Informational Analytical Centers In Armenian Municipalities (2001-2002, Eurasia Foundation)
- ✓ Establishment of International Analytical Centers In Municipalities of Armenia (1999-2001 Eurasia Foundation)

Publications

- "Municipal budgeting"- handbook-1999
- "Principals of Local Self-government"- (co-author) manual for students- (co-author) -2000
- "Municipal Automatic Systems" – manual for using computer programs - 2001
- "Local self government in Armenia" - (co-author) -2005
- "The Ways of the Local Government System Development in the Republic of Armenia"
(co-author)-2005
- "Performance Budgeting in Local Self-Government System" (co-author) -2006
- "The development of the Financial Equalization Mechanism in Armenia" -2007

Education

- 1974-79 - Yerevan Polytechnic institute
- 1981-86 - Moscow Economic institute
- 1997-98 - course on "Modernization of Financial Management" (ICMA, USAID)
- 1998 - course on "Training of Trainers" (ICMA, USAID)

Zurab Burduli

Zurab Burduli is Executive Director of GYLA, with LL.M degree in Public International and European Law. Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA) is one of the largest and strongest Georgian NGOs, founded in 1994. Uniting more than 700 members and operating through the country with 8 offices, GYLA strives for Rule of Law, Human Rights protection, Good governance, Transparency and accountability of the government, Legal and civic education.

Gubad Ibad Oglu Bayramov

G. I. Bayramov is an economist from Azerbaijan and an Associate Professor at Azerbaijan State Economic University (ASEU) in the Department of Economic Analyses. He received scientific degree (Ph.D. in Economics, 1999) from ASEU. Currently he is doctorate at the Academy of National Economy at the Government of the Russian Federation. Conducted research at the Higher Economic School, Warsaw in 1999/2000 and at Central European University, Budapest in 2004/2005. Currently employed as an assistant professor at the "Economic Analysis" Department of

Azerbaijan State Economic University. He held the following **Positions outside academic environment:** Chairman of Economic Research Center (www.erc-az.org) and editor-in-chief "Expert" magazine (www.ekspert.az); National Coordinator of the NGO Coalition of EITI (Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative); and Member of National Budget Group (Ongoing Project). G.I. is author of over 45 scholarly publications, including five books, major papers and one monograph named "Theoretical and methodological problems and retrospective economic analysis of privatization" and recently published policy paper titled "Problems of Fiscal Equalization and Decentralization of Local Governments in Azerbaijan". For more details and full text, see http://lgi.osi.hu/publications/2006/345/FDI_FE_Azerbaijan.pdf

Co-authors "Basics of Economics", "Budget Guide", "Explanatory dictionary of Budgeting Terms", "How to analyze Municipal Budget", "Public Hearings", "Budgeting memory of An Education Employee", "Citizen's Guide over Budget: 2005 and 2006 fiscal year", "Budgetary memory of a Health employee", "World Trade Organization and Azerbaijan", "Organizing and Financing of Primary Health Services (in 3 volumes)", "Targeted Social Assistance: Fairness, Targeting, Equality principles" published in 2004-2006. for further details, please go to: <http://www.erc-az.org/Publications.php>

Vugar Bayramov

Vugar Bayramov, the chairman of Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD, more information can be obtained at <http://www.cesd.az>) is alumni of Washington University in St.Louis (USA). His recent publications were published in "Open Space" Journal (South African Republic) as well as by Brighton University (UK) and SPF Press (Japan) in 2006. In addition serving as chairman of CESD, he also teaches "Public Finance" and "Macroeconomics" course at the State Economic University in Azerbaijan.

Rudina Toto

Ms. Toto is an urban planner and an expert in urban environmental management issues. She owns expertise in urban management and urban governance. She has managed strategic planning and spatial planning processes at the municipal level along with public budgeting and establishment of municipal information system. Currently, she holds the position of Head of the Urban Environmental Management Unit in Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development. Since 3 years, she gives lectures at the Polytechnic University of Tirana, while being involved lately also as a lecturer at POLIS, private International University for Architecture and Urban Policies.

Suncica Sazdovska

Suncica Sazdovska is committed to the civil society development and democratization in Macedonia. She works as a Head of Civil Society Department in the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation - one of the largest local civil society organisations. She has 10 years experience in management of programs focused on institutional development of civil society sector and organisational strengthening of CSOs. She has built profound relations with the leaders of the Civil Society Community in Macedonia and played facilitating role in the establishment of the Civic Platform of Macedonia and NGO Fair-Forum of the civil society in Macedonia. She maintains permanent relations with the representatives of the Government concerning the cross-sector cooperation. Significant part of her portfolio

includes also delivery of training courses focused on management and good governance of CSOs.

Suncica Sazdovska has graduated on the faculty of technology at the University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje and currently is completing her post-graduate studies on Strategic Management at the European Center for Peace and Development of the United Nations University for Peace, Belgrade. She is author and co-author of few papers and research publications, including "Trust and responsibility for societal issues in Macedonia" – (MCIC), 2006 and "Civil Society Index in Macedonia" – (CIVICUS, MCIC), 2006.

Igor Stojanovic

Igor Stojanovic has ten years long experience in the work in non-governmental sector in BiH and the region of Balkan. He is a co-founder of one of the most influential non-governmental organisations in BiH, the Centres for Civic Initiatives, in which he has been working as a Director for Development and Fundraising since 1999.

He has participated in a series of BiH and international projects by working in the fields of research, advocacy and/or independent evaluation of activities. In addition, he has significant consultant and trainer experience in the fields of non-profit boards of directors, analysis and policy development. He is a volunteer member of the executive governing body and one of the co-founders of the Central and Southeast Europe Citizens Network (CEE CN).

He has graduated in management and he has gained additional education in America and Western Europe countries.