

Time for Action in the Baltic Sea Region

The conference is drawing together the most important business transparency initiatives in Latvia and region wide. Corporate leaders of business integrity will present their cases of positive change and discuss challenges of putting business integrity into practice.

"There are economic leaders who demand and promote clean business", Huguette Labelle, Chair of the Board, Transparency International

## February 14th, 2013

Riga Business School, Skolas iela 11, Rīga, www.rbs.lv

9:00 - 9:30

Registration, coffee

9:30 - 11:00

Opening of the Conference, Part I

## Looking Inside the Business Transparency: Can it be Measured

Presenting new **Corporate Transparency Index** created by Transparency International (TI) in 2012 -

Speaker: KAREN EGGER, head of Private Sector work of TI Secretariat (Berlin),

former Citibank (US) vice-president

**Regional Transparency Indexes** – a chance for growth in organisational commitment; corporate index of Sweden and Norway

Speakers: BIRGITA NYGREN, Chair of the Board of Transparency International Sweden

ARVID HALVORSEN, Board member of Transparency International Norway,

former NorskHydro executive (via webstream)

Panel Discussion "How Transparency and Anti-corruption Tools help the companies to achieve their goals: Sucess and Challanges"

Speakers: Mr. MIKA WINQVIST (Finland), Siemens, Head of the Compliance in the Baltics SEB, Statoil, tbc K.Egger, B.Nygren, A.Halvorsen

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15

Part II

## Working Towards Better Governance of State Owned Enterprises in Latvia

Looking at the current satus quo and efforts by the government and NGOs to improve the governance of the state owned companies. The panel will highlight the most important aspects of the reform and share some of the best practices.

Speakers: DANIELS PAVLUTS, Minster of Economy of Latvia

Justin W. Bancroft, the Baltic Institute for Corporate Governance

Panel: Representative of: the Latvian Privatisation Agency (on best practice selecting the

Supervisory Board members), Citadele bank (the most transparent SOE in the Baltics as per BICG 2012 study), members of the government's working group to improve governance



**13:15 - 14:00** Coffee/lunch break

14:00 - 15:30 Part III

## Setting Government's Agenda to Improve Transparency of Business Environment

Many business organisations have expressed their concerns as well as suggestions towards corruption-free business community in Latvia. This panel aims to present the Government with a common proposal. Representatives of the government institutions will present their view of the business responsibility towards better Governance, as well as will answer the questions about the reforms going forward.

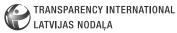
Speakers: JUTA STRĪĶE, KNAB (Anti-corruption bureau), reprepsentative of the Latvian government in OECD Working Group Against the Bribery of Foreign Officials
ANDREJS JUDINS, member of the Parliament (Vienotība), tbc
JERRY WIRTH, Chair of the Foreign Investors Council of Latvia

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15:30 - 15:40 Closing of the conference, ways forward

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