



Mediation in Kosovo: Maximizing Potential

1-2 DECEMBER 2009
PRISTINA, KOSOVO

The conference on Mediation in Kosovo is hosted by the **Kosovo Ministry of Justice** and organized by the **CSSProject for Integrative Mediation** and **Partners Kosova** and is open to the public.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, 1 December and Wednesday, 2 December 2009 at the Grand Hotel in Pristina, Kosovo.

The goal of the conference is to support the implementation of the Law on Mediation through ensuring the effective integration of mediation into the dispute resolution system in Kosovo and thereby contributing to the reduction of the case backlog in the court system. The objectives are:

- To develop concrete recommendations to the Ministry of Justice on how to modify the Law on Mediation to facilitate implementation;
- To reach societal consensus regarding the possible applications for mediation services in Kosovo;
- To generate a body of knowledge on mediation specific to the conditions in Kosovo.

The Minister of Justice, **Ms. Nekibe Kelmendi** and the former International Mediator, **Prof. Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling** will welcome participants to the conference. The Keynote speech will be delivered by the internationally experienced mediator **Dr. Noa Zanolli** (formerly of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Swiss Red Cross and former Director of Education at the Iowa Peace Institute).

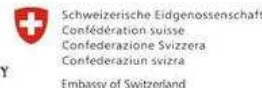
In addition to the plenary sessions, **working groups** consisting of local and international experts will focus on:

1. Legal challenges & possible solutions to the development of mediation in Kosovo
2. Possibilities for Intercommunity Mediation in Kosovo
3. The role of mediation in resolving property disputes in Kosovo
4. Building capacity and certification in mediation (pending)

The conference provides an opportunity for professionals and all interested stakeholders to work together to promote the use of mediation as a tool for resolving conflicts and reducing the judicial backlog in Kosovo.

We kindly ask you to register for the by emailing to: mediation@cssproject.org.

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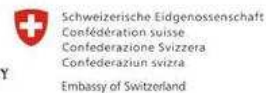
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Conference Agenda – Day 1

Tuesday 1 December 2009
Hotel Grand, Pristina, Kosovo

8:30	Arrival of participants
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Juan A. Diaz, Director, CSSProject for Integrative Mediation (CSSP) ▪ Shukrije Gashi, Center Director, Partners Kosova ▪ Prof. Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling, Honorary President of CSSP, former EUSR to Bosnia and Herzegovina, former International Mediator in BiH ▪ Hans-Dieter Steinbach, German Ambassador to Kosovo ▪ Nekibe Kelmendi, Minister of Justice
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Keynote Speaker Address</p> <p>Dr. Noa Zanolli, Swiss mediator and consultant, former Director of Education and Research at the Iowa Peace Institute (USA), former consultant for the Swiss Government, Agency for Development and Cooperation & the International Department of the Swiss Red Cross</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Facilitated Panel Discussion: 4 panellists that will discuss topics guiding the working groups. <i>Moderator: Dr Juan A. Diaz</i></p> <p>Panelists: Lynn Cole, USAID Avdy Hoxha, University of Pristina Bedri Bahtiri, Chair of Division for Policy and Legislation, Ministry of Justice Shukrije Gashi, Partners Kosova</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch (provided)</i>

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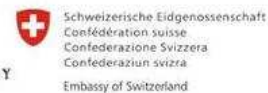
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14:00 – 16:00	Working Group Session 1 (each working group will have a facilitator, a rapporteur, and 10-15 invited experts) This session of the working groups is also open to the public. Invitees are asked to register for a working group prior to attending the conference.	
	1. Legal challenges & possible solutions to the development of mediation in Kosovo	Room A
	2. The role of mediation in resolving property disputes in Kosovo	Room B
	3. Possibilities for Community Mediation to support case resolution	Room C
	4. Building capacity and certification in mediation	Room D
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	Working Group Session 2	
17:30 – 18:00	Closing of Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rapporteurs present conclusions from their working groups in front of all the invitees in the plenary ▪ Closing comments from Dr Juan A. Diaz & Shukrije Gashi 	

Simultaneous interpretation (Albanian/English/Serbian) will be provided.

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Conference Agenda – Day 2

Tuesday 2 December 2009
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9:00 – 9:15 <i>Experts only</i>	Welcome & Summary of the previous day
9:15 – 10:00 <i>Experts only</i>	Expert Discussion on Recommendations Final drafting of recommendations in a plenary setting with all invited experts
10:00 – 10:30 <i>Experts only</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:00 <i>Experts only</i>	Drafting of Final Strategy for the Integration of ADR services/mediation into the dispute resolution system in Kosovo
12:00 – 13:30 <i>Experts only</i>	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Translation of the documents</i>
13:30 – 14:00 <i>open to public and media</i>	Presentation of Final Strategy to the Ministry of Justice & other stakeholders
14:00 – 14:30	Closing <i>Dr Juan A. Diaz, Shukrije Gasbi & Fatime Ismaili (Chairperson of the Mediation Commission)</i>

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