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**AGENDA (version on October 17)**

*October 21, 2023*

Castel MIMI, Bulboaca Village, Anenii Noi District, Republic of Moldova

8.00 – departure by buses from Chisinau to Castel Mimi

9.00 – 10.00 – Welcome Coffee break and registration of participants

10.00 – *Welcome by Krzysztof Lisek, IRI Resident Program Director*

*Opening Speech by Kent D. Logsdon, US Ambassador*

*Opening Speech by Katarina Fried, Ambassador of Sweden to Moldova*

*Opening Speech by Antonia Ferrier, IRI Vice President for External Affairs*

*Special Address by Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament TBC*

*Special Address by Erin McKee, Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, USAID*

PANEL 1

**10.30 – 11.30 – Debate with President of the Republic of Moldova, *Maia SANDU***

*Moderator: Daniel Voda TBC*





11.40 – 12.00 – Group Foto

PANEL 2

**12.00 – 13.00 – Women in International Politics**

*Speakers:*

- *Dalia Grybauskaitė, Former President of the Republic of Lithuania, Former EU Commissioner*
- *Prof. Danuta Hübner, MEP, former UN Deputy Secretary General, former EU Commissioner*
- *Liliana Palihovici, former MP and Deputy Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Gender, president of the "Institutum Virtutes Civilis" Public Association*

*Moderator: Alexei Tulbure*

**13.00 – 14.20** Lunch – buffet style

**14.30 – 15.15** *"Fighting for democracy" - keynote Speech of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, National Leader of Belarus*

*Moderator: Krzysztof Lisek*

PANEL 3

**15.20 – 16.20 Women in National Politics**

*Speakers:*

- *Natalia Gavrilița, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova (online)*
- *Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, former MEP from Sweden, Member of the Board Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation*
- *Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, former MEP, former Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education*

*Moderator: Oxana Iuteș*





#### PANEL 4

##### **16.30 – 17.45 – Women in Local Politics**

##### Speakers:

- *Anna Bauseneick, CDU, member of Landtag (regional parliament) of Lower Saxony*
- *Mariana Gâju, Mayor of Cumpăna Commune, Constanța County*
- *Irina Vlah, Former Baskan of Gagauzia, Republic of Moldova*
- *Nadejda Darie, Former Mayor of Zberoia, Nisporeni – 5 terms, Secretary of Women Mayors Network CALM*
- *Cristina Frolov, President of Constantin Mimi Foundation Sustainable and Rural Development*
- *Olha Pikula, member of the Mariupol City Council*

*Moderator Alexandru Demianenco*

#### PANEL 5

##### **17.50 – 18.50 Paved by law: Women shaping democracy**

##### Speakers:

- *Doina Gherman, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Chairwoman of the Committee on Foreign Policy and European Integration*
- *Robert Biedroń, MEP, chairman of the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament (online)*
- *Dominika Stojanoska, UN Women Representative to Moldova*
- *Iana Stanțieru, Director of Human Resources Europe, Middle East and Africa Johnson&Johnson Vision, Vice President Platforma DA*

*Moderator Victor Tănase*

##### **19.00 -19.20** Closing remarks

- *Alexei Buzu, Minister of Labor and Social Protection*
- *Erin Doss, Acting Director, Office of Democracy and Governance, USAID*
- *Krzysztof Lisiek, IRI Resident Program Director*

**19.30** – Bus 1 departure from Castel MIMI to Chisinau

**19.30 - 22.00** – Seated dinner

**22.00** Bus 2 departure from Castel MIMI to Chisinau

