

Forum on local democracy in Armenia

“Outlook for the future: a new agenda for decentralisation “

10 November 2017

Armenia Marriott Hotel, Tigran Mets Hall, Yerevan, Armenia

- 9:30 **Registration of Participants**
- 10:00 **Opening**
Chaired by **Mr. Davit Lokyan**, Minister of Territorial Administration and Development of Armenia
- Welcoming remarks**
- **Mr. Karen Karapetyan**, Prime-Minister of Armenia (tbc)
 - **Ms. Gudrun Mosler-Törnström**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 - **Mr. Lukas Gasser**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation in Armenia
 - **Ms. Natalia Voutova**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan
- 10:30 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 **Introductory Session: State of play - Territorial administrative reforms and decentralisation in Armenia**
- **Overview of territorial administrative reforms in Armenia and next steps**
Mr. Vache Terteryan, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development
 - **Overview of the need for decentralisation for the development of local democracy in Armenia**
Mr. Emin Yeritsyan, President of the Communities Association of Armenia, Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (Congress)
- 11:15 **Thematic Discussion I¹: Decentralisation of competencies/transfer of powers to local level**
- Short speeches by the panelists
- Q&A session; Discussion

¹ in “Davos format” - each speaker makes a 5 minute introduction followed by discussions in the panel and with the audience. No power point presentations or formal speeches will be used, to foster an open debate and lively interaction.

- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 1400 **Thematic Discussion II: financial decentralisation**

Short speeches by the panellists

Q&A session; Discussion
- 15:45 **Closing remarks**
Chaired by **Mr. Emin Yeritsyan**, President of the Communities Association of Armenia
- 16:00 **“Best Community” award ceremony**
Reception on the occasion of the Local Self-Government Day in Armenia and the 20th Anniversary of the Communities’ Association of Armenia