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**December 15, 2015**

Parus Business Center, 2 Mechnykova St.

**FORUM**

**“25th Anniversary of the Local Self-Government in Ukraine:**

**High Time for Decentralization”**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration. Welcome coffee.**

**11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Opening of the Forum**

* **Holger Tausch,** Director of the Swiss Cooperation Office
* **Berend de Groot,** Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Ukraine (TBC)
* **Jed Barton,** USAID Mission Director

*Moderators:*

* **Hanna Bezulyk,** journalist

**11:25 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Panel discussion “Kyiv Does Not Know Any Better: Challenges and Solutions Within the Local Self-Government Reform”**

*Panelists:*

* **Volodymyr Groysman,** Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine *(TBC)*
* **Vyacheslav Nehoda,** First Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Housing and Utilities
* **Anatoliy Tkachuk,** Director of the Civil Society Institute, RPR expert on the decentralization and local self-government reform
* **Olena Boiko,** Member of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on State Building, Regional Policy and Local Self-Government
* **Yuriy Bova,** Mayor of Trostianets
* **Oleksandra Sheremetyeva,** Mayor of village Omelnyk, Poltavskyi region

**12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Panel discussion: “Constitutional Amendments as a Key to a Comprehensive Reform of Decentralization”**

*Panelists:*

* **Yuriy Klyuchkovskyi,** Member of the Constitutional Commission
* **Ihor Koliushko**, Chairman of the board of the Center of Policy and Legal Reform, RPR expert on the constitutional and administrative reforms
* **Yuriy Hanushchak,** Director of the Institute of Territorial Development, DESPRO expert, and RPR expert on the reforms of decentralization and local self-government
* **Petro Stetsiuk**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
* **Victoria Ptashnyk,** Member of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on economy policy, Member of the Constitutional Commission

**1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Final conclusions of the moderators**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Reception**

***Working languages:*** *Ukrainian/English*

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