

## Day 1: Sunday, February 28, 2010

Inaugural Presentation of Policy Forum Armenia's Report on

# Armenia-Diaspora Relations: 20 Years Since Independence

Moderator: Honorable John Evans, Former Ambassador of the U.S. in Armenia

**Opening Keynote Address:** Dr. Daniel Kaufmann, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution

#### **Presenters of the Report:**

Dr. Asbed Kotchikian, Edgar Martirosian, Esq., Dr. Zaven Kalayjian, and Dr. David Grigorian

#### **Discussants:**

Dr. Rouben Shougarian, former Ambassador of Armenia in the U.S., Tufts University, USA Dr. Razmik Panossian, Director of Policy and Planning; Rights and Democracy, Canada

Where: The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC When: 7:30—10:00 PM. Cocktail reception to follow.

## Day 2: Monday, March 1, 2010

Young Professionals Forum: Armenia-Diaspora Relations Georgetown University, Washington, DC

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00—9:30 Opening address
- 9:30-11:00 Young Professional Session I
- Moderator: Dr. Zaven Kalayjian, Johns Hopkins University and PFA

Speakers:Jennifer de Mucci, Fordham University<br/>Pouring Salt on Old Wounds: Psychological Impact of the ProtocolsTamar Palandjian, George Mason University<br/>Interest-based Analysis of the Protocol-related Armenia-Diaspora Rift<br/>Henry Dumanian, City University of New York<br/>The Diaspora and Democracy in the Homeland

#### 11:00-11:30 Coffee break

### 11:30—1:00 Young Professional Session II

Moderator:	Professor Richard Hovannisian, UCLA, Department of History
Speakers:	Dzovinar Derderian, Georgetown University and PFA Democracy in Armenia and Diaspora-Armenia Relations Ted Tourian, Burgh, Balian & Bergstein, LLP and PFA
	The Accountability of Diaspora Organizations to Armenians Hayk Sargsyan, Johns Hopkins University and PFA Relations Between Armenia and Its Diaspora: A Comparative Perspective Vahe Heboyan, University of Georgia and PFA 20 Years of Economic Engagement: Rethinking Values and Approaches

#### 1:00-2:00 Luncheon

Luncheon Keynote Address: Raffi Hovannisian, First Foreign Minister of Armenia; Founder, Heritage Party

2:00-4:00	Senior Professional Session I
Moderator:	Professor Susan Karamanian, George Washington University Law School
Speakers:	<ul> <li>Professor Ara Sanjian, University of Michigan, Dearborn, USA Lessons Diaspora Can Learn from its Own Experience</li> <li>Viken Attarian, VP, Policy Commission, Liberal Party of Canada (Quebec), CANADA Moving Forward or Aside? Last Chance for Directionless Diasporas</li> <li>Ara Papian, fmr. Ambassador of Armenia in Canada, Modus Vivendi Center, ARM. Pan-national Idea as a Basis for the State Power and National Unity</li> <li>Larisa Alaverdyan, MP, National Assembly, Heritage Faction, ARMENIA Shattered Dreams and an Uncertain Outlook: What Went Wrong Since Independence?</li> </ul>

#### 4:00—4:30 Coffee break

4:30—6:30 Senior Professional Session II

Moderator: Professor Catherine Kessedjian, Pantheon-Assas University, Paris, FRANCE

 Speakers: Artsvik Minasyan, MP, National Assembly, ARF Faction, ARMENIA Social and Economic Problems of Armenia: Ways Out and Diaspora's Role
 Igor Muradian, Institute of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, ARMENIA Problems and the Purpose of the Armenian Diaspora
 Professor Khachig Tölölyan, Wesleyan University, USA Negotiating without Guarantees: the Possibility of Homeland-Diaspora Cooperation
 Professor Onnig Beylerian, Université du Québec à Montréal, CANADA On the Mechanisms of Diaspora Consolidation

#### 8:00—10:00 Cocktail Reception at Melrose Hotel, Georgetown, Washington, DC

# Day 3: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

## 10:00—1:00 Thematic Discussions for Young Professionals

Concurrent thematic discussions among young professionals (YPs) will be held on the following broadly defined topics:

- International relations and geopolitics—hosted by the Armenian National Committee
- Journalism and freedom of expression—hosted by the Voice of America Armenian Service

The objective of these thematic meetings is to allow the YPs to discuss alternative mechanisms for more effective Armenia-Diaspora engagement in their particular area by building on the proceedings of Days 1-2 of the Forum. Each individual group will produce minutes of the discussions summarizing their findings to be posted on PFA's website.