Democracy in Cuba:
Seeking Common Initiatives

Conference of the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Date: 25th – 26th April 2007
Venue: Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Tiergartenstr. 35, Berlin, Germany

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9:00 – 9:30  Registration

9:30 – 11:00  Opening Plenary Session

Opening Speech:  Mr. Václav Havel, former President, ICDC member, Czech Republic

Opening Address:  Mr Bernhard Vogel, President Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Germany (TBC)
Mr. Lech Walesa, former President, Poland
Mr. Luis Alberto Lacalle, former President, ICDC member, Uruguay
Mr. Rexhep Meidani, former President, ICDC member, Albania

Statement from Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State, ICDC member, USA
Presented by Ambassador Harriet Babbitt

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30  Mr. Günter Nooke, Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Germany

12:30 – 12:45  Video greetings from Cuba:
Mr. Oswaldo Payá Sardinas, Christian Liberation Movement
Mr. Vladimir Roca Antúnez, Cuban Social Democratic Party
Ms. Martha Beatrix Roque Cabello, Assembly to Promote Civil Society

12:45 – 13:15  Press conference
13:15 – 14:45  
*Lunch hosted by KAS*

15:00 – 17:00  
**First Session:** (two parallel workshops, participation based on registration)

**Workshop 1: Power of the Powerless - Cuban democrats and independent civil sector**

*Questions to be addressed during this workshop:*
How is the independent civil society working to protect human rights and to promote democracy? What are the non-political activities of civil society? What are the sources of information for these groups? What are their common projects? What plans for the future transition of Cuba do they work with?

*Introduction:*
Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice-president of the European Parliament, United Kingdom

*Moderator:*
Ms. María Luisa Bascur, International Helsinki Federation, Austria

*Panelists:*
Mr. Manuel Vazquez Portal, former political prisoner, Cuba/USA  
Ms. Annabelle Rodríguez, Asociación Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana, Cuba/Spain  
Ms. Sylvia Iriondo, President of M.A.R. Por Cuba, Cuba/USA  
Mr. Julio Hernandez, foreign representative of Christian Liberation Movement, Cuba/Puerto Rico  
Mr. Osvaldo Alfonso Valdes, former political prisoner, Cuba/Sweden  
Ms. Olivia Ocampo, International Group for Corporate Social Responsibility, Cuba/Curazao

*Rapporteur:*
Mr. Gonzalez Cáceres, Deutsche Welle, Germany (TBC)

15:00 – 17:00  
**Workshop 2: Cuba after Castro - What path will Cuba take?**

*Questions to be addressed during this workshop:*
This workshop will show different scenarios of the future in Cuba. What will be the influence of international actors on the situation in Cuba and who are these actors? What will be the important countries of influence for Cuba? What steps can be taken at present in order to influence the future peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba? Is the Cuban society prepared for changes and what kind of change will the Cubans want?

*Moderator:*
Ms. Hildegard Stausberg, Die Welt, Germany

*Speakers:*
Mr. Carlos Alberto Montaner, Cuban Liberal Union, Writer, Cuba/Spain  
Ms. Claudia Zilla, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany  
Mr. Gutenberg Martinez, Chile  
Ms. María C. Werlau, Director of Cuba Archive, Cuba/USA  
Dr. Orlando Gutiérrez, Directorio Democrático Cubano, Cuba/USA

*Rapporteur:*
Mr. Rafael Rubio, Asociacion Espanola Cuba en Transicion, Spain

17:00 – 17:30  
**Reports from the Rapporteurs**

17:30 – 19:30  
*Reception hosted by KAS*

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**Thursday, April 26**

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<td>What is the outcome of present common position of the EU towards Cuba? What should be the main focus in the current situation? What should be the measures taken by EU member states but also EU institutions to support the future democratic change in Cuba?</td>
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<td>Mr. Fernando Gril, Member of the International Youth Committee for Democracy in Cuba, Argentina</td>
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What is the main objective of policies towards Cuba of various international actors? What are the measures taken to achieve such objective? What are common goals and initiatives of the different actors? What are the biggest obstacles in achieving the objective? Is there need for cooperation on approach to Cuba? What can be the measures of such cooperation?

Introduction:  Reports from the workshops 3 and 4

Moderator:  Mr. Igor Blaževič, People in Need, Czech Republic

Panelists:  Mr. Caleb McCary, Coordinator for Assistance to a Free Cuba, US Department of State, USA
Mr. Andrzej Jaroszyński, Director of the Department of Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
Mr. Arnold Vaatz, Member of Parliament, ICDC member, Germany
Mr. Jaime Trobo, Member of Parliament, Uruguay
Mr. Julio Borges, president of Primero Justicia party, Venezuela
Mr. Frank Calzon, Director of Center for a Free Cuba, Cuba/USA

Rapporteur:  Ms. Liduine Zumpolle, Cuba Futuro, The Netherlands

14:00 – 14:30  Final Remarks:

Speakers:  Mr. Arnold Vaatz, Member of Parliament, ICDC member, Germany
Mr. Markus Meckel, Member of Parliament, ICDC member, Germany

14:30 – 16:00  Lunch hosted by KAS

Partners of the conference are: