



15th Central Asia Media Conference: reflecting on OSCE media freedom commitments

**Hyatt Regency
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
27-28 June 2013**

Agenda

Wednesday, 26 June 2013

19:00 Reception hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Hyatt Regency Bishkek

Day 1, Thursday, 27 June 2013

09.30 – 10.00 REGISTRATION

10.00 – 11.00 OPENING SESSION

Moderator:

Andrey Rikhter, Director, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Welcoming remarks

Ambassador Sergey Kapinos, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Erines Otorbaev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic

Natalia Nikitenko, Member of Parliament, member of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport

Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Keynote speaker

Mark Johnson, Community Editor, The Economist

The age of mass intelligence

- How long-established news organisations can flourish online
- How The Economist is embracing social media, and giving voice to its readers
- Why tablets and mobiles are a blessing, not a curse

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 SESSION I. Fifteen years of the CAMC. The changing media landscape.

Moderators:

Michael Unland, Senior Advisor, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Adilia Daminova, Project Officer, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Keynote speaker

Eric Freedman, Associate Professor of Journalism, Michigan State University

Fifteen years of media freedom developments in Central Asia: a retrospective overview of major developments in the region and prospects for the future

Presentations on media developments in Central Asia for the last 15 years

Kyrgyzstan

Leila Saralaeva, journalist, *Delo Nomer* newspaper

Kazakhstan

Arystanbek Nurmakhanov, Vice-Chairman of the Information and Archives Committee of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Tamara Kaleyeva, President of the International Foundation for Protection of Freedom of Speech
“Adil soz”

Tajikistan

Mahmudkhon Saraev, Chief Specialist of the Information-Analytical Department, Executive Office of the President of Tajikistan

Nuriddin Qarshiboev, Chair, NANSMIT (National Association of Independent Mass Media in Tajikistan)

Turkmenistan

Muslim Musayev, First Secretary, International Information Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

Sergey Ejkov, Editor-in-chief of Internet newspaper UzMetronom.com

Guest speaker:

Mongolia

Adiyasuren Erdenebileg, Officer, Press and Public Relations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

13.00	Group photo
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break
14.30 – 17.30	Session I continues.
18.30	Reception hosted by the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, Supara Ethno Complex

Master class. Media's changing role

9.30 – 11.00 SESSION II. How media and media regulation have changed in recent years

Moderator:

Douglas Griffin, Albany Associates

Introduction to the master class. Overview.

Speakers:

Jem Thomas, Albany Associates – how media has changed internationally

Assomiddin Attoev, Internet Service Providers Association, Tajikistan -- regional changes

Douglas Griffin, Albany Associates – communications regulation in a changing world

An interactive, facilitated discussion including three brief presentations on how media and the regulation of media has changed in recent years and how it looks today, both internationally and in the region. Specifically, speakers will introduce and discuss the following topics:

- Traditional mass media, including terrestrial and satellite broadcasting and print media
- Advancements in the Internet and social media
- How these advancements have changed the way people receive and exchange information internationally
- How these changes have taken place on a regional level
- Regulation of traditional mass media
- The legacy of regulation of traditional mass media and its impact on ways various governments have attempted to regulate the Internet and social media
- Questions of jurisdiction and challenges of enforcement
- Self-regulatory mechanisms of offline and online content
- Information and media literacy as a way of protecting society

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 SESSION III. Freedom of expression online. Scenarios and group work

Facilitators:

Douglas Griffin and Jem Thomas, Albany Associates

Participants will be divided into groups to discuss two or more scenarios where the regulation of communications is at issue, requiring each group to balance the need for freedom of speech with other rights and decide how the issue would be decided in their home countries and how policy could be shaped to address the issue best in the future. Such scenarios will focus on online speech, and may include the following:

- Speech on twitter considered by law enforcement to be incitement to violence
- Comments on a website deemed to be defamatory by the authorities
- A blog post considered to be hate speech

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.45 SESSION IV. Drafting conference recommendations. Group work.

Conference participants are divided into two groups to contemplate media freedom issues and take stock of the issues raised during previous conferences by:

- examining previously adopted declarations,
- identifying the major media development issues in their countries and
- drafting recommendations in the form of an action plan.

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15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 CLOSING SESSION.

Rapporteurs inform the audience on the group work discussions.

Moderator:

Andrey Rikhter, Director, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Closing remarks

Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media