



**Commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
*the Gift of Democracy and the Frost-Solomon Task Force*  
*by the Polish Senate and Sejm***

**DRAFT AGENDA**

June 7, 2010  
Warsaw, Poland



**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

*Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of Frost-Solomon Task Force*

**9:00-10:00 WELCOMING REMARKS**

Delegates will be welcomed by representatives of Senate and Sejm and the Frost-Solomon Task Force.

**10:00-11:00 MEDAL PRESENTATIONS, EXHIBITION VISITING, GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AND COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00-12:30 PM OPENING PANEL: CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Congressional assistance to parliaments in Central and Eastern Europe provided peer-to-peer assistance at a time when this support was needed. It also established a model for Congressional peer-to-peer assistance which lives on in the House Democracy Partnership. The panel will provide opening remarks reflecting on the successes and challenges of the Frost-Solomon Task Force, and highlight lessons that may be applied for countries that are engaged in the House Democracy Partnership.

**12:30-2:00 PM BUFFET LUNCH (SENATE GARDENS)**

**2:00-3:00 PM DISCUSSION: FROST-SOLOMON TASK FORCE COUNTRIES**

The moderators will invite representatives from the nine Central and Eastern European countries to discuss their experiences working with the Frost-Solomon Task Force, and share the lessons that they learned through this peer-to-peer assistance.

**3:00-3:30 PM COFFEE BREAK**

**3:30-4:30 PM LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE: DEVELOPING PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICES AROUND THE WORLD**

A key aspect of the assistance provided by the Frost-Solomon Task Force was to support the development and strengthening of parliamentary research services. The panel will discuss the importance of a robust parliamentary research service, and address ways that the lessons learned through the Frost-Solomon Task Force can continue to be applied in the development of parliamentary research services across the globe.

**4:30 PM CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**