



## **Facilitation Workshop**

### **Profiles of International Experts**

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***Dalia Bardauskiene, Adviser to the Mayor of the City of Vilnius on Strategic Planning and Development Issues, Lithuania***

Dalia Bardauskienė has extensive experience managing internationally funded programs in Lithuania. This includes serving as local manager on the Fiscal Decentralization Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe and as local project coordinator for the Canada-Baltic Municipal Cooperation Program, both of which were managed by the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI). In addition, from 1999-2001, she acted as a local expert on EU PHARE projects concerning EU accession, strategic planning, and economic development. Ms. Bardauskienė led the development of the first official (spatial) plan for the City of Vilnius, the Vilnius strategic plan, and the Vilnius and Kaunas regional strategic plan. She is currently a member of the board of both Lithuanian Knowledge Economy Forum and Science Part-cluster "Sunrise Valley." She has proven skills and expertise in public participation in municipal processes, municipal and regional planning, economic development, investments planning, strategic planning, and writing, presenting and training professionals about urban issues. Ms. Bardauskienė holds a specialization degree in Architectural Engineering from Vilnius Technical University and a Certificate of Planning and Architectural Design from the Ministry of Environment of Lithuania.

***Tibor Frank, Lead International Expert, RGD Project, Canada***

Tibor Frank serves as the Lead International Expert of the Regional Governance and Development Project. He is an economist and educator. Dr. Frank established and developed CUI's International Programs Office and led it for 14 years. He has 15 years of international development experience and is a recognized Canadian expert in international cooperation in the areas of public sector reform, good local governance, decentralization, municipal capacity building, sub-national finance, and economies in transition. Dr. Frank was a Canadian representative on the World Bank's Committee on Fiscal Decentralization. He has served as a member of the UN Habitat Technical Advisory Committee for Best Practices and as a member of the Canadian delegation for UN Habitat to Istanbul. Since 1991, Dr. Frank has acted as director and/or expert on 27 donor-funded development and technical assistance projects, including those funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Bank. Between 1991 and 1992, he also served as an international advisor to the Mayor of Toronto. He holds a Summa Cum Laude Doctor of Economic Sciences from the University of Economics (Budapest), an M.A. in Education/World History and a M.Sc. in Education/Science from Eötvös University (Budapest) and a B.A. in International Relations & Business Management from the College of Foreign Trade (Budapest). He is fluent in English, Hungarian and Russian, and also speaks German.

***Alan Vigoda, Civil Society Expert, Foundation for International Training, Canada***

Mr. Alan Vigoda has 25 years of experience as a training, organizational development, and communications specialist in the public and non-profit sectors, including civil society. He has managed and led a wide range of complex development programs focusing on strengthening institutions through needs assessment, planning, design, and implementation of capacity building programs and technology transfer. Throughout his career, Mr.



Vigoda has consistently engaged with civil society institutions, non-governmental organizations, non-formal learning groups, and community based organizations, sharing skills and experience and encouraging connections, networking, and access to resources. Through numerous consultancies, Mr. Vigoda has led multi-disciplinary teams and built expertise in needs assessment, strategic and implementation planning, and facilitation of action plans involving stakeholders from local through national levels. He is an accomplished trainer and has developed training strategies, standards, and accreditation systems that respond to gaps in capacity and service delivery, in addition to developing comprehensive training programs and multi-media training materials for both the public and private sectors. Mr. Vigoda has designed and facilitated numerous participatory consultation processes with multiple stakeholders and has developed comprehensive and realistic action plans to improve client and public communications, service delivery, and training programs for the public and non-profit sectors. He has previously worked on development and technical assistance projects in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, The Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Yugoslavia. He also works with organizations and communities in Canada, including aboriginal communities. Mr. Vigoda holds a Master of Arts in Adult Education from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from York University.

**Shahan G. Deirmenjian, Policy Planner, Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Canada**

Shahan G. Deirmenjian has an extensive public sector experience in community planning, policy review; research; program service delivery; preparation of Cabinet submissions; quantitative and qualitative analysis; building working relationships with internal and external stakeholders; issues management; project management; and leadership. Currently he is a policy planner with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario, Provincial Planning and Environmental Services Branch. He is responsible for researching government priorities relating to municipal economic development, retailing, public and private partnerships, land use planning, Brownfields development and emerging complex and sensitive issues, managing projects in support of the Prosperity Demonstration Fund for economic renewal and development involving Brownfields and Business Improvement Areas etc. Until 2000 Mr. Deirmenjian was an area planner with the Ministry. Before that he was a planner at the Regional Municipality of Peel, where he conducted economic research and analysis of proposed and established agricultural policies relating to the Peel Region Official Plan and developed and recommended amendments, deletions or the development of new policies and strategies to ensure that Stakeholder's needs were addressed. Before that he occupied a position of the community planner at the Department of Municipal Affairs, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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