



REGIONAL NETWORK MEETING

Challenge or Resource? Recent Immigrants in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania

07 October 2009

Venue: "The European Union House", Aspazijas bulvaris 28, Riga, Latvia

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DRAFT AGENDA

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11.45– 12.00 Registration & light refreshment

12.00 – 12.15 Opening

Alain Zodeougan, Chairman of AFROLAT Afro-Latvian Association

Marijs Graudin, Director of Information office of the European parliament in Latvia.

Julia Kovalenko, project coordinator, LICHR

12.15 – 12.45 National minorities in Latvia, *Irina Vasiljeva*

12.45 – 13.00 Questions

13.00– 13.30 "Immigrant integration in Latvia".

Nils Muznieks, Ph.D. Director of Advanced Social and Political Research institute

13.30 – 13.45 Questions

13.45 – 14.10 Access to the labour market: law, practice, discrimination and stories of success

Peter Mensah, Vice-Chairman AFROLAT Afro-Latvian Association

14.10 – 14.20 Questions

14.20 – 14.50 Coffee Break

14.50 – 15.20 Political participation of immigrant population in Latvia: challenges, obstacles and achievements

Boris Cilevich

15.20 – 15.30 Questions

15.30 – 16.20 Creation resource centre for immigrants from Ukraine

Vladimir Stroi

16:20-16:30 Questions

16.30– 16.50 Naturalization of new immigrants

Baiba Jakovleva Head of International Cooperation and society Integration of Naturalization department of Latvia

16.50 – 17:00 Questions

17:00 – 17.10 Closing of the conference

Julia Kovalenko, project coordinator, LICHR