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Social Entrepreneurship for the Businesses in Azerbaijan

On October, 27, 2009, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) in cooperation with the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan and the Lodestar Foundation is organizing seminar devoted to Social Entrepreneurship for Businesses in Azerbaijan. The guest speakers from Lodestar Foundation, Ashoka, Community Foundation network and Institute for Philanthropy, leading philanthropic foundations from the U.S. and UK will share their thoughts on the models of Social Entrepreneurship and other models of Corporate Philanthropy. The event will also include a discussion with the audience regarding the subject.

Mr. Jerome Hirsch, a Founder and Chairman of The Lodestar Foundation, will emphasize why it is important to support and expand collaboration in corporate philanthropy. Then the Vice President of Ashoka (the worldwide network of social entrepreneurs) Ms. Lisa Nitze will make a presentation on how Ashoka is facilitating connections between social and business entrepreneurs around the world.

Mr Matthew Bowcock, a highly successful business entrepreneur and philanthropist, Chairman of the Community Foundation Network, will make a speech about the Models for Developing of Community Foundations. At the end of the seminar Ms Fenella Rouse, the Deputy Director of the Institute for Philanthropy, will talk about models of strategic philanthropy.

Participants will include representatives of well-known national and multinational companies, associations and organizations in Azerbaijan.

The event is co-organized with the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan that combines over 200 leading foreign and local companies actively involved in the social philanthropy in the country.



EPF is the legacy institution of Eurasia Foundation (EF), a privately managed non-profit organization established in 1992 to deliver seed capital to emerging civil society organizations in the former Soviet countries. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development and other public and private donors, EF has invested nearly \$18 million in Azerbaijan through grants and technical assistance since 1993.