

**U.S. Programs Board Meeting
Open Society Institute**

September 22 – September 23, 2010

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th Street, Room 3A/B

2:00 – 2:15 Opening of U.S. Programs Board Meeting

2:15 – 4:00 Discussion of Criminal Justice Fund

Review of Criminal Justice Fund goals and strategies

Moderator: Bryan Stevenson

Staff: Leonard Noisette, Program Director

Meeting and discussion with Criminal Justice Fund Grantees

Moderator: Kung Li, OSI Global Fellow

Panelists: Vanita Gupta, Deputy Legal Director and Director
 of the Center for Justice, ACLU
 Jakada Imani, Executive Director, Ella Baker
 Center for Human Rights
 Maurice Emsellem, Policy Co-Director, National
 Employment Law Project

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 4:45 Update on drug policy reform and report on September 17 meeting
 of experts

Staff: Leonard Noisette

4:45 – 6:00 Discussion of request to renew the National Security and Human Rights
 Campaign

Moderator: Aryeh Neier

Staff: Nancy Chang, Campaign Manager
 Steve Rickard, Executive Director, OSI-DC
 Mort Halperin, Senior Advisor, OSI-DC

Panelist: Farhana Khera, Executive Director, Muslim
 Advocates

6:00 – 6:30 Break
 (Buffet dinner will be served)

- 6:30 – 8:30 Discussion of U.S. Programs 2011-12 Budget, Part I
(George Soros will not participate)
- 6:30 – 6:45 Overview of budget and key shifts and trends
- Staff: Ann Beeson
- 6:45 – 7:15 Discussion of budgets for core programs
- Moderator: Deepak Bhargava
Staff: Eric Ferrero
- 7:15 – 8:00 Discussion of budgets for new or shifting special initiatives
(Includes the State Strategies Initiative, the evolution of the
Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative, and the Special Fund
for Poverty Alleviation)
- Moderator: Ethan Zuckerman
Staff: Bill Vandenberg
Raquiba LaBrie
Mimi Corcoran
- 8:00 – 8:30 Overall allocations and remaining questions
- Moderator: Jonathan Soros
- 9:00 Nightcap: Place TBD

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8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast available

9:00 – 2:00 Discussion of U.S. Programs 2011-12 Budget, Part II
(George Soros participates)

9:00 – 10:30 The external climate for open society in 2011-12

Moderator: Andy Stern
Discussants: Steve Rickard
Geoff Canada
Mallika Dutt
Deepak Bhargava

- The changing landscape in DC
- The impact and opportunities from the economic crisis
- The resurgence of xenophobia and racism
- The need to expand public support

10:30 – 12:00 Key strategies for advancing open society in 2011-12

Moderator: Geoff Canada

- Advancing short-term advocacy goals (drug policy, criminal justice, immigration, voting rights)
- Combining advocacy with direct service, research, communications, and public education
- Supporting anchor organizations
- Strengthening capacity in the states

12:00 – 12:15 Break
(Buffet lunch will be served)

12:15 – 2:00 Overview and recommendations from the Budget Committee and Board
(EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY)

Moderator: Jonathan Soros

- Brief review of budget process
- Changes, if any, that emerged from the Board's morning session
- Recommendations from the Budget Committee and the full Board
- Final approval of the U.S. Programs budget