

**U.S. Programs Board Meeting
Open Society Institute
March 4-5, 2009**

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- 2:00 Welcome, U.S. Programs Board meeting begins
(400 West 59th Street, Conference Room 3a/b)
Ann Beeson
- 2:10 Minutes from December 3, 2008 U.S. Programs Board Meeting
- 2:30 *Technology and Advocacy: New Strategies for Organizing and Innovation*
- Moderator: Sherrilyn Ifill
- Panelists: Heidi Boisvert, Multimedia Manager, Breakthrough
Bobby Clark, Executive Director, ProgressNow
James Rucker, Executive Director, Color of Change
- 4:40 Break
- 4:45 Discussion: Special Funding to Seize This Transformative Moment
- 5:45 Meeting breaks
- 6:30 Cocktails and Dinner, hosted by George Soros
1060 Fifth Avenue, enter on East 87th Street

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8:30 Breakfast

8:45 *Technology and Democracy: New Tools for Transparency and Civic Engagement*

Moderator: Ethan Zuckerman

Panelists: Malkia Cyril, Executive Director, Center for Media Justice
Laura Kurgan, Director, Spatial Information Design Lab,
Columbia School of Architecture
Micah Sifry, Editor, Personal Democracy Forum

10:45 Break

11:00 Discussion of OSI partnership to support former JEHT Foundation Grantees
-- Erlin Ibreck, Director, Strategic Opportunities Fund

11:30 Discussion of OSI's grant to the Drug Policy Alliance
-- Leonard Noisette, Director, Criminal Justice Fund

Noon Meeting adjourns