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FIFTH ANNUAL
**INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-TO-
KNOW DAY CELEBRATION**

Presented by WCL's Collaboration on Government Secrecy

September 28, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC**

In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 85 nations of the world now enjoy the benefits of "government transparency" laws akin to the FOIA. In the United States, "Freedom of Information Day" is celebrated each year on or near March 16 (the birthday of James Madison), and now since 2002 members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated "International Right-to-Know Day" annually on September 28, a day marking their progress, commitment, and unity of purpose.

9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks -- *Daniel J. Metcalfe*, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law

9:40 a.m. Keynote Presentation -- *Morton H. Halperin*, Senior Advisor, Open Society Institute and Open Society Policy Center, and former Director of Policy Planning, Department of State

10:45 a.m. Transparency Worldwide: A Survey of Recent Developments -- *Scott Amey*, General Counsel, Project On Government Oversight (POGO); *Thomas S. Blanton*, Director, National Security Archive; *Fabiola Isabel Rivas*, Senior Research Assistant, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law; and *Thomas M. Susman*, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, American Bar Association (moderator)

- 12:15 p.m. Freedom of Information in South Africa: A live video-link exchange with Johannesburg** -- *David B. Hunter*, Professor and Director, International Legal Studies Program, Washington College of Law; *Sylvester Murray*, Professor of Government and Public Administration, Savannah State University, Professor Emeritus, Cleveland State University, and Chairman, Africa Working Group, National Academy of Public Administration; and *Professor Jonathan Klaaren*, Dean, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Presentation** -- *Maria Otero*, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Department of State
- 2:00 p.m. Transparency Video** -- presented by *Catalina Reyes*, U.S. Advocacy Officer, Publish What You Fund
- 2:15 p.m. International Transparency Principles: A review of Draft International Principles on National Security and the Right to Information** -- *Michael Camilleri*, Human Rights Specialist, Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States; *Sandra Coliver*, Senior Legal Officer, Freedom of Information and Expression, Open Society Justice Initiative; *Philip J. (P.J.) Crowley*, Professor, Penn State University Dickinson School of Law, and former Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; and *Patrice McDermott*, Director, OpenTheGovernment.org (moderator)
- 3:15 p.m. U.S. Global Transparency Leadership: The New Open Government Partnership** -- *Toby McIntosh*, Managing Editor, freedominfo.org, and Steering Committee Coordinator, Global Transparency Initiative; *Caroline P. Mauldin*, Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Department of State; *Katherine McFate*, President and CEO, OMB Watch; *Isabel Munilla*, Director, Publish What You Pay U.S.; and *Anthony Richter*, Associate Director, Open Society Foundations, and U.S. CSO Co-Coordinator, Open Government Partnership (invited)

General Registration -- no charge.

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