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The Szazadveg Foundation is a non-profit organization performing political and economic research, and advisory and training activities. This think-tank is independent of the government or any political parties and has been operating as a foundation since its establishment in 1990. Szazadveg publishes the results of its research to the public at large and also provides professional services to economic institutions, political and civil organizations, political parties, and the government. ♦ E-mail: [gazso@szazadveg.hu](mailto:gazso@szazadveg.hu); website: <http://www.szazadveg.hu>.

### **Iceland ♦ Centre for Social and Economic Research (RSE)**

RSE is an independent, non partisan, non-profit organization in Reykjavik, Iceland, founded in 2004. Its mission is to promote an understanding of private property and free-market ideas for a progressive, democratic society. RSE achieves its mission through programs of publication and conferences. Its work is assisted by a council of academic advisors of the highest standard from various academic fields. RSE is funded entirely by voluntary contributions from its supporters. ♦ E-mail: [birgir@rse.is](mailto:birgir@rse.is); website: <http://www.rse.is>.

### **India ♦ Centre for Civil Society**

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is an independent, non-profit, research and educational organization inaugurated on August 15, 1997 and devoted to improving the quality of life for all citizens of India. The CCS maintains that, having earlier attained their political independence from an alien state, the Indian people must now seek economic, social, and cultural independence from the Indian state. This can work from two directions simultaneously: a “mortar” program of building or rebuilding the institutions of civil society and a “hammer” program of readjusting the size and scope of the political society. The CCS conducts monthly

dialogues on topical issues to introduce classical liberal philosophy and market-based solutions into public debate. It has published *Agenda for Change*, a volume in 17 chapters that outlines policy reforms for the Indian government, Israel Kirzner's *How Markets Work*, and *Self-Regulation in the Civil Society*, edited by Ashok Desai. It organizes Liberty and Society seminars for college students and journalists. ♦ E-mail: parth@ccsindia.org; website: <<http://www.ccsindia.org>>.

#### **Indonesia ♦ The Institute for Development of Economics and Finance**

E-mail: lndef@indo.net.id; website: <<http://home.indo.net.id/~indef/>>.

#### **Ireland ♦ Open Republic Institute**

The Open Republic Institute (ORI) is Ireland's only platform for public-policy discussion that is specifically interested in individual rights within the context of open society and open market ideas. The ORI works within a non-political framework to provide public-policy analysis and new policy ideas to government, public representatives, civil servants, academics, students, and citizens. ♦ E-mail: pmacdonnell@openrepublic.org; website: <<http://www.openrepublic.org>>.

#### **Israel ♦ Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies**

The Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies (JIMS) was founded in 2003 in Jerusalem, Israel, as an independent non-profit, economic policy think tank. JIMS' mission is to promote market solutions and limited government in Israel and the region. In order to spread free-market ideas, JIMS conducts original research and publishes public-policy papers and editorials. JIMS also runs a wide range of educational programs that targets elementary school students, high school students, college students and young professionals. ♦ E-mail: corinnesauer@gmail.com; website: <<http://www.jims-israel.org>>.

#### **Italy ♦ Centro Einaudi**

The Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione "Luigi Einaudi" was founded in 1963 in Turin, Italy, as a free association of businessmen and young intellectuals to foster individual freedom and autonomy, economic competition and the free market. The Centro is an independent, non-profit institute financed by contributions from individuals and corporations, by the sale of its publications, and by specific research commissions. The Centro carries on research activities, trains young scholars and researchers, organizes seminars, conferences and lectures, and publishes monographs, books and periodicals, including: the quarterly journal, *Biblioteca della libertà*; *Rapporto sull'economia globale e l'Italia* (Report on the global economy and Italy); *Rapporto sul risparmio e sui risparmiatori in Italia* (Report on savings and savers in Italy); and *Rapporto sulla distribuzione in Italia* (Report on the retail trade in Italy—published also in English). ♦ E-mail: segreteria@centroeinaudi.it; website: <<http://www.centroeinaudi.it>>.

#### **Ivory Coast ♦ Bureau d'Analyse d'Ingenierie et de Logiciels (BAILO)**

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#### **Jordan ♦ Young Entrepreneurs Association**

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#### **Kenya ♦ African Research Center for Public Policy and Market Process**

The African Research Center for Public Policy and Market Process, Kenya, is the first research centre founded in Africa by the African Educational Foundation for Public Policy and Market Process, an independent educational organization registered in the United States. The primary mission of the Center and the Foundation is to promote ideas about free markets and voluntary associations in Africa. The Center conducts research on all aspects of free markets, voluntary association, and individual liberty, and publishes the results to as wide an audience as possible. The Center also organizes seminars and conferences to examine liberty and enterprise in Africa. ♦ E-mail: kimenyi@kippra.or.ke.

**Korea ♦ Center for Free Enterprise**

The Center for Free Enterprise (CFE) is a foundation committed to promoting free enterprise, limited government, freedom and individual responsibility, the rule of law and restraint of violence. Funded by the members of the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), the CFE was founded as a non-profit, independent foundation on April 1, 1997, at a time of economic crisis in Korean society. The CFE has concentrated on championing a free economy through books and reports on public policies, statistics, and analyses. In workshops and policy forums, the CFE has put forward alternatives to policies proposed as solutions for issues facing Korean society. ♦ E-mail: [csn@cfе.org](mailto:csn@cfе.org); website: <http://www.cfe.org>.

**Kyrgyz Republic ♦ Economic Policy Institute—Bishkek Consensus**

The Economic Policy Institute—Bishkek Consensus (EPI), Kyrgyzstan, was created in December of 2003 as a non-profit, non-partisan, independent institute with developed partnerships and cooperative relationships with government, business, international community, civil society, and the news media. EPI's mission is to promote economic, social, and governance reforms in Kyrgyzstan, involving institutions of civil society to elaborate and execute the reforms, developing local potential and using best international experience. Its strategic position is to be an independent and highly objective source of information and research on public-policy issues, as well as an unbiased forum for collaboration of diverse interest groups in the reform of public policy. ♦ E-mail: [office@epi.kg](mailto:office@epi.kg); website: <http://www.epi.kg>.

**Lithuania ♦ Lithuanian Free Market Institute**

Lithuanian Free Market Institute (LFMI) is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1990 to advance the ideas of individual freedom and responsibility, free markets, and limited government. Since its inception, LFMI has been at the forefront of economic thought and reform in Lithuania. Not only has LFMI helped frame policy debates by conducting research and creating reform packages on key issues, it has also conducted extensive educational campaigns and played a key “behind-the-scenes” role in helping to craft and refine legislative proposals. LFMI promoted the idea of a currency board and provided decisive input to the Law on Litas Credibility; it led the creation of the legal and institutional framework for the securities market and contributed significantly to the country's privatization legislation; and it initiated and participated in the policy-making process on private, fully funded pension insurance. LFMI's recommendations were adopted in legislation on commercial banks, the Bank of Lithuania, credit unions, insurance, and foreign investment. LFMI significantly influenced the improvement of company, bankruptcy and competition law.

LFMI has provided a valuable input to tax and budgetary policy. LFMI's influence led to introducing program budgeting, exempting reinvested profits, reducing inheritance and gift taxes, abolishing capital-gains tax, suspending the introduction of real-estate tax, eliminating income tax on interest on loans from foreign banks and international financial organizations as well as revising stamp duties, VAT regulations, and other taxes. LFMI initiated a deregulation and debureaucratization process aimed at eliminating excessive business regulations and downsizing bureaucracy. An important influence was exerted on the revision of employment, capital market, land purchase, and building regulations. Passage was gained for a deregulation-based approach to the fight against corruption. ♦ E-mail: [lfmi@freema.org](mailto:lfmi@freema.org); website: <http://www.freema.org>.

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**Mexico ♦ Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo A.C.**

Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo A.C. (CIDAC) is an independent, not-for-profit research institution devoted to the study of Mexico's economy and political system. Its philosophy is that Mexico's economy can be made viable only through a greater, more efficient, and more competitive private sector. CIDAC was founded in 1980 as an executive training facility for the financial sector at large (public and private, banking and business). It received an endowment from Banamex, then Mexico's largest private bank. In 1983, immediately after the expropriation of the private banks, CIDAC changed its mandate from teaching to research. Over the last five years, CIDAC has held over 40 conferences for businessmen and its professionals continuously address

academic, policy, and business forums. CIDAC has also published 19 books on various economic, political, and policy issues, 45 monographs, and over 500 op-ed pieces in Mexican, American, and European papers and magazines. ♦ E-mail: cidacmx@aol.com; website: <<http://www.cidac.org>>.

#### **Mongolia ♦ Open Society Forum**

The Open Society Forum is an independent, non-governmental, organization founded in 2004. The Forum's goals are to provide quality policy research and analysis and broad public access to information resources pertaining to governance, economic, and social policies. It focuses on economic freedom, land reform, rule of law, freedom of media, campaign financing, nomadic pastoralism, privatization, shadow economy, and education policy. The Forum conducts research and holds conferences to encourage public participation in policy formulation. ♦ E-mail: djargal@yahoo.com; soyoloo@soros.org.mn; website: <<http://www.forum.mn>>.

#### **Montenegro ♦ The Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED)**

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development is the first non-governmental, non-partisan free-market centre established in Montenegro. Its mission is to educate entrepreneurs about private ownership, democratic society, free markets, and the rule of law through a number of programs, initiatives, publications, and events. The Center was established to meet the demand for business knowledge by pioneering entrepreneurs who needed training to operate in a new environment after the break-up of the former Yugoslavia. ♦ E-mail: cfepg@cg.yu; website: <<http://www.visit-ceed.org>>.

#### **Nepal ♦ The Prosperity Foundation**

E-mail: robsitoula@gmail.com; website: <<http://www.samridhi.org>>.

#### **New Zealand ♦ The New Zealand Business Roundtable**

The New Zealand Business Roundtable is made up of the chief executives of about 60 of New Zealand's largest businesses. Its aim is to contribute to the development of sound public policies that reflect New Zealand's overall interests. It has been a prominent supporter of the country's economic liberalization. ♦ E-mail: nzbr@nzbr.org.nz; website: <<http://www.nzbr.org.nz>>.

#### **Nigeria ♦ Initiative of Public Policy Analysis**

The Initiative of Public Policy Analysis (IPPA) is a private, non-profit organization involved in research, education, and publication on matters affecting the freedom of individuals. Its objective is to provide market-oriented analysis of current and emerging policy issues, with a view to influencing the public debate and the political decision-making process. ♦ E-mail: info@ippanigeria.org; website: <<http://www.ippanigeria.org>>; mail: P.O. Box 6434 Shomolu, Lagos-Nigeria.

#### **Norway ♦ Center for Business and Society Incorporated (Civita)**

Civita, the first market-oriented think tank in Norway, was established in 2004. It strives for increased consensus on important market economic principles and their implications for welfare, freedom, and democracy. Civita is also dedicated to promoting personal responsibility and civil society to achieve larger, more important roles in society's development. To communicate its ideas to the public, it conducts research, publishes reports and holds seminars and conferences. ♦ E-mail: Marius.Doksheim@civita.no; website: <<http://www.civita.no>>.

#### **Oman ♦ International Research Foundation (IRF)**

The International Research Foundation (IRF), Sultanate of Oman, was established in 2005 as a non-governmental, independent, non-profit "Think-Tank" based in Oman to conduct research on domestic and international economic issues with emphasis on the Arab World. The IRF has set its research and public-affairs agenda on a collegial basis, relying on the input of its research staff, its editorial board, and its Senior Fellows. It maintains a working arrangement with governmental and non-governmental organizations in the region and other parts of the world. IRF is the regional member of The Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom Network.

The vision of IRF is to create wealth and jobs through the promotion of economic freedom. Its mission is to measure, research, and communicate to a global audience the impact of competitive markets on the welfare of individuals. The Board of Trustees of the IRF consists of high profile private-sector members from different organizations. IRF has initiated the establishment of a network of academic researchers to facilitate research projects, which will help in its endeavor to research economic issues affecting the daily life of individuals. ♦ E-mail: [azzan@ociped.com](mailto:azzan@ociped.com); website: [www.irfoman.org](http://www.irfoman.org).

#### **Pakistan ♦ Alternate Solutions Institute**

Alternate Solutions Institute, founded in 2003, is the first free-market think tank in Pakistan. Its mission is (1) to seek solutions to challenges pertaining to the economy, law, education, and health in accordance with the principles of classical liberalism and (2) to promote the implementation of these solutions. The Institute aims to promote the concept of a limited, responsible government in Pakistan under the rule of law protecting life, liberty, and property of all of its citizens without any discrimination. The Institute conducts research and holds seminars, workshops, and conferences to educate interested students, teachers, and journalists about the principles of classical liberalism. ♦ E-mail: [info@asinstitute.org](mailto:info@asinstitute.org); website: <http://asinstitute.org>.

#### **Palestine ♦ Pal-Think for Strategic Studies**

Pal-Think for Strategic Studies is an independent, non-profit, institute in Gaza, Palestine. It was established in March 2007. Pal-Think's mission is to promote peace, freedom, and prosperity through debate on public issues, producing policy recommendations for the decision-makers in Palestine and the Middle East. The main objective of Pal-Think is to conduct research on thematic issues that serve as a basis for policy debates on matters that are important to the Palestinians, the region, and the international community.

To achieve its vision of being a leading think tank in Palestine and the Middle East, Pal-Think also organizes conferences, workshops, round-table discussions, and other events on specific issues in Palestine and the region to deepen the understanding by the various constituencies and to provide appropriate policy solutions. ♦ E-mail: [omar@palthink.org](mailto:omar@palthink.org); website: <http://www.palthink.org>.

#### **Panama ♦ Fundación Libertad**

The Fundación Libertad, Panama, is a non-profit foundation engaged in the promotion and development of liberty, individual choice, and voluntary cooperation and in the reduction of the size of government. Fundación Libertad was founded in 2001 by members of professional and business organizations to promote free enterprise and democracy and to address issues affecting the freedom of the common citizen including the increasing discretionary power of the state and the proliferation of legislation fostering discrimination and establishing privileges, all of which are contrary to the spirit of democratic capitalism. Fundación Libertad has drawn initial support from sister organizations such as Centro de Divulgación del Conocimiento Económico (CEDICE) in Caracas, Venezuela, and the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Nacionales (CIEN) in Guatemala. ♦ Email: [diablo@diablopty.com](mailto:diablo@diablopty.com); website: <http://www.fundacionlibertad.org.pa>.

#### **Peru ♦ Centro de Investigación y Estudios Legales (CITEL)**

CITEL was organized in 1989. Its principal field is the economic analysis of law. To that end, it conducts research on different legal institutions, publishes books, and organizes seminars and colloquia. ♦ E-mail: [enrique@ghersi.com](mailto:enrique@ghersi.com).

#### **Philippines ♦ The Center for Research and Communication**

The Center for Research and Communication (CRC) has, since 1967, conducted research and published works on domestic and international economic and political issues that affect the Asia-Pacific region. It provides forums for discussion and debate among academicians, businessmen, civil officials, and representatives of other sectors that shape public opinion and chart the course of policies. CRC is the main research arm of the University of Asia and the Pacific in Metro Manila, Philippines, and currently serves as the Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council. ♦ E-mail: [crcfi@info.com.ph](mailto:crcfi@info.com.ph); website: <http://www.crc.org.ph>.

**Poland ♦ Centrum im. Adama Smitha**

The Centrum im. Adama Smitha (the Adam Smith Research Centre—ASRC) is a private, non-partisan, non-profit, public-policy institute. It was founded in 1989 and was the first such institute in Poland and in Eastern Europe. The ASRC promotes a free and fair market economy, participatory democracy, and a virtuous society. Its activities in research and development, education, and publishing cover almost all important issues within the areas of economy and social life. The ASRC acts as a guardian of economic freedom in Poland. More than 50 experts are associated with the ASRC. ♦ E-mail: 1989@smith.pl; website: <<http://www.smith.org.pl/pl/>>.

**Portugal ♦ Causa Liberal**

Causa Liberal is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization of Portuguese individuals who share the principles of the classical liberal tradition and wish to further its application in modern-day Portugal. Its mission is to defend the principles of the free society and its building blocks: individual rights, the rule of law, free markets, and private property. Its primary goals are to establish and consolidate a network of individuals with an interest in the study, discussion, and promotion of the classical liberal tradition, and to advance free-market ideas and policies in Portugal. ♦ E-mail: causaliberal@yahoo.com; website: <<http://www.causaliberal.net>>.

**Romania ♦ Romania Think Tank**

Romania Think Tank is an independent research institute founded in 2003. The Think Tank is funded entirely by its founding members. Its objective is to promote the development of free market, low taxation, reduction of bureaucracy, free trade, and the stimulation of foreign investment. To this end, the Romania Think Tank publishes numerous articles in the Romanian and international media, and studies and analyzes issues relevant to the development of a free-market economy in Romania. ♦ E-mail: office@rtt.ro; website: <<http://www.thinktankromania.ro/>>.

**Russia ♦ Institute of Economic Analysis**

The Institute of Economic Analysis is a macroeconomic research institute that analyzes the current economic situation and policies and provides expert analysis of acts, programs, and current economic policy. It will offer advice to Russian government bodies, enterprises, and organizations and prepares and publishes scientific, research, and methodological economic literature. It also conducts seminars, conferences, and symposia on economic topics. The Institute is an independent, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit research centre that works closely with leading Russian and international research centres. Its research focuses on macroeconomic, budget, and social policies. ♦ E-mail: iea@iea.ru; website: <<http://www.iea.ru>>.

**Serbia ♦ Free Market Center (FMC)**

Free Market Center (FMC) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 2001. It is the only free-market think-tank in Serbia. The Center promotes the understanding and acceptance of ideas like individual liberty, the free-market economy, limited government, and peaceful cooperation. To that end, the FMC strives to achieve greater involvement in redirecting the attention not only of leading thinkers but also of members of the public, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, and students to the role of free markets and the proper role of government. Through publications, discussion forums, and conferences, the Center seeks to disseminate classical liberal ideas. ♦ E-mail: fmc@yubc.net; website: <<http://www.fmc.org.yu>>.

**Slovak Republic ♦ The F.A. Hayek Foundation**

The F.A. Hayek Foundation is an independent and non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides a forum for the exchange of opinions among scholars, businessmen, and policy-makers on the causes of, and solutions to, economic, social, and political problems. It proposes practical reforms of the economy, education, social security, and legislation as the Slovak Republic is transformed into an open society. Education of high-school and university students is a large part of its activities. The F.A. Hayek Foundation promotes classical liberalism, which was virtually absent until 1989: market economy, reduced role of the government, rule of law and individual choice, responsibilities and rights to life, liberty, and property. ♦ E-mail: hayek@hayek.sk; website: <<http://www.hayek.sk>>.

**South Africa ♦ The Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa**

The Free Market Foundation is an independent policy research and education organization founded in 1975 to promote the principles of limited government, economic freedom and individual liberty in Southern Africa. Funding is received from members (corporate, organizational and individual), sponsorships, and the sale of publications. ♦ E-mail: [fmf@mweb.co.za](mailto:fmf@mweb.co.za); website: <http://www.freemarketfoundation.com>.

**Sri Lanka ♦ The Pathfinder Foundation**

The Pathfinder Foundation has replaced the Center for Policy Research. Through informed and well-researched information, it seeks to challenge old ideas and the conventional wisdom, stimulate debate, change public attitudes, and seek new and innovative solutions to the economic and social problems of Sri Lanka. ♦ E-mail: [info@pathfinderfoundation.org](mailto:info@pathfinderfoundation.org).

**Sweden ♦ Timbro**

Timbro is a Swedish think-tank that encourages public opinion to favour free enterprise, a free economy, and a free society. Timbro publishes books, papers, reports, and the magazine, *Smedjan*. It also arranges seminars and establishes networks among people. Founded in 1978, Timbro is owned by the Swedish Free Enterprise Foundation, which has as its principals a large number of Swedish companies and organizations. ♦ E-mail: [fredrik.erixon@timbro.se](mailto:fredrik.erixon@timbro.se); website: <http://www.timbro.se>.

**Switzerland ♦ Liberales Institut**

The Liberales Institut is a forum where the basic values and concepts of a free society can be discussed and questioned. The Institute's aim is the establishment of free markets as the best way towards the goals of openness, diversity, and autonomy. The Liberales Institut is not associated with any political party. Through publications, discussion forums, and seminars, it seeks to develop and disseminate classical liberal ideas. ♦ E-mail: [libinst@libinst.ch](mailto:libinst@libinst.ch); website: <http://www.libinst.ch/>.

**Trinidad and Tobago ♦ Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, The University of the West Indies**

The Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business was created in 1989 as a channel partner for developing managerial talent for the business community in Trinidad and Tobago. Its mission is to empower people and organizations in developing nations to optimize their performance capabilities and international competitiveness through development and deployment of consulting; education, research, and training resources. One of the Institute's core services are business and academic research in areas of real concern to business managers, enabling them to improve their ability to manage successfully in the face of increasingly complex markets. ♦ E-mail: [r.balgobin@gsb.tt](mailto:r.balgobin@gsb.tt); website: <http://www.gsb.tt>.

**Turkey ♦ Association for Liberal Thinking**

The Association for Liberal Thinking is a non-profit, non-governmental organization seeking to introduce the liberal democratic tradition into Turkey. The Association promotes the understanding and acceptance of ideas like liberty, justice, peace, human rights, equality, and tolerance. It also encourages academic writing on liberal themes to help the Turkish people assess contemporary domestic and international changes and attempts to find effective solutions to Turkey's problems within liberal thought. The Association for Liberal Thinking is not involved in day-to-day politics and has no direct links to any political party or movement. Instead, as an independent intellectual group, it aims to set broader political agendas so as to contribute to the liberalization of economics and politics in Turkey. ♦ E-mail: [info@liberal-dt.org.tr](mailto:info@liberal-dt.org.tr); website: <http://www.liberal-dt.org.tr>.

**Ukraine ♦ The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research**

The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) was established in early 1991 as a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-governmental research institution that would increase awareness of democracy among the Ukrainian people and analyze domestic and international politics and security. The UCIPR is politically independent; it does not accept any funding from either the state or any political party. The UCIPR publishes

books and research papers on Ukraine's domestic and foreign policy, the economy in transition, security, relations with neighbouring states, the Crimean dilemma, interethnic relations, and the freedom of the news media. The Center has hosted a number of national and international conferences and workshops. ♦ E-mail: maxim@uncpd.kiev.ua; website: <<http://www.ucipr.kiev.ua>>.

#### **United Kingdom ♦ Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA)**

The mission of the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) is to improve public understanding of the foundations of a free and harmonious society by expounding and analyzing the role of markets in solving economic and social problems, and bringing the results of that work to the attention of those who influence thinking. The IEA achieves its mission by a high-quality publishing program; conferences, seminars, and lectures on a range of subjects; outreach to school and college students; brokering media introductions and appearances; and other related activities. Incorporated in 1955 by the late Sir Antony Fisher, the IEA is an educational charity, limited by guarantee. It is independent of any political party or group, and is financed by sales of publications, conference fees, and voluntary donations. ♦ E-mail: pbooth@iea.org.uk; website: <<http://www.iea.org.uk>>.

#### **United States of America ♦ Cato Institute**

Founded in 1977, the Cato Institute is a research foundation dedicated to broadening debate about public policy to include more options consistent with the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets, and peace. To that end, the Institute strives to achieve greater involvement by the intelligent, concerned, lay public in questions of policy and the proper role of government through an extensive program of publications and seminars. ♦ E-mail: ivasquez@cato.org; website: <<http://www.cato.org>>.

#### **Venezuela ♦ The Center for the Dissemination of Economic Knowledge (CEDICE)**

CEDICE is a non-partisan, non-profit, private association dedicated to the research and promotion of philosophical, economic, political, and social thinking that focuses on individual initiative and a better understanding of the free-market system and free and responsible societies. To this end, CEDICE operates a library and bookstore, publishes the series, *Venezuela Today*, and other studies, provides economic training for journalists, and conducts special events and community programs. ♦ E-mail: cedice@cedice.org.ve; website: <<http://www.cedice.org.ve>>.

#### **Vietnam ♦ Research Center for Entrepreneurship Development**

The Center, founded in 2004, is a non-government research and educational organization devoted to entrepreneurial development of private sector in Vietnam. Its mission is to study the development of policies that create the most favorable institutional and policy environment for entrepreneurial development of the private sector in Vietnam. Through publications, discussion forums, and conferences, the Center seeks to disseminate and encourage appropriate policies and entrepreneurial development. ♦ E-mail: manhcuongiss@gmail.com; website: <<http://www.rced.com.vn>>.

#### **Zambia ♦ The Zambia Institute for Public Policy Analysis (ZIPPA)**

The mission of the Zambia Institute for Public Policy Analysis (ZIPPA) is to promote wider appreciation of the key role of free markets and competition in economic development. Zambia, though peaceful and stable, is currently mired in a combination of protracted poverty, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, political animosities following a disputed election, and scepticism about economic liberalization. In this depressing environment, ZIPPA wants to play a constructive role by promoting realistic economic policies and by suggesting solutions that have been successfully applied in other countries to similar economic problems. ♦ E-mail: zippamail@gmail.com.

