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**Western NIS Enterprise Fund Welcomes Stela Jemna as Country Representative for Moldova**



**Chisinau, Moldova** – Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF), a leading international investment fund, is pleased to announce the appointment of Stela Jemna as the new Country Representative for Moldova. With her extensive experience in project management and deep knowledge of government relations, Stella brings a wealth of expertise to the organization.

Stela Jemna is a seasoned project manager with over 15 years of cross-industry experience in media, non-profit, and government sectors. Throughout her career, she has successfully delivered a wide range of projects, showcasing her skills in policy implementation, stakeholder coordination, and government affairs.

Prior to joining WNISEF, Stela held the esteemed position of Chief of Staff in the Prime Minister's Office of the Government of the Republic of Moldova. In this influential role, she played a pivotal part in driving strategic and policy priorities, overseeing organizational processes, and providing invaluable advice on critical issues.

Stela's contributions expand beyond government work. As Program Director at the National Democratic Institute, she led the successful project "Women with Ideas" where next to the participants in the program implemented local projects and developed impactful programs for political leaders and civic activists.

Stela holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Georgia State University, USA, where she was Fulbright Scholar with a minor in Management and Finance. Additionally, she has a certificate in Western Journalism from the School of Advanced Journalism in Chisinau, Moldova, and a bachelor's degree in finance from the Academy of Economic Studies, Moldova.

In her new role as Country Representative for Moldova at WNISEF, Stela Jemna will leverage her extensive experience and expertise to drive the fund's strategic initiatives in the region. Her proven track record in project management, government relations, and stakeholder coordination will play a crucial role in furthering WNISEF's mission of supporting sustainable economic development and entrepreneurship in Moldova.

"We are thrilled to welcome Stela Jemna to our team as the Country Representative for Moldova," said *Jaroslawa Johnson, WNISEF President and CEO*. "Her wealth of experience, exceptional leadership skills, and deep understanding of the local landscape make her the ideal candidate to represent our organization in Moldova. We are confident that Stela's contributions will greatly contribute to our efforts in fostering economic growth and creating positive change in the region."

***Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF)*** is a \$285 million regional fund, a pioneer in Ukraine and Moldova with over 29 years of successful experience in investing in small and medium-sized companies. WNISEF was funded by the U.S. government via the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Since its inception, WNISEF's cumulative investments total over \$188 million to 136 companies employing 26,000 people and made it possible to unlock \$2.3 billion for companies in Ukraine and Moldova.

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