

NEWSLETTER



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STUDIES

IDFI HAS PREPARED FOUR STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER 2015:

- Statistical Data on Gender Equality in Civil Service
- Georgia in World Governance Indicators
- Strategic Litigation Case of IDFI vs MOF
- Comparative Analysis of FOI Legislation in Georgia and Pakistan
- UEFA Super Cup Tickets for Public Institutions

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



City Court Held MIA and Prosecutors Office Responsible for Paying Damages to Giorgi Kldiashvili

ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTING AND MONITORING OF THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING IN GEORGIA

The goal of the project “Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia (2015)” is to monitor the activities, outline the problematic aspects, make recommendations and advocate the switchover process.

Ucha Seturi, Expert at IDFI gave a speech about Georgia’s Digital Terrestrial and its impact on Media Pluralism at OSCE 12th South Caucasus [Media Conference](#).

Ucha Seturi summarized the process of digital terrestrial in Georgia and spoke about every stage of implementation the strategy.

STRATEGIC PLAN GEORGIA 2020 - STRENGTHENING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The aim of the project is to promote discussions about the Socio-Economic Development Strategy of Georgia “Georgia 2020”, to raise public awareness and to facilitate discussions about the goals of the strategy.

IDFI organized the discussion - [The Effects of Depreciation of National Currency on the Georgian Economy](#).

The speakers discussed the causes of the depreciation of Lari and talked about the its negative consequences in short and mid-term perspective. The panelists stressed the role of external factors affecting the depreciation of Lari, such as the drop in oil prices, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the reduction in remittances were emphasized.

Currently IDFI implements these projects:

- Public Information Database - www.opendata.ge 2013-2015
- Supporting Parliament of Georgia Involvement in Open Government Partnership Initiative
- Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia (2015)
- Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 - Strengthening Public Involvement



SUPPORTING PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA INVOLVEMENT IN OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

The goal of the project is to increase openness and transparency of the Parliament of Georgia and ensure effective citizen participation in legislative processes through active engagement of the Parliament in OGP.

On September 14-15, Meeting of the Open Government Partnership’s Legislative Openness Working Group was held in the palace of the Parliament of Georgia in Tbilisi. The 2-day conference - “[Committing to Openness: Parliamentary Action Plans, Standards, and Data](#)” was a part of the OGP Global Legislative Openness Week (GLOW).

The director of IDFI, Giorgi Kldiashvili was a session moderator for “[Strengthening Openness: Endorsing Standards, Developing Plans, and collaborating with Civil Society](#)”.

Chairman of the Board of IDFI, Levan Avalishvili gave a speech in the session “[Developing Strong Legislative Openness Action Plans](#)”. He discussed the process, mechanisms and outcomes of elaboration of the Action Plan, pointed out the essential significance of establishing permanent Parliamentary council on open and transparent governance, which will ensure the sustainable development, permanent renewal and fulfillment of the commitments taken by the Parliament of Georgia regarding transparency, openness and citizen engagement.



Director of IDFI, Giorgi Kldiashvili was invited to participate in the 16th International Anti-Corruption [Conference](#). He gave a speech on the session Exploring the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Townhall Debate. Later Giorgi attended Asia Pacific Regional [Meeting](#), where participants presented and obtained feedback on ADB's draft Action Plan on OGP engagement and also, assisted participating countries in preparing for the October Global OGP Summit in Mexico.

The Speaker of Georgian Parliament David Usupashvili gave a speech about equality and inclusiveness of all citizens regardless of their political affiliation, gender, goals and opinion and the steps undertaken by the Parliament of Georgia by passing the antidiscrimination law at the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) Fourth World [Conference](#)

The OGP Forum Secretariat, which is formed by the staff of Analytical Department of the Ministry of Justice, [presented](#) the mid-term analysis on fulfillment of the commitments laid out in the OGP 2014-2015 Georgia Action Plan. The report reviews the fulfillment of commitments by June 2015.

Within the frames of the project, organization prepared articles about:

- [Importance of Real-time Publication by the Parliament of Georgia](#)
- [Western Balkans Open Government Partnership Dialogue](#)
- [France has adopted the National Action Plan on Parliamentary Openness](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- IDFI representatives gave speeches at [Forum](#) on E-governance in Lviv
- IDFI held public lecture regarding International Right to Know Day
- IDFI made [statement](#) on recently initiated draft law on bonuses
- Coalition's [statement](#) on the adoption of amendments to the law on the Prosecutor's Office by the Parliament of Georgia on the third reading
- Coalition's [statement](#) on recent developments concerning the judiciary
- Media Advocacy Coalition [calls](#) GPB's director to make explanations
- Campaign This Affects You Too [calls](#) to start investigation based on Eka Mishveladze's statement.

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