



Press-Release

Information Session: Sustainable Development Goals and Georgia

On May 2, 2017, 17:00-19:00, in the conference room of the Club Lolita (7 Tchovelidze Street, 3rd Floor, Tbilisi), the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), in cooperation with the Administration of the Government of Georgia and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and with the support from the Government of Sweden and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will host an information session 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Georgia.'

The session will bring together potential participants of the two contests that aim to promote Sustainable Development Goals in Georgia – Visualization of SDGs and Students Essay Competition.

The information session will open with welcome remarks from Saba Buadze, IDFI's Anticorruption Direction Lead. Shombi Sharp, Acting Head of UNDP in Georgia, and Nino Sarishvili, Head of Government Planning and Innovation Service at the Administration of Government of Georgia will speak of global and national importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Georgia's role in the new global development agenda.

Meri Makharashvili, IDFI Communications Manager will present the terms and evaluation criteria of the competitions and will facilitate discussion with potential participants.

Journalists are invited to attend.

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About the SDG contests: The contests were launched in April 2017 to raise public awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Interested applicants are invited to send their works by May 21, 2017, in four categories – essays, photos, posters and graffiti (sketch). Applicants can submit several works each of them representing one of the 17 Global Goals. Winners will be announced in October 2017 at the International SDG Forum in Tbilisi. Each of the four first-place winners will be awarded with a GEL 1,000 gift card. Best 20 visual images and best 10 essays will be published in social media of the organizers. The best graffiti sketch will be painted at the specially designated wall in Tbilisi. More information is available at the IDFI website:

- Contest for SDG visualization: <http://bit.ly/2nzxIB4>
- Students' essays contest: <http://bit.ly/2ouq1vi>

About Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs are a global call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all human beings enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Global Goals will guide policy and funding till 2030. The global agreement about SDGs was signed by 193 UN member states in September 2015. Georgia was one of the first countries to support the adoption of the SDGs and include them into the national political agenda.

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