

Good Governance Forum

Exploring Innovative Approaches
for Combating Corruption

Program

November 29-30, 2019



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Welcome to Good Governance Forum!

The Good Governance Forum (GG Forum) is the first international high level conference on good governance to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia in November 29-30, 2019. The Forum is organized by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), with the support of the global philanthropic organization, Luminate and co-funding from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD. It is the first edition of GG Forums planned to be held annually in Georgia since 2019 and gather international experts, representatives of governments, civil society, the private sector and international community to advance the good governance reform agenda by raising awareness, exchanging best practices and fostering debate.

The 2019 GG Forum aims to explore innovative mechanisms and the most cost-effective approaches of combating corruption, especially high-level corruption. The conference intends to do this by engaging local and international experts and stakeholders around several key related issues: anti-corruption monitoring and institutional solutions to combating corruption, beneficial ownership transparency, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), public procurement and open contracting.

The Forum gathers experts and representatives of international organizations and civil society organizations from different countries with best practices of developing anti-corruption mechanisms as well as journalists and anti-corruption activists with the aim to exchange regional and international practices of combat corruption. Such information and experience exchange will lay the foundation for future ambitious advocacy efforts in the region and beyond.



Context

Corruption is a global challenge affecting all governments to a varying degree, with there being some indication that the problem is getting worse. According to Transparency International's [Corruption Perceptions Index](#), despite some anti-corruption progress, most countries are failing to make serious inroads against corruption, which is contributing to a crisis in democracy around the world.

Even in Georgia, which managed to achieve significant progress in eliminating petty corruption over the past 15 years, high-level corruption has remained an insurmountable and growing challenge.


Georgia's case is not unique across the globe, suggesting that there is a real need to figure out efficient mechanisms that have the potential for most anti-corruption impact.

Considering the fact that political will to implement new approaches to combating corruption is hard to come by, especially on the high level, it is especially important to keep this conversation going and explore innovative, efficient and proper mechanisms that can be replicated relatively easily in different jurisdictions.

The conference will focus on the following key topics: institutional frameworks and mechanism for fighting corruption, beneficial ownership transparency, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and open contracting and transparency in public procurement. The reasoning behind the selection of these topics is as follows:




Over the past years, countries have made great progress in taking the fight against corruption to the highest global and political levels and in improving their anti-corruption regulation and enforcement. However, the recent investigations, showed that more holistic and coordinated approaches are needed to tackle cross-border illicit money flows, misuse of public office and tax evasion. This emphasizes the importance of increasing efforts to improve governance frameworks, propose innovative mechanisms and strengthen actions to improve the prevention, detection and sanctioning of corruption. Therefore, it is important to overview international best practices, legislative frameworks and different models of fighting against high level corruption. The Forum will make a special focus on the effectiveness of institutions responsible for fighting against corruption, what are best practices in this direction, challenges and opportunities. Also, the Forum participants will have the opportunity to get more insights into the role of international initiatives, i.e. the **Open Government Partnership**, in tackling corruption and pushing for anti-corruption reform agenda throughout the world.



Beneficial Ownership Transparency is a crucial component for combating corruption, especially high and international level corruption. The need to disclose the information about the individual(s), who ultimately controls or profits from a particular business is being recognized all over the world and implemented in various countries (e.g. EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive, Beneficial Ownership Data Standard, examples of the United Kingdom and Ireland). It is important to explore accumulated experience and best practices in this regard in order to facilitate the development of beneficial ownership transparency standards in the countries across the globe. The mentioned standards have proved to be an important policy tool for combating corruption, stemming illicit flows and fighting tax evasion.



The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is the global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and mineral resources. EITI ensures transparency and accountability of how a country's natural resources are governed. EITI is a tool that requires its member countries to publish information on key aspects of their natural resource management in a timely and accurate manner, including how licenses are allocated, how much tax, royalties and social contributions companies are paying, and where this money ends up in the government at the national and local levels. By doing so, the EITI seeks to promote an understanding of natural resource management among the public, provide understandable data to inform citizens and curb corruption in the extractive sector. This forum will enable participants to explore the benefits and implications of engagement in EITI from the example of other countries with the help of invited experts, as well as prospects for other countries to get involved in the initiative in the future.



Similar to the abovementioned initiatives and standards, **open contracting and transparency in public procurement** are essential components for fighting against corruption. Development and implementation of open contracting policies envisage information disclosure, participation and oversight throughout the entire procurement chain. These and other related activities, promoting transparency and accountability in public procurement systems, help governments save money, fight corruption, encourage competition and improve the quality of services and public integrity. Focusing on open contracting aspects of public procurement management will help set the tone for the entire event in terms of what success stories there are and how these achievements can be replicated in other countries.

Good Governance Forum Agenda

Venue: The Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel

Address: First Republic Square, Tbilisi, Georgia, 0108

Friday, November 29, 2019

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration / Welcome Coffee & Tea**

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening Remarks**

- › **Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili**, Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- › **Dr Aleksandar Dragojlović**, Public Financial Management in the South Caucasus / EITI Project Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- › **Mr. Levan Samadashvili**, Chief of Party, USAID Good Governance Initiative (GGI) in Georgia

Room: Ballroom 3

Panel Sessions

10:30 - 12:00 **Anti-Corruption Institution and Mechanism for Fighting Corruption**

Moderator – **Mr. Mikheil Darchiashvili**, Governance Manager, USAID Project Good Governance Initiative in Georgia

- › **Mr. Žydrūnas Bartkus** – Director, Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania
- › **Ms. Maria Emilia Berazategui**, Global Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International
- › **Ms. Eka Gigauri**, Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia
- › **Ms. Daria Kaleniuk**, Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Action Center
- › **Ms. Tetiana Khavanska**, Legal and Policy Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD
- › **Ms. Svitlana Olifira**, Head of External Communication Department, National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine

Room: Ballroom 3

12:00 - 13:30

The Role of Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Combating Corruption

Moderator – **Ms. Tonu Basu**, Lead, Thematic Priorities, Open Government Partnership

- › **Ms. Anastasiya Kozlovtsseva**, Head of International Relations, Transparency International Ukraine
- › **Mr. Jeff Lovitt**, Chair, New Diplomacy
- › **Mr. Giorgi Oniani**, Deputy Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia
- › **Mr. Giorgi Sakhokia**, Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister of Georgia

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13:30 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

BO-added Value and How It Works!

Moderator – **Mr. Mamuka Jgenti**, Key Expert on Judiciary/CSOs, EU Global AML/CFT Facility

- › **Ms. Sigrid Klæboe Jacobsen**, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network - Norway
- › **Mr. Roland C. J. Pladet**, Principal Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- › **Ms. Clodagh Power**, Tax Policy Advisor, OECD
- › **Ms. Louise Russell-Prywata**, Senior Programs & Policy Manager, Open Ownership
- › **Mr. Gabriel Šípoš**, Director, Transparency International Slovakia

Room: Ballroom 3

Parallel Workshops

16:10 - 17:00

EU Intervention on AML/CFT: Intro to Combatting the Financing of Terrorism

- › **Mr. Mamuka Jgenti**, Key Expert on Judiciary/CSOs, EU Global AML/CFT Facility

Room: Ballroom 1

Behind the Scenes of Paradise Papers and Laundromats: The Specifics of Working on Major Leaks Projects

- › **Mr. Vladyslav Lavrov**, Regional Editor, OCCRP

Room: Ballroom 2

17:10 - 18:00

OGP - Looking Beyond the Stars: What Makes a “Starred” OGP Commitment, and What Makes Commitments More Likely to Result in Lasting Change?

- › **Mr. Jeff Lovitt**, Chair, New Diplomacy

Room: Ballroom 1

Beneficial Ownership Transparency: Tools & Approaches to Advance Progress

- › **Ms. Kadie Armstrong**, Open Standards Adoption Lead, Open Data Services Co-operative
- › **Ms. Louise Russell-Prywata**, Senior Programs & Policy Manager, Open Ownership

Room: Ballroom 2

November 30, 2019

09:30 - 10:00

Registration / Welcome Coffee & Tea

Panel Sessions

10:00 - 11:30

Global Standard for Transparency in the Extractive Industries

Moderator – **Ms. Oliana Valigura-Gjøsæther**, Regional Director, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

- › **Mr. Davit Maisuradze**, Manager of the Educational Certification Program on Fighting Corruption, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- › **Mr. Emil Omarov**, Eurasia Regional Coordinator, Publish What You Pay
- › **Mr. Oleksiy Orlovsky**, Democratic Practice Program Director, International Renaissance Foundation / EITI Board Member
- › **Ms. Narine Tadevosyan**, Mining Governance Consultant, World Bank
- › **Ms. Lusine Tovmasyan**, Head of EITI Secretariat in Armenia, Office of the Prime Minister of Armenia

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11:30 - 13:00

New Technologies and New Instruments to Detect and Combat Corruption in Public Procurement

Moderator – **Mr. Tato Urjumelashvili**, Managing Partner, To do Club

- › **Ms. Isabelle Adam**, Analyst, Government Transparency Institute
- › **Mr. Sandor Lederer** - Director, K-Monitor
- › **Mr. Viktor Nestulia**, Senior Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Open Contracting Partnership
- › **Mr. Gabriel Šípoš** - Director, Transparency International Slovakia
- › **Ms. Vivien Suerte-Cortez**, Program Manager, Open Contracting, Hivos

Room: Ballroom 3

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR): Achievements, Challenges and Prospects

Moderator – **Mr. David Dolidze**, Head of Research Direction, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

- › **Mr. Chingiz Beksultanov**, Director, Forum on Official Development Assistance (FODA)
- › **Mr. Kuanysh Onalbayev**, Director, Zertteu Research Institute
- › **Mr. Parvu Septimius**, Program Coordinator, Expert Forum (EFOR)
- › **Ms. Khrystyna Zelinska**, Innovation Projects Program Manager, Transparency International Ukraine

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Parallel Workshops

15:40 - 16:30

redflags.eu - How to Develop Procurement Monitoring Tools

- › **Mr. Sandor Lederer**, Director, K-Monitor

Room: Ballroom 1

EITI's Contribution to the Fight against Corruption: The Cases and Opportunities of Eurasia

- › **Mr. Gor Khachatryan**, Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Room: Ballroom 2

16:30 - 17:30

How to Build an Effective Monitoring Ecosystem in Public Procurement?

- **Ms. Anastasiya Kozlovtseva**,
Head of International Relations, Transparency International Ukraine
- **Ms. Khrystyna Zelinska**,
Innovation Projects Program Manager, Transparency International Ukraine

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Wrap Up/Final Remarks

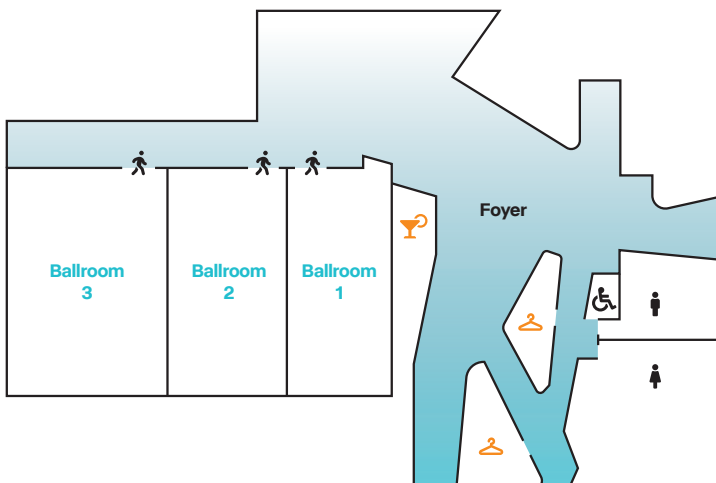
19:00 - 21:00

Reception

Translation

Simultaneous English-Russian translation will be provided for panels. As for workshops, only workshop on EITI on November 30, 2019 will be translated from English into Russian. Also, Georgian-English translation will be provided for the panel on the Role of OGP in Combating Corruption on November 29, 2019.

Map



Speakers



Ms. Isabelle Adam

Analyst, Government Transparency Institute,
Hungary

Ms. Isabelle Adam works as an analyst at the Government Transparency Institute, based in Budapest. She graduated in Global Public Policy at Central European University in Budapest and IBEI Barcelona, focusing on the governance of development. Previously, she studied Global Project & Change Management at Windesheim Honours College in the Netherlands, and gathered experience abroad in countries such as Uganda, Madagascar and Bolivia conducting field research and working in NGOs. She is involved in various research projects looking at anti-corruption in government procurement and investigating the impact of transparency reforms.



Ms. Kadie Armstrong

Open Standards Adoption Lead, Open Data
Services Co-operative, UK

Ms. Kadie Armstrong is Open Standards Adoption Lead at Open Data Services Co-operative, who are partnering with OpenOwnership to bring standardization to publicly shared company information.

Kadie's experience spans voluntary sector IT projects, NGO coordination and software development. She has an MA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics and a BSc in Computing and IT. She joined Open Data Services Co-operative in 2018 to support the development and adoption of the Beneficial Ownership Data Standard.



Mr. Žydrūnas Bartkus

Director, Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuania

Mr. Žydrūnas Bartkus is Director of Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (further STT) - the main anti-corruption law enforcement agency of the Republic of Lithuania accountable to the President of the Republic of Lithuania and the Seimas (Lithuanian Parliament). He has over 20 years of experience working in STT, starting with the first steps as investigator and at the present – as Director – improving the effective innovations regarding the fight against corruption in Lithuania. He has been carrying out projects (as the Project leader in EU Twinning project in Moldova in 2017-2019), participated in different studies and trainings for different international organizations and foundations. For impeccable and exemplary performance of official duties, he was awarded with the Officer's Cross of the Order of the Grand Duke of Lithuania Gediminas on 6th of July 2019. He is fluent in English and Russian.



Ms. Tonu Basu

Lead, Thematic Priorities, Open Government Partnership (OGP), India

Ms. Tonu Basu is Lead, Thematic Priorities at Open Government Partnership, mobilizing partnerships and cross-country coalitions to promote sectoral reforms on issues like anti-corruption, civic space, digital governance working with OGP members and partners.

Tonu has consulted on international open government projects, including with Transparency for Development at the Harvard Kennedy School, UN Women, and the World Bank. She was part of the coalition leading India's grassroots Right to Information campaign and serves on the founding Board of Satark Nagrik Sangathan (Citizens Vigilance Coalition) India, that promotes citizen participation engaging marginalized communities. Previously, she managed a global policy network on impact investing, in collaboration with the UK Cabinet Office and World Economic Forum. Tonu has also worked on parliamentary engagement initiatives with PRS Legislative Research, India.

She holds an MSc in Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics and an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, where she was a Public Service Fellow. Tonu holds a diploma in conflict management, is a trained Odissi dancer and is based in London, UK.

Speakers



Mr. Chingiz Beksultanov

Director, Forum on Official Development Assistance, Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chingiz Beksultanov is the director of Public Union “Forum on Official Development Assistance”, the member of the OGP National Forum of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Within the OGP process, he initiated 4 commitment related with budget and public procurement transparency, citizens participatory audit, official development assistance reporting disclosure which was included in the first OGP National Action Plan of Kyrgyzstan.

As a director of PU, he coordinated projects related with:

- ▶ support process of implementation of the OGP National Action Plan;
- ▶ public monitoring of program-based budgets in 10 ministries;
- ▶ audit effectiveness of public investment projects together with Supreme Audit Institution.

Last two years as a consultant, he carried out the following work:

- ▶ assessment of rating of transparency of public procurement for Kyrgyzstan;
- ▶ assessment of the Open Budget Index for 2017 and 2019;
- ▶ preparation and monitoring of 5 anticorruption plans for government bodies and local self-governments;
- ▶ preparation of health accounts for 2014-2017;
- ▶ preparation of 5 program budgets for ministries and local self-governments.



Ms. Maria Emilia Berazategui

Global Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International

As Global Advocacy Coordinator at Transparency International (TI) Secretariat in Berlin, Maria Emilia Berazategui develops and implements the strategic global advocacy of the TI movement, present in over 100 countries. She also coordinates TI's work within networks of Civil Society Organizations. Prior to joining TI, she worked for more than three years at Poder Ciudadano, the leading anti-corruption organization in Argentina and Transparency International's chapter in the country.

Working with numerous national and regional organisations and networks over many years has given her a deep understanding of regional challenges and opportunities, especially those related to good governance, democratic institutions and anti-corruption.



Mr. David Dolidze

Head of Research Direction, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), Georgia

Mr. David Dolidze joined IDFI in May 2019 as the Head of Research Direction. Before joining IDFI, David mostly worked in the private sector, initially on different positions from Project Assistant to Project Manager. In 2005-2008, he worked for Sante GMT Products as Procurement Manager, where he was responsible for organizing procurement processes by employing simpler and more flexible working instruments and methods.

Later in 2009-2012, he was performing as Head of Logistics of the largest local wholesale staples supplier Foodservice Ltd., where his focus was on streamlining the logistics policy for higher effectiveness and efficiency with the aim of improving the company's bottom-line. Starting from 2012 until 2019, he was a Project Manager of the food ingredients manufacturer and supplier Dinolego Ltd. where he was responsible for market development. During his service and with his shared contributions, the company introduced a lot of innovative solutions for food and beverage applications enabling the local food and beverage manufacturers to substantially reduce cost-in-use.

David holds a bachelor's degree in Humanities and a bachelor's degree in Corporate Finance and Valuation. He is fond of philosophy, psychology, sociology, economics and finances.

Speakers



Mr. Mikheil Darchiashvili

Governance Manager, USAID Project Good
Governance Initiative in Georgia, Georgia

Mikheil Darchiashvili has 14 years of professional experience in diplomacy and international relations. Mikheil Darchiashvili served as Deputy Defense Minister of Georgia from July 2013 until November 2014. During his tenure as Deputy Defense Minister, he was responsible for defense policy and planning and international relations with particular focus on Georgia's NATO membership process and US-Georgia Defense Cooperation.

From 2008 to 2013 Mr. Darchiashvili served at the Embassy of Georgia to the United States, initially as Senior Counselor, later as Minister Plenipotentiary.

From 2004 to 2008 Mr. Darchiashvili served initially as First Secretary later as Political Counselor at the Georgian Mission to NATO, Brussels, Belgium. His professional career also included different positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Since 2015, Mikheil Darchiashvili has been working at the USAID Project Good Governance Initiative in Georgia (GGI) and is responsible for OGP and Anti-Corruption related issues.

Mikheil Darchiashvili is a member of the Governing Board of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), affiliated professor and lecturer in defense and foreign policy.

He is also a member of the Governing Board of the Atlantic Council of Georgia.



Ms. Eka Gigauri

Executive Director, Transparency International
Georgia, Georgia

Ms. Eka Gigauri is the Executive Director of Transparency International Georgia and the board member of Transparency International, global movement against corruption. Previously, she was working in Governmental, Non-governmental and Private sectors, mainly in the fields of Foreign Relations (including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs) and Marketing and Communications Consultancy (Marriott International, Institute for Polling and Marketing). Ms. Gigauri is a former Deputy Head of the Border Police of Georgia.

Ms. Gigauri holds LLM in International Law from VU University Amsterdam, Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Caucasus School of Business and the Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Tbilisi State University. Eka Gigauri is a Stanford University Democracy and Development Programme fellow.



Ms. Sigrid Klæboe Jacobsen

Executive Director, Tax Justice Network -
Norway, Norway

Ms. Sigrid Klæboe Jacobsen is the executive director and co-founder of Tax Justice Network – Norway. She has been active in developing policies for financial transparency on national and international levels for the past 15 years. She has been leading in raising awareness on the problems of non-transparency in company ownership, and has written and initiated several reports and books on the subject. She has initiated collaboration projects between the civil society and financial sector in order to formulate sound policy requirements. Much of her work has been instrumental in moving the Norwegian parliament in the direction of public BO registries for both listed and non-listed companies. She has presented at the national and international Open Government Partnership events and followed the OGP process closely. She is a frequent commentator in the media. She has held board position and worked as section manager in a project management company working on telecom and construction projects in Norway, Pakistan and Denmark. She has held board and coordinator positions in Tax Justice Europe and the Global Alliance for Tax Justice.

Speakers



Mr. Mamuka Jgenti

Key Expert on Judiciary/CSOs, EU Global AML/
CFT Facility, Georgia

Ambassador Mamuka Jgenti is the Georgian carrier diplomat and lawyer. While leading the international law service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and serving as the Secretary to the International Law State Commission of Georgia his work was instrumental for Georgia's accession to international criminal law instruments. Mr Jgenti also took part in the elaboration and adoption of various international criminal law and human rights instruments adopted under the aegis of the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Mr Jgenti was leading the work undertaken in his country to create and make operational first Financial Intelligence Unit and create legal bases for its efficient functioning. He was representing Georgia at the Council of Europe Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) and MONEYVAL - Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering measures and the Financing of Terrorism (FSRB) and subsequently served as evaluator of these bodies of the Council of Europe. Mr Jgenti is the founder of the Non-Governmental Organisation, which supports countries of the CIS and South Caucasus region in developing their legislation, primarily on

the AML/CFT, anti-corruption and MLA issues. As international expert he has considerable experience in conducting legal assistance and capacity building activities for the judiciary and NPOs for the Western Balkans and Eastern European states. Ambassador Jgenti completed masters studies in European law at the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium and since 2012 holds diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Currently, Mr Jgenti is the Key Expert on Judiciary/CSOs in the EU Global AML/CFT Facility in Brussels, Belgium.



Ms. Daria Kaleniuk

Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Action Center, Ukraine

Ms. Daria Kaleniuk is co-founder and Executive director of Anti-corruption Action Centre, Ukraine. She is experienced in international legal mechanisms for anti-corruption actions, particularly in stolen assets recovery and anti-money laundering initiatives. During Euromaidan protests she was running yanukovich.info campaign aimed at freezing the assets of Yanukovych and his associates kept in Western jurisdictions. In the last 5 years Ms. Kaleniuk organization has successfully advocated for a set of anti-corruption policies in Ukraine, including establishment of National Anticorruption Bureau of Ukraine and High Anti-Corruption Court. Ms. Kaleniuk holds a Master's degree in Financial Services Law from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She was a Fulbright Program student in 2010-2011.



Mr. Gor Khachatryan

Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Armenia

Mr. Gor Khachatryan has more than 15 years' experience in economic and financial analyses. He is a consultant with wide experience of successfully managing and performing projects and development work in Armenia and internationally. He has over 5 years' experience in analytical and evaluative working on economic policy issues on Public Finance Management and particularly Public Sector Accounting, External Audit, Program Budgeting, and Tax policy and administration reforms.

Since November 2018 he is the National Coordinator of the "Support the implementation of the Global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine" Project commissioned by the German Federal Government for the Public Administration Reforms in Eastern Partnership Countries.

Speakers



Ms. Tetiana Khavanska

Legal and Policy Analyst, Anti-Corruption
Division, OECD

Ms. Tanya Khavanska is a Legal and Policy Analyst at the Anti-Corruption Division of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs of the OECD.

She joined OECD in 2007 and is currently working for OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN), doing monitoring, peer learning and country-specific technical assistance work. ACN is one of the regional outreach programmes of the OECD Working Group on Bribery (WGB) and Georgia is one of the 25 member-countries of the Initiative. Previously, she was also working on enforcement-related issues for WGB Secretariat, including WGB Informal meetings of law enforcement officials and database of foreign bribery allegations.

Prior to that for 7 years, she has been working for American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in various capacities. In particular, she was deputy director of American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Ukraine, working on projects which assisted Ukraine and Moldova in their rule of law reforms. She then moved on to become ABA anti-corruption advisor for the region of the former Soviet Union, conducting anti-corruption

reviews and identifying areas for technical assistance. Before her work at the ABA, she worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, as well as in various technical assistance projects supporting legal reforms of the country.



Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili

Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), Georgia

Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili is a founding member and Executive Director of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI). He has over nine years of experience working on openness and transparency issues in Georgia and internationally. He has been carrying out projects, studies, assessments and trainings for different international organizations and foundations. Giorgi Kldiashvili is an author of a number of publications related to access to information, anti-corruption policy and good governance, accountability and transparency, e-Governance and e-Democracy, open data, civil service and public administration, media and internet.

In addition to his work in applied policy research with IDFI, as a historian by specialty, he has academic credentials as a researcher, undertaking studies in American and Soviet Studies. He is a professional archive researcher, working in the history archives of Georgia and abroad for more than a decade. Giorgi holds graduate degrees in Contemporary History and worked as a professor of American Studies at the Institute of American Studies at Tbilisi State University.

Giorgi Kldiashvili is a CSO Steering Committee Member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).



Mr. Vladyslav Lavrov

Regional Editor, OCCRP, Ukraine

Based in Riga, Latvia, Vlad Lavrov is a regional editor for OCCRP. He reported from the frontline of the Kyiv barricades, and was a leader in the famous YanukovychLeaks campaign to make thousands of the former Ukraine President's rescued documents available online. He worked on OCCRP's Troika Laundromat, Proxy Platform and Offshore Crime Inc. projects; the latter winning the Daniel Pearl Award. With OCCRP he also investigated cigarette smuggling in the Ukraine-EU border area in Tobacco Roads, and participated in ICIJ's Panama Papers, Paradise Papers and Tobacco Underground, the latter subsequently awarded the Investigative Reporters and Editors' Tom Renner Award, the Overseas Press Club of America Award, and the Online Journalism Award for best web coverage of international affairs.

Speakers



Ms. Anastasiya Kozlovtsseva

Head of International Relations, Transparency
International Ukraine, Ukraine

Ms. Anastasiya Kozlovtsseva, the Head of International Relations Department/Fundraiser, has joined TI Ukraine in autumn 2013. In 2013-2016 she has coordinated projects related to good and open governance and was engaged in Open Government Partnership in Ukraine. Anastasiya is responsible for donor, international relations coordination, advocacy of organizations priorities at the international level and fundraising.

She has represented and spoke on behalf of TI Ukraine and its projects at several international events in more than 10 countries. She was engaged in launching the programs of Transparent Cities that has become a major driver for changes in the cities and recognized by donors and the international community. It is within her mandate to support replication of the experience of civil society engagement and use of IT tools in public procurement monitoring.

Ms. Kozlovtsseva works with the representatives of the diplomatic community, international organizations and financial institutions to advocate and mobilize international support for greater government accountability, setting and implementation of the anti-corruption agenda in Ukraine.

Anastasiya has got a Master of Public Administration degree in Ukrainian Catholic University and a BA in Business Administration at LCC International University in Lithuania.



Mr. Sandor Lederer

Director, K-Monitor, Hungary

Mr. Sandor Lederer is the Co-Founder and Director of K-Monitor, a non-profit public funds watchdog based in Budapest, Hungary. K-Monitor was founded to improve the levels of transparency, accountability and the rule of law in Hungary. Civic participation and technology-driven solutions are among the organizations key instruments.

Beside K-Monitor's tech focus, the organization is also active in anti-corruption advocacy and research. Sandor was contributing to the European Commission's Anti-Corruption Report as the Local Research Country Correspondent for Hungary. He is an expert in topics such as Freedom of Information, Whistleblowing, Political Finance and Public Procurement. In a recent project he worked on a tool that monitors public procurement documents through algorithms. Sandor is also active in projects on new forms of citizens' participation and local open governance.

Sandor is a European Young Leader at Friends of Europe, a GMF alumni and an Obama Fellow. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the ePanstwo Foundation [Poland] and represents K-Monitor in the board of the Transparency CEE Network.



Mr. Davit Maisuradze

Manager of the Educational Certification Program on Fighting Corruption, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), Georgia

Davit Maisuradze is the Manager of the Project on „Fighting Corruption Educational Certification Program“; and the Associate Professor and a Director of the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law at the Ilia State University, School of Law. He is an LLM graduate of the University of California, Davis, Martin Luther King Jr. School of Law, 2009, and received his Ph.D. from I. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University in 2015.

Davit has 10 years of lecturing experience and lectures courses in Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Governance and Securities Regulation at various Universities in Georgia. At the same time, he is a practicing lawyer and has a 5 years of working experience as a manager in Public and Private Spheres. In 2010-2013 Davit worked at the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. From 2012 to 2013, he was the Director of the LEPL Center for Crime Prevention at the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. In 2014-2016 he was the Open Governance Direction Lead and the Parliamentary Secretary at IDFI. Davit is the author of several scientific and analytical articles.

Speakers



Mr. Jeff Lovitt

Chair, New Diplomacy, Czech Republic

Mr. Jeff Lovitt, a specialist in participatory democracy and civil society development, is one of the founders of New Diplomacy, which focuses on civil society engagement in policy-making, media standards, and policy literacy. He twice served as co-Chair of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, and he is a member of the International Experts Panel of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

In 2018, he designed the Participatory Democracy Academy for the Council of Europe, which is currently being implemented at the local level in Ukraine. He has provided advice, mentoring and training on participatory democracy and citizens' engagement to local authorities in Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia. From 2005-2015, he was Executive Director of the PASOS international think-tank network, and from 2000-2005 he was Communications Director at the Transparency International Secretariat. From 1988-2000 he was a journalist and editor in London and Central Europe. His work has been published in *The European*, *the International Herald Tribune*, and *the Financial Times*.

He is the author and editor of a range of publications on participatory policymaking, including *The Right Approach to Europe. An Advocacy Handbook for Civil Society: Understanding and Influencing EU Policy-making* (2012), and two studies for the Council of Europe: *Civil Participation in Political Decision-Making in the Six Eastern Partnership Countries - Part One. Laws and Policies* (2016), and *Civil Participation in Political Decision-Making in the Eastern Partnership Countries - Part Two: Practice and Implementation* (2017).



Mr. Viktor Nestulia

Senior Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Open Contracting Partnership, Ukraine

Mr. Viktor Nestulia is the Senior Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, at the Open Contracting Partnership. Before joining the Open Contracting Partnership, Viktor was acting CEO at SOE Medical Procurement of Ukraine – the central purchasing body set up by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for medical public procurement. Between 2015-2018 he was a Program Director at Transparency International Ukraine. His portfolio included five significant initiatives – ProZorro, ProZorro.Sale systems development, DOZORRO community building, e-Health system development, and Construction Sector Transparency Initiative implementation. He has experience in the private sector and in government. He headed the procurement risk assessment division in one of the biggest agro-holdings of Ukraine and worked in the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine.

Viktor has a Master's degree in international economy from Kyiv National Economic University in Ukraine and studied organizational behavior and intercultural marketing at the Wirtschafts-universität Wien in Austria. Viktor's ambition is to help Eastern Europe and Central Asia become a global open contracting leader.



Ms. Svitlana Olifira

Head of External Communication Department, National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, Ukraine

Ms. Svitlana Olifira is the Head of External Communication Department at the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine. During the last four years, she is responsible for communication with media, students, NGOs, experts and society at the newly created law enforcement agency (NABU).

She has more than 10 years of experience in public relations (planning and organizing media-campaigns, copywriting, broadcasting, editing for top Ukrainian politicians and NGO's etc.). In addition, Svitlana Olifira's experience includes:

- ▶ 8 years of psychological practice (individual sessions, trainings, lectures);
- ▶ Building and implementation of communication strategies
- ▶ Development and coordination of national communication and raising awareness campaigns (ex. "Students against corruption", opinion festival "DumkoFest" 2018 and 2019).

Speakers



Mr. Emil Omarov

Eurasia Regional Coordinator, Publish What You Pay, Azerbaijan

After working for four years for Revenue Watch (now called NRGi) supporting its Eurasia Regional Director, Emil Omarov joined Publish WYP in 2016 with extensive prior knowledge of our campaign and coalitions in the region. At Revenue Watch, he contributed to strategy and programme development, before working as a consultant to the World Bank on EITI development in Azerbaijan. Emil coordinates PWYP's work in the Eurasia region, including strategy development and implementation, advocacy, communications and fundraising.



Mr. Kuanysh Onalbayev

Director, Zertteu Research Institute, Kazakhstan

Mr. Kuanysh Onalbayev is an expert in the field of transparency of public finances, a co-founder and a trainer of the educational program Open Budget Fellowship specializing in training young experts in the issues of budget transparency.

He has the experience of working with open data, writing analytical materials on various topics, business plans for large manufacturing enterprises.

Kuanysh Onalbayev is a graduate of the program Open budget Fellowship - 2017, Moscow State University. M.V. Lomonosov. He has an M.A. in Economics from Moscow State University.



Mr. Giorgi Oniani

Deputy Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia, Georgia

Mr. Giorgi Oniani is the Deputy Executive Director at Transparency International Georgia. Giorgi has a diverse professional background of more than 15 years, working on various positions across Government, Business and Non-Profit sector mostly on International relations, Economic development and anti-corruption.

At different times Giorgi worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2001-2004), National Security Council (2004-2005), and served as Assistant and Adviser to three Prime Ministers (2005-2011). He participated in various reform planning and monitoring processes including setting up and reforming several institutions, including the Office of Business Ombudsman, where he served as the Deputy Ombudsman in 2011-2012. In 2013 Giorgi left public service to join an IT and Consulting company – Asseco Georgia as a Partner and Deputy Director.

Since 2015 Giorgi is the Deputy Executive Director at one of the largest and most active NGOs in Georgia – the local Chapter of Transparency International movement.

He holds a BA in Regional Studies '01 and MSc in International Relations '03 from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and MA in Comparative Business Economics '09 from University College London (UCL).

He is married with a daughter.



Mr. Septimius Parvu

Program Coordinator, Expert Forum, Romania

Mr. Septimius Pârnu is an expert in good governance and electoral processes working with the Romanian think tank Expert Forum. He has over 10 years of experience in coordinating capacity building projects for public institutions and civil society, on topics such as anti-corruption, active citizenship or electoral monitoring. Between 2012 and 2019 he coordinated 9 election observation campaigns, attended by more than 6000 internal observers. Septimius has international electoral experience in countries such as Moldova, Montenegro, Slovakia or Estonia. He is coordinating a program aimed to study political clientelism and state capture in Romanian and in the region.

Speakers



Dr. Oleksiy Orlovsky

Democratic Practice Program Director, International Renaissance Foundation / EITI Board Member, Ukraine

Dr. Oleksiy Orlovsky is a Ph.D. in the Constitutional Law and Master of Public Administration. Oleksiy is an expert on the matters of development of civil society, anti-corruption, municipal law and transparency of the extractive sector. He was a member of the Constitutional Assembly of Ukraine, Chairman of the Public Council at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine; he is a member of the Coordination Council on promotion to development of civil society at the President of Ukraine and many other consultative structures under the state power bodies.

Starting from 2007 Oleksiy has been working at the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF, Ukrainian office of the Open Society Foundations), where he occupies the position of the Democratic Practice Program Director. This Program expertly and financially supports initiatives of the Ukrainian NGOs in the sphere of anti-corruption, transparency of extractive sector, development of local democracy tools, holding the decentralization reform, institutional development of think tanks and environmental organizations.

Oleksiy Orlovsky was the initiator of joining Ukraine to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) at the end of 2007. Since 2015 he has been a member of the EITI Multistakeholder group (MSG) of Ukraine. In February of 2016, Oleksiy was elected and in June of 2019 re-elected for the second term to the EITI International Board from the civil society constituency. In this body, he is the Chairman of the Governance and Oversight Committee, a member of the Finance Committee. Besides, Oleksiy was the Vice-Chairman of the Nominations Committee which in 2018 arranged the elections of the EITI Board Chair as well as the new Executive Director of the EITI International Secretariat. Oleksiy is responsible for the cooperation of the EITI Board members from the civil society with representatives of the NGOs from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Germany, Georgia, Kosovo, and Ukraine.



Mr. Roland Pladet

Principal Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Mr. Roland C. J. Pladet is a Principal Finance Specialist in the Energy Division of the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila. He joined CWRD as Principal Public- Private Partnership (PPP) Specialist in January 2011, responsible for providing transaction advisory to clients by developing, structuring and implementing PPP projects in ADB developing member countries. Mr. Pladet was instrumental in acquiring, implementing and successfully completing ADB's transaction advisory mandate for the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Natural Gas Pipeline Project until April 2016. Subsequently, he became ADB project team leader for the Shah Deniz Gas Field Expansion Project in Azerbaijan, obtaining ADB Board approval for a \$500 million sovereign-backed partial credit guarantee and achieving financial close in April 2018. Since June 2018, Mr. Pladet has led ADB's technical assistance to help implement the Roadmap for Beneficial Ownership Disclosure for the Extractive Industries of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Since May 2019, he has assumed the ADB team lead role for the processing of potential sovereign financing support for the TAPI Project targeted to achieve financial close between the 2nd half of 2020 and the 1st half of 2021.

Prior to joining CWRD, Mr. Pladet was a Senior Guarantees and Syndications Specialist in ADB's Office of Co-financing Operations (OCO) (May 2008 – December 2010), responsible for mobilizing commercial cofinancing by structuring and negotiating OCO guarantee operations for public and private sector projects. He also managed the institutional relationship and cooperation with the Asian Exim Banks Forum. While at OCO, Mr. Pladet worked on 10 ADB infrastructure projects in the energy, transportation and urban development sectors in Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan.

Mr. Pladet has an MA in Economics from Tilburg University (Aug 1988) and successfully concluded the World Bank Group's Executive Development Program and International Project Finance Training at Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA (December 2000). He holds the military rank of Reserve Captain (retired) with the Cavalry of the Royal Netherlands Army.

Speakers



Ms. Clodagh Power

Tax Policy Advisor, OECD

Ms. Clodagh Power is a tax policy advisor at the OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. Prior to joining the OECD, Clodagh worked as a tax lawyer in the Dublin and New York offices of Irish law firm Arthur Cox, specialising in tax and advising multinational companies and individuals on international tax law, structuring and dispute resolution. Before private practice, Clodagh worked at the European Parliament in Brussels. Clodagh completed the International Comparative Tax Policy and Administration program at Harvard University's Kennedy School, earned her law degree at University College Dublin and has a master of laws degree from University College London.

The Global Forum is the key international body for developing and monitoring international standards of tax transparency, ensuring that high standards of transparency and international tax cooperation are in place around the world through its monitoring, peer review and technical assistance activities. There are currently 158 member jurisdictions of the Global Forum (on equal footing) who undergo peer reviews to

assess their compliance with the standard on exchange of information on request (the EOIR Standard). In addition, over 100 jurisdictions have committed to implement the standard on automatic exchange of information (the AEOI Standard). The availability of beneficial ownership information is a key requirement of international tax transparency and the fight against tax evasion. Accordingly, a requirement to ensure the availability of and access to beneficial ownership information has been incorporated into both the EOIR Standard and the AEOI Standard, which have each adopted the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) definition of beneficial ownership. The Global Forum and FATF work together to ensure that beneficial ownership standards are met. The implementation of these international standards significantly contributes to the fight against tax evasion, as well as achieving greater international co-operation and enhanced transparency of corporate bodies, arrangements and financial information.



Ms. Louise Russell-Prywata

Senior Programs & Policy Manager, Open Ownership, UK

Ms. Louise Russell-Prywata is an anti-corruption specialist. She is Senior Programs & Policy Manager at OpenOwnership, a global initiative driving policy and technology change to make it easy to publish and access high quality data about who owns companies across the world.

Louise leads OpenOwnership's support to governments implementing public beneficial ownership registers, and coordinates the organisation's policy and thought leadership to advance beneficial ownership transparency. She is also a Senior Atlantic Fellow for Social & Economic Equity at the London School of Economics, where her research interests include networks of financial influence among elites and the role of open data in tackling transnational governance challenges.

Previously Louise spent five years at Transparency International UK, where she developed programmes addressing a variety of anti-corruption issues, including beneficial ownership transparency and asset recovery. Earlier in her career, Louise co-founded Repräsent FM, a media platform giving young people across London a platform to debate with decision makers.

Louise is a Trustee of Economy, a UK charity using media and campaigns to increase public engagement with, and understanding of, economic issues. She holds an MSc in Inequalities & Social Science from the London School of Economics and a degree in Psychology from the University of Sheffield.

Speakers



Mr. Giorgi Sakhokia

Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister of Georgia

Mr. Giorgi Sakhokia has extensive experience in working in the public service and private sector. Currently, he is serving as the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister's Office at the Administration of the Government of Georgia. Throughout his career Mr. Sakhokia was holding several managerial positions at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Earlier in his career, from 2001 until 2013 Giorgi Sakhokia was working on various positions in the private sector. Mr. Sakhokia holds LL.M. degree from Ivane Javakhsvili Tbilisi State University. He has participated in numerous training programmes including Capacity-Building of the Georgian Leadership for Improved Decision-making at the Estonian School of Diplomacy.



Mr. Gabriel Sipos

Director, Transparency International Slovakia, Slovakia

Mr. Gabriel Sipos is a leading anti-corruption expert in Slovakia. Since 2009 he has served as executive director of Transparency International Slovakia, one of the country's most influential anti-corruption NGOs.

His organization helped introduce radical transparency reforms in Slovakia not adopted elsewhere in the world, such as mandatory online publication of government contracts as well as publicly-accessible judicial contracts and judge performance data. With its public campaigns and rankings, Transparency International Slovakia helped substantially increase transparency for Slovak state-owned companies and municipalities. Gabriel has served on the boards of journalism prize competitions in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, and in recent years has been among the five most-cited experts on government affairs in Slovakia.

His key expertise lies in the area of public procurement. He wrote or co-wrote over dozen studies looking at the trends of public procurement in Slovakia, including those on identifying cartels and shell companies. Most recently, his studies analyzed Slovakia's register of beneficial



Ms. Narine Tadevosyan

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owners, its pros and cons. In “How to make beneficial registers work,” published last February, he made a number of recommendations on how to prepare registers well based on detailed analysis of the Slovak experience. In four separate cases studies of shell companies in the last three years he showed the scale of the problem in Slovakia and in several cases initiated legal proceedings against them as well (see TI blog, transparency.blog.sme.sk).

Ms. Narine Tadevosyan is a Mining Governance Consultant at the World Bank based in Yerevan, Armenia. She is responsible for supervising mining related projects in Armenia, working with the Government of Armenia and the Government of Georgia to identify challenges and needs related to the mining sector, developing strong working relationships with key local stakeholders and identifying potential problem areas and proactively recommending appropriate measures to resolve issues, identifying partnership opportunities, act as a liaison officer on Extractive Industry activities with donors, civil society, and private sector players, and assist with the Extractives policy dialogue.

Narine has more than 10 years' work experience working with international and local organizations in local economic development and business support projects. She also teaches in the Gavar State University Economic Department.

Narine has Master degrees of Economics and Business Administration from Gent University and Gavar State University.

Speakers



Ms. Vivien Suerte

Program Manager, Hivos, Philippines

Ms. Vivien Suerte-Cortez is a development professional with over 15 years of experience working with local and international NGOs, governments, and development organizations. Her areas of expertise and experience include anti-corruption, public procurement, social accountability, stakeholder engagement, public finance management (participatory planning, budgeting, procurement, and audit), and policy reform.

She has managed Hivos Southeast Asia's Open Contracting portfolio for the Philippines since 2017. In doing so, she has worked closely with civil society, journalists, the private sector and relevant government agencies by providing strategic directions and guidance in advocating for open contracting reforms, open data, and freedom of information at the local and national levels. This led to the successful inclusion of open contracting in one of the key commitments of the Provincial Government of South Cotabato in the Open Government Partnership's Local Program, and the inclusion of the proactive disclosure of procurement documents as a provision in the local government legislation for freedom of information in Legazpi City.

Previously, the Open Government Partnership awarded Vien with the Bright Spot Award for managing the Citizen Participatory Audit project implemented by ANSA-EAP with the Commission on Audit. She was also recognized by Devex as one of the 40 under 40 International Development Leaders in 2013.



Ms. Lusine Tovmasyan

Head, EITI Secretariat of Armenia at the Prime Minister's Office

Ms. Lusine Tovmasyan is a Head of the EITI Secretariat of Armenia at the Office of the Prime Minister and an EITI National Coordinator. She is responsible for coordination of the EITI implementation actions in Armenia, supporting Armenian EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group's activities, capacity building, engaging international and local stakeholders, ensuring EITI data is mainstreamed, publicly accessible, actively promoted, and contributes to public debate. Lusine joined Armenian Government's EITI implementation team in 2016 as an expert at the USAID "Enhanced Transparency in the Mining Sector" Project, providing expertise and assistance to the Government and all stakeholders in undertaking the sign-up steps before applying to become an EITI member country.

Lusine has more than 10 years of experience in public administration and the Government's reforms aimed at ensuring good governance, transparency, accountability, and citizen and business friendly regulations.

Lusine has a Master's Degree of Economy and Management of Enterprises from the Armenian State University of Economics and also completed advanced Certificate Program in Public Policy and Public Administration at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



Mr. Tato Urjumelashvili

Managing Partner, To Do Club, Georgia

Mr. Tato Urjumelashvili is openness and transparency advocate, eProcurement systems' architect with 20 years of hands on experience in successful reform implementation in various spheres of eGovernance. In 2009-2013, Tato has architected and managed the e-procurement reform in Georgia. As the Chairman of Competition and State Procurement Agency of Georgia he was in charge of designing and building the e-procurement system, that later became basis and good practice to follow for Ukraine, Moldova and Kyrgyzstan. Tato was the first, founding Chairman of Public Procurement Dispute Resolution Board and has resolved almost thousand disputes during his four years' term.

Since 2013 Tato is being actively involved in electronic public procurement reforms in Ukraine and Moldova as international expert/consultant. Tato is co-author of the eProcurement reform concept for Ukraine, which resulted in the creation of the innovative eProcurement system Prozorro. The same concept and approach has served as the basis for Moldovan procurement reform and eProcurement system M-Tender.

Speakers



Ms. Oliana Valigura-Gjøsæther

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Prior to joining the EITI in 2015, Oliana worked for Publish What You Pay, a global civil society network, as a regional coordinator for the Eurasia region. She has extensive experience as a civil society activist and youth leader, advocating for better management of the energy sector and greater reforms in her home country, Ukraine.

Oliana holds an M.A. in Political Analysis from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. She has a great interest in learning languages. In addition to speaking Ukrainian, Russian and English fluently, Oliana also studies French, Japanese and Norwegian.



Ms. Khrystyna Zelinska

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Ms. Khrystyna Zelinska is the Manager of Innovative Projects Program of TI Ukraine. She is a member of the Complaint Committee of the Deposit Guarantee Fund auctions and the Complaint Committee of the small-scale privatization auctions of the SoE ProZorro.Sale.

She has experience of implementing the best practices of transparency and efficiency, monitoring, training and consulting in Ukrainian public procurement for more than 4 years. She has worked mostly in non-government sector and international technical assistance projects.

At TI Ukraine she manages projects of developing and providing electronic instruments for reducing the corruption risks in spheres of economic sector – public procurement, sale and leases state and communal properties, small-scale privatization, etc.

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The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) is a Georgia-based non-governmental organization that aims to support the development of an informed and empowered society for democratic governance.

Since its establishment in 2009, IDFI has rapidly become a respected leader in advancing open democracy in Georgia and increasingly, around the globe. IDFI works to access quality information, develop rigorous analysis and use innovative tools in order to improve governance, advance the rule of law, reduce corruption, promote informed civic participation, expand accountability, spark innovation, and encourage inclusive growth.

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