

OPEN PARLIAMENT DAY

International Conference in the margins of the OGP Global Summit in Tbilisi

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

Agenda

**Plenary Session Hall, Parliament of Georgia
8 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia**

11:00-12:00 Gathering of participants and welcome coffee

12:00-12:05 **Opening by Irakli Kobakhidze, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia**

12:05-13:00 **High-Level Talks on Parliamentary Openness**

Moderated by: Niels Scott, UN Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia

Speakers:

- Irakli Kobakhidze, Chairperson of Parliament of Georgia
- Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament (video message)
- Helen Clark, OGP Ambassador
- Blanca Ovelar, Senator, Paraguay and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Sanjay Pradhan, Chief Executive Officer, OGP

13:00-14:00 **Panel I – Legislative Engagement Policy: Good Practices, Challenges and Ways Forward**

The legislative engagement policy was approved by the OGP Steering Committee in September 2016. This marked a significant step for OGP in moving away from the executive branch engagement solely to other branches. Since then, more parliaments have joined the OGP platform and developed commitments under the National Action Plans. The aim of the session is to discuss challenges and opportunities the policy has brought about, as well as share good practices for parliamentary engagement in OGP. Furthermore, this session is intended to provide guidance by senior parliamentarians and stakeholders, from a variety of country contexts, on how to continue to grow parliamentary engagement in the open government movement.

Moderated by: Mukelani Dimba, OGP Steering Committee Co-Chair from the Civil Society

Speakers:

- Randy Boissonnault, Member of the House of Commons, Canada and Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for North America
- Gordana Comic, Deputy Speaker of Serbia
- Irina Pruidze, Chairperson of the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open Governance, Parliament of Georgia
- Maria Baron, Global Executive Director, Fundación Directorio Legislativo
- Philemon Kiplagat Sabule, County Assembly Speaker at Elgeyo Marakwet County Assembly, Kenya

14:00 - 14:30 **Lightning Talks I - Technologies and Innovations for Parliamentary Democracy**

This panel highlights innovative techniques for enhancing parliamentary openness, transparency and citizen engagement, subsequently increasing quality of policies and public trust in parliaments. The discussion will focus on best international practice and include individual country experiences.

Speakers:

- Levan Avalishvili, Programme Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- Dr Rebecca Rumbul, Head of Research, mySociety
- Rima Kawas, Director of Governance and Collaborative Learning, International Republican Institute (IRI)
- Krzysztof Izdebski, Board Member and Policy Director, ePaństwo Foundation, Poland

14:30 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 16:45 **Panel II - Transparent and Accountable Parliaments**

How open is ‘open’? Should MP’s behavior be regulated? Where does lobbying fit in parliamentary processes? The panel will explore efforts to advance parliamentary codes of conduct and lobbyist registration. The discussion will reflect on challenges and global trends from the perspective of the representatives of legislative bodies and experts.

Moderated by: Laura Thornton, Senior Resident Director, National Democratic Institute (NDI)-Georgia

Speakers:

- Tamar Chugoshvili, First Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia
- Reinhold Lopatka, Chairman of the EU Affairs Committee, National Council of the Republic of Austria
- Paulina Nuñez, President, Bicameral Group on Transparency, Chamber of Deputies of Chile
- Tamar Nedzar, Senior Counsel, Ethics Committee, US House of Representatives
- Jacopo Leone, Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR

16:45 - 17:30 **Lightning Talks II - Technologies and Innovations for Parliamentary Democracy**

This panel highlights innovative techniques for enhancing parliamentary openness, transparency and citizen engagement, subsequently increasing quality of policies and public trust in parliaments. The discussion will focus on best international practice and include individual country experiences. The panel will also explore how participatory lawmaking (crowdlaw) can be introduced at all stages of the lawmaking process helping to improve the quality and accountability of the legislative process.

Speakers:

- Levan Samadashvili, Chief of Party, Good Governance Initiative, USAID Georgia
- Liia Hanni, Senior Expert, E-Governance Academy, Estonia
- Nora Dempsay, Senior Adviser for Innovation, and Bridget Roddy, Project Coordinator, State Department, Virtual Student Federal Service
- Giorgi Topuria, Senior Analyst, Transparency International Georgia

17:30 - 17:45 **Next steps: Open Parliament e-Network**

Speakers:

- Scott Hubli, Director of Governance Programmes, National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- Devin O’Shaughnessy, Director of Programmes, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

18:00 Opening Reception for OGP Summit participants hosted by Irakli Kobakhidze, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia