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## GOOD GOVERNANCE FORUM 2021

**Sustainable Governance of Natural Resources:  
The Role of Transparency, Lessons Learnt and Future Plans**



December 6,  
2021



Online  
Conference



GGForum2021



# WELCOME TO GOOD GOVERNANCE FORUM 2021!

The Good Governance Forum (GG Forum) is an international high-level conference on good governance to be held on December 6, 2021. The Forum is organized by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), with the support of the global philanthropic organization, Luminate. It is the third series of GG Forums held annually in Georgia since 2019 and gathers 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 2021 GG Forum, entitled - *Sustainable Governance of Natural Resources - the Role of Transparency, Lessons Learnt and Future Plans* - aims to contribute to good governance reform by exchanging best practices and fostering debate on sustainable governance of natural resources,

transparency, beneficial ownership Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Network.

The event intends to do this by engaging local and international experts and all relevant stakeholders from various sectors around several key related issues: beneficial ownership transparency, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), Publish What You Pay Network, and Georgia's prospects for endorsing BO and EITI principles and strengthening women's voice.





Without good governance, social progress in the world is in fact unachievable. A large number of economies are heavily dependent on natural resource extraction. Maximum transparency and good management of this process is crucial for sustainable development and improvement of people's lives. Many countries with rich natural resources do not show high economic growth due to weak institutions, corruption, conflict, and poor governance. EITI and PWYP are international mechanisms that help improve natural resource governance by improving open data, access to information on beneficial owners, and, more generally, transparency and good governance.

Georgia is rich in natural resources, including zeolites, clay, zinc, gold, manganese, coal, construction materials, etc. As a result of open market reforms since 2000, Georgia has established a good position and attracted the interest of investors. Today, Georgia is a well-established open market in the mining sector and about 5,000 licenses have been issued. Nevertheless, the current legislation does not pay enough attention to environmental issues, does not set sufficient requirements for the licensee, which prevents the country from receiving benefits from natural resource extraction. There are significant challenges in terms of open data in Georgia, especially in the private sector, there is no database of beneficial owners, etc.

# 1

**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 level. By doing so, the EITI seeks to promote 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.

# 2

**PUBLISH WHAT YOU PAY (PWYP)** is the only global movement working to ensure that revenues from oil, gas, and mining help improve people's lives. PWYP campaigns for an open and accountable extractive sector. PWYP pushes governments to regulate natural resource extraction in an open and accountable way, for companies to operate within an effective governance framework, and for a civil society with the skills and freedom to drive natural resource extraction that benefits all. There are 51 PWYP National Coalitions around the globe serving the purpose of the movement locally. In Georgia, civil society is not actively involved in natural resource management monitoring, which does not help improve the governance of this area. Thus, it is important to start working on the creation of a national coalition to make sure that the people benefit from natural resource extraction.

# 3

**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 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.

# AGENDA

GOOD GOVERNANCE  
FORUM **MONDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2021**



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## 17:00-17:10

WELCOME AND  
OPENING REMARKS



**MR. GIORGI KLDIASHVILI**  
Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

## 17:10-18:10

SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES: SYNERGIES,  
PRINCIPLES AND IMPACT STORIES



**MODERATOR**

**MR. MARK ROBINSON**  
Executive Director, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)



**MR. GALIB EFENDIEV**  
Eurasia Director, Natural Resource Governance Institute



**MR. JOSEPH FOTI**  
Chief Research Officer, Open Government Partnership (OGP)



**MS. OLENA PAVLENKO**  
Global Council Chair, Publish What You Pay



**MS. ZUZANA WIENK**  
Member of the Steering Committee, Open Government Partnership (OGP)



**MR. FERDIAN YAZID**  
Accountable Mining Project Coordinator, Transparency International Indonesia

## 18:10-18:20 - BREAK

# 18:20-19:20

NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE  
IN EAP COUNTRIES: THE STATE OF  
PLAY, PROSPECTS, AND FUTURE  
PLANS

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**MODERATOR**

**MS. OLIANA VALIGURA**

Regional Director for Eastern  
Europe, Caucasus and Central  
Asia, EITI Secretariat



**MR. EMIL OMAROV**

Member Engagement Manager for  
Asia-Pacific, Eurasia and MENA regions,  
Publish What You Pay (PWYP)



**MR. OLEKSIY ORLOVSKY**

Democratic Practice Program Director,  
International Renaissance Foundation



**MS. LUSINE TOVMASYAN**

National Coordinator, EITI Armenia

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## 19:20-19:30 BREAK

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# 19:30-20:30

THE ROLE OF NETWORKS/COALI-  
TIONS IN SUSTAINABLE NATURAL  
RESOURCE GOVERNANCE AND  
GEORGIA

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**MODERATOR**

**MS. MARIAM MAISURADZE**

Anti-Corruption Direction Head,  
Institute for Development of  
Freedom of Information (IDFI)



**MR. DANILA BEKTURGANO**

Director, Public Foundation "Civil  
Expertise"



**MR. ILHAM HUSEYNLI**

Associate Professor, Coordinator of the  
Azerbaijan National Coalition EITI /  
PWYP



**MS. OLGA KHAULYAK**

Head, Energy Transparency Association

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## 20:30-20:40 WRAP UP/FINAL REMARKS

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SIMULTANEOUS ENGLISH-GEORGIAN TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE CONFERENCE

# SPEAKER



Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili

## MR. GIORGI KLDIASHVILI

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

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 training 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). He is fluent in Russian and English.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Mark Robinson

## MR. MARK ROBINSON

Executive Director, Extractive Industries  
Transparency Initiative (EITI)

Mark Robinson is Executive Director of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), bringing together governments, companies, and civil society organizations to promote governance reforms in oil, gas and mining. Mark serves as Board Secretary and is responsible for managing the International Secretariat, fundraising and financial management, and oversight of implementation in EITI's 55 member countries.

Mark has over 30 years' experience in governance, extractives, climate and international development, and a career spanning the worlds of policy, operations, research and philanthropy. Prior to joining EITI in November 2018, Mark served as Global Director for Governance at the World Resources Institute in Washington D.C. He previously held senior positions at the Department for International Development, the Institute of Development Studies, the Ford Foundation, and the Overseas Development Institute.

Mark has held several board and advisory roles and currently serves as an Envoy for the Open Government Partnership. Mark was a founding member of the OGP Board of Directors and the first Board Chair from 2016-2020. He holds a DPhil and MA in Comparative Politics from the University of Sussex, and a BA honours degree in Social and Political Science from the University of Cambridge.



# SPEAKER



Mr. Galib Efendiev

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Eurasia Director, Natural Resource  
Governance Institute

Galib Efendiev directs NRGi engagement in Eurasia. NRGi engagement includes local research, monitoring, advocacy, capacity building and technical assistance in resource-rich countries of the region. Before joining NRGi, Galib worked at the Open Society Institute -Azerbaijan as a director of the transparency of oil revenues and public finance program. He is currently located in Istanbul, Turkey.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Joseph Foti

## MR. JOSEPH FOTI

Chief Research Officer,  
Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Joseph Foti is the Chief Research Officer of the Open Government Partnership. He leads the Analytics and Insights team which is responsible for major research initiatives, managing OGP's significant data resources, and ensuring the highest quality of analysis and relevance in OGP publications. He has over a decade leading research and accountability efforts across a range of sustainable development issues. With over 30 publications to his name, he has expertise in environmental policy, impact assessment, justice reform, civic space, and access to information. His most recent major work was as the Chief Editor of OGP's first global report, Democracy Beyond the Ballot Box. Before his current role he was the founding director of OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism. Prior to his work at OGP, he was a Senior Associate for the Access Initiative, a network led by the World Resources Institute (WRI). Prior to this, he worked as a public school teacher.

# SPEAKER



## MS. OLENA PAVLENKO

Global Council Chair,  
Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

Olena Pavlenko, PhD, President of the Ukrainian think-tank DiXi Group, co-founder of the “Ukrainian Energy” website. Olena has worked in the energy sector for more than 17 years, dealing with such issues as energy security, energy transparency, oil and gas market liberalisation, EU-Ukraine-Russian energy relations, hydrocarbon development issues. Olena is a Deputy Head of the EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) MSG (Multi-Stakeholder Group) in Ukraine. She also is a Chair of Global Council of PWYP (Publish What You Pay) coalition, Chair of Ukrainian side of the EU-UA Civil Society Platform. Olena has served as not-on-staff Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2019) and to the Minister of Energy (2015-2016).

Olena coordinates several projects, namely on increasing transparency of the energy sector of Ukraine, on implementation of the EU legislation in Ukraine, including Ukraine’s commitment to join the EU Green Deal initiative, monitoring Ukraine’s commitments to European energy reforms and promoting new energy legislation (gas and electricity markets, energy regulator). Olena was among those who initiated the draft laws on Energy Regulator and on Data Disclosure in Extractive Industries.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Ferdian Yazid

## MR. FERDIAN YAZID

Accountable Mining Project Coordinator,  
Transparency International Indonesia

Ferdian Yazid is a Natural Resource and Economic Governance Program Manager at Transparency International Indonesia (TII). He has joined TII since 2014 after graduating from the Criminology course at the University of Indonesia, and has been focusing on anti-corruption and transparency issues in the private sector, power sector and natural resources.

He has contributed in the development of a website to promote business integrity called Sintesis, and several publications such as the Transparency of Corporate Reporting (TRAC) of the 100 largest Indonesian companies, and Corporate Political Engagement Index (CPEI) of the power companies.

As a part of Transparency International's Accountable Mining Programme, he has been promoting beneficial ownership transparency (BOT) and business integrity as well as collaborating with CSOs and the public sector to advance the issues aforementioned at the national level.

# SPEAKER



Ms. OLIANA VALIGURA

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Regional Director for Eastern Europe,  
Caucasus and Central Asia, EITI Secretariat

Oliana is a Regional Director at the EITI International Secretariat and supports the Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia team. Her work focuses on coordinating and supporting EITI processes in portfolio countries; leading regional coordination, networking and capacity building; providing expertise on beneficial ownership transparency across implementing countries; and supporting the Governance and Oversight Committee.

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.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Emil Omarov

## MR. EMIL OMAROV

Member Engagement Manager for Asia-Pacific,  
Eurasia and MENA regions, Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

Emil joined PWYP in 2016 with extensive prior knowledge of our campaign and coalitions in the region. Prior to this, 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 has over 15 years of experience engaging in transparency and accountability work.

Emil is managing PWYP's engagement with members in 3 regions, including strategy development and implementation, advocacy, communications and fundraising.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Oleksiy Orlovsky

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Democratic Practice Program Director,  
International Renaissance Foundation

Oleksiy Orlovsky holds a PhD in Constitutional law and Master of Public Administration. 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 the civil society at the President of Ukraine and many other consultative bodies.

Beginning from 2007 Oleksiy has been working at the International Renaissance Foundation (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 civil society of Ukraine in the spheres of anti-corruption, transparency of extractive sector, development of local democracy, holding the decentralization reform, reform of institutional development of analytical centers and environmental organizations.

Oleksiy Orlovsky was the initiator of joining Ukraine to the EITI. In 2016 Oleksiy was elected and in 2019 re-elected to the EITI International Board from the civil society constituency. In this body he is the Chairman of the Governance and Oversight Committee. Oleksiy is responsible for cooperation of the Board members from the civil society constituency with the NGOs from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Germany, Georgia, Kosovo and Ukraine.

Oleksiy is an unaltered participant of all 6 Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summits (since 2012) and 5 EITI Global Conferences (since 2009).

# SPEAKER



Ms. Lusine Tovmasyan

## MS. LUSINE TOVMASYAN

National Coordinator,  
EITI Armenia

Lusine Tovmasyan is the Head of the National Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) under the Office of the Prime Minister of Armenia.

Lusine has more than 10 years of experience in the fields of public administration, business process optimization, project management, international cooperation and introduction of innovative solutions in the public sector reforms.

Lusine joined the EITI Armenia team in 2016. She coordinates the activities of implementation of the EITI Standard in the field of metal mining in Armenia, including assurance of the financial, social and environmental transparency and accountability of the companies operating in the metal mining sector, disclosure of beneficial owners and establishment of the beneficial ownership electronic declaration system, enhancement of public participation in debates and policy making.



# SPEAKER



Ms. Mariam Maisuradze

## MS. MARIAM MAISURADZE

Anti-Corruption Direction Head, Institute for  
Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

Since April 2019, Mariam Maisuradze has been a member of the team of IDFI as the Manager of the project “Promoting Prosecutorial Independence through Monitoring and Engagement” (PRIME). Before that, Mariam worked as an expert for the project “EU for the Interagency Commission on Gender Equality, Violence against Women and Domestic Violence”.

In 2014-2018, Mariam was a senior adviser on criminal law, juvenile justice and anti-corruption policy at the Analytical Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia; she was an expert/evaluator for the CoE Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and member of the Georgian delegation to GRECO and the European Committee on Legal Cooperation (CDCJ).

Before 2014, Mariam worked at the LEPL Academy of the Ministry of Finance, NGO Human Rights Priority, and other organizations.

Mariam Maisuradze has a Bachelor’s Degree of Law and a Master’s Degree in International Law from Tbilisi State University. In 2013-2014, she studied LLM in European Law at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

# SPEAKER



Mr. Danila Bekturganov

## MR. DANILA BEKTURGANOV

Director, Public Foundation  
"Civil Expertise"

Danila Bekturganov is a sociologist, political scientist, director of the Public Foundation "Civil Expertise". He has been working in non-governmental organizations operating in the Republic of Kazakhstan for more than 20 years. The main areas of his works are: elections, transparency of extractive industries, budgets and public procurement; also, digital rights.

Since 2016 Danila has served as a Member of the KZ EITI MSG from Civil Society Side. Additionally, since 2016 he has been a member of the KZ EITI MSG Reconciliation Group, as well as a moderator of the Reconciliation Group since 2020. Since 2018 Danila has been a member of the KZ EITI MSG Validation Group.

PF "Civil Expertise" is a member of the International Association "Publish What You Pay".

# SPEAKER



Mr. Ilham Huseynli

## MR. ILHAM HUSEYNLI

Associate Professor, Coordinator of the  
Azerbaijan National Coalition EITI / PWYP

Ilham Gasham oglu Huseynli graduated from high school in Baku in 1983. In 1983-90 he graduated from the Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction with a degree in Economics. In 2005, he received the degree of "PhD in Economics". Ilham currently works as an associate professor at the Azerbaijan State University of Economics. He is the coordinator of the Azerbaijan National EITI Coalition and chairman of the Organization for Democratic Development and Economic Cooperation.

He is a participant of EITI's Paris, Sydney, Paris, PWYP's Dakar Global Conferences.

# SPEAKER



Ms. Olga Khaulyak

## MS. OLGA KHAULYAK

Head of the Energy  
Transparency Association

Olga Khaulyak is a Geographer, Geoecologist, expert in sustainable resource management, environmental protection and local development.

Since July 2021 she serves as the Head of Energy Transparency Association – the Ukrainian national coalition of non-governmental organizations working on implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in Ukraine (UA EITI), member of international coalition Publish What You Pay(PWYP).

In 2016 Olga was appointed as the Head of the NGO Agency for Development and Cooperation (Lviv, Ukraine). The main directions of activities include development of local extractive communities, implementation of EITI in Ukraine on a local and national level, research on sustainable natural resource management, as well as civil society development and education.

# SPEAKER



Ms. Zuzana Wienk

## MS. ZUZANA WIENK

Member of the Steering Committee,  
Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Zuzana Wienk is a member of the Steering Committee of OpenGovernment Partnership. In her home country – Slovakia - she has worked as a Director of a leading watchdog organisation Fair-play Alliance for 15 years. Two years ago, she seeded a new NGO - the Currents that builds a sustainable support ecosystem for active citizens through which it strives to rebuild trust in societies and into democracy. The Currents also run one of the most prominent civic awards in Slovakia White Crow for acts of civic courage and defence of public interest.

With her journalistic investigative background and experience, Zuzana is author of a number of innovative concepts aimed to fight corruption. Her expertise on anti-corruption and transparency issues is often used by international actors, media and institutions.



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