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Summary:

Giorgi Kldiashvili is a founding member and Director of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI). He has over five years of experience working on transparency issues in Georgia. He has been carrying out projects, studies, assessments and trainings for different international organizations and foundations. He is the director and coordinator of existing projects at IDFI. Giorgi Kldiashvili is an author of a number of publications related to access to public 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 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 co-chair of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Georgia's Forum and co-chair of the Freedom of Information Working Group of the Anti-Corruption Council of Georgia, also the coordinator of the Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance and Sustainability Working Group of the Georgian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum.

Giorgi is the author and co-author of a number of publications.

He is fluent in Russian and English languages.

Education:

Doctoral Candidate, Department of Humanities, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2009-Present.

PhD Student, Department of History, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2002-2005.
M.A. in History, Department of History, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2000-2002.
B.A. in History, Department of History, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1996-2000.

Working Experience:

Co-founder and Director -Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) (2009-Present)

Senior Expert – UNDP and EU funded project of IDFI on Parliamentary Openness – December 2014 - November 2015. Consulting the working group to draft the Open Parliament Action Plan of Georgia.

Senior Expert – Open Society Georgia Foundation – (December 8- 24, 2013, June 10- August 30, 2014) - Drafting Freedom of Information Law of Georgia.

Senior Expert – The Carter Center Global Access to Information Initiative - (February 2014-April 2014). Consultancy included writing assessment of the Freedom of Information implementation on the bases of auditing 7 state authorities of Georgia (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry f Healthcare and Social Protection, Competition and State Procurement Agency, National Statistics Office of Georgia) with the Carter Center's access to information implementation assessment tool (IAT).

Senior Expert -USAID Good Governance Program in Georgia (G-3) - (August 2012-November 2012) - Organizing workshops and trainings on Freedom of Information issues for CSOs in regions of Georgia. Conducting research on access to public documents in local governments of Georgia.

Senior Expert -USAID Good Governance Program in Georgia (G-3) - (November 2012-February 2013) – FoI specialist worked on designing a format for work activities to be conducted by CSOs in Georgia to increase their understanding and involvement in the FOIA implementation process and Open Government Partnership (OGP).

Trainer – USAID Good Governance Program in Georgia (G-3) implemented by the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (June –December 2013). Providing trainings to mid-level public servants (300 public servants at the central and regional levels) of mid-level on freedom of information and open government.

Trainer – (July 2013) EU Funded. Providing trainings to 150 public servants (at the central level) on e-governance, ethics, freedom of information and open government, personal data protection, project management.

Co-chair (from civil society) of the Freedom of Information Working Group at the Inter-Agency Anti-corruption Council of Georgia - (since January 2013. Anti-corruption Council elaborates anti-corruption policy, strategy and action plan of Georgia)

Co-chair (from civil society) of the Open Government Georgia's Forum – (since February 2014. Forum works on developing Open Government Partnership in Georgia and chaired by the representative of the Government of Georgia and the civil society.

Coordinator of the Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance and Sustainability Working Group of the Georgian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum – (since March 2016 – working with more than 100 CSOs in Georgia to elaborate the best prospects for Georgia's economic, social and political development.

Projects at IDFI:

"Supporting the Parliament of Georgia in Implementation of the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan" - December 2015 – April, 2015. Project Director. Funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the European Union. Implemented by IDFI. Project aims at supporting the openness and transparency of the Parliament of Georgia by raising awareness of the Parliament on Open Government Partnership by supporting development and adoption of the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan and launching the process of Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan implementation.

"Improvement of Electronic Transparency in the Municipalities of Kakheti and Promotion of Public Engagement in the Work of Local Self-Governments" – (October 2015 – April 2016). Project Director. Funded by the Open Society Georgia Foundation. Project aims at developing the standardized web-site for local governments focused on transparency and public engagement.

"Promoting Internet Freedom in South Caucasus" – (July-December 2015). Project Director. Funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia and Armenia. Implementer IDFI. Project aimed at studying and analyzing freedom of internet practice in South Caucasus region and organizing conference.

"Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) Quality Tracking in Georgia" – (September 2015-September 2018). Project Director. Funded by Deloitte Consulting LLP on behalf of the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") Program- Governing for Growth (G4G) in Georgia. Implementer IDFI. In the framework of the project monitoring of the public-private dialogue in legislative initiatives in various Ministries of Georgia.

"Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB)" – **(July 2015-February 2016).** Project Coordinator. Funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Implemented y IDFI in partnership with the Bremen University. Project aimed at raising the awareness among civil society groups and to strengthen the understanding of Georgia's socio-economic development strategy "Georgia 2020".

"Improving of Information Act (FOIA) Process and Increasing Public Awareness of FOIA" (April 2013-March 2014). Project Director. USAID funded project. Implementer IDFI. In cooperation with partner organizations-

Transparency International Georgia and Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) assisted the Government of Georgia (GoG) in establishing improved mechanisms for disclosing public information and citizen access to public information.

"Developing Civil Service Reform Concept and Action Plan of Georgia". (May 2013- January 2014). Senior Expert. USAID Funded. Implementer IDFI in cooperation with the Grigol Robakidze University. The project aimed at developing new Civil Service Reform Concept and Action Plan of Georgia.

"State-owned enterprises (SOE) and their efficiency in Georgia - Focus: Agriculture Sector". (December 2013, August 2014). Project Director. Implementer IDFI. USAID funded. Project aimed at elaborating policy document for the Government of Georgia on state-owned enterprises on the basis of research regarding effectiveness of SOEs.

Project **"Public Information Database (September 2010 – October 2015)"**. Project Author. Funded by the Open Society Foundations. Implementer IDFI. The project aimed at assessing the level of access to public documents in government agencies of Georgia.

"Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia" (April 2013- Present). Project Director. Implementer IDFI. Funded by the Open Society Foundations. Project aimed at supporting and monitoring of the process of digital terrestrial transition in Georgia. In the framework of the project IDFI prepared the strategy project for digital switchover which was adopted by the Government of Georgia. IDIS also successfully advocated for regional broadcasters interests in the process of DSO.

"Research on the Effectiveness of the FOIA Provisions in Georgia (March – June 2012)". USAID-funded. Project Coordinator. Implementer IDFI. Project aimed at advancing the level of access to public information, improving the existing practice of accountability and transparency and good governance at governmental agencies of Georgia (Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Civil Service Bureau, Competition and State Procurement Agency, Chamber of Control, Government of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara) through implementation of the best international practices of access to public information.

"Improving the Accountability and Transparency of the Georgian Courts" (October 2011-October 2012). Funded by: Eurasia Partnership Foundation, USAID, East-West Management Institute. Project Director. Implementer IDFI. The project was launched within the framework of Eurasia Partnership Foundation Program "Initiative for an Independent and Transparent Judiciary". The objective of the project was to increase the degree of accountability and transparency in activities of judiciary system of Georgia, the increase of availability of public information within the judiciary system via monitoring of E-Resources and visualization of various statistical data pertaining to judiciary field.

Promoting Freedom, Professionalism and Pluralism of the Media in the South Caucasus and Moldova". (June – October, 2012). Funded by the European Union - Council of Europe. Organizer and moderator of Seminars. In the framework of the project two seminars were organized and provide for media representatives in Tbilisi and

Kutaisi about freedom of information issues.

"Monitoring of Information Recourses of State Authorities of Georgia" (July 2011 – April 2012). Funded by: Open Society Institute/Open Society Georgia foundation and the National Security Archive. Project Director. Implementer IDFI. Within the framework of the project, the Institute conducted an audit of the official websites of Georgian public institutions, in order to assess the level of electronic transparency and information accessibility of public information.

Assistant Professor of American Studies - Tbilisi State University, Institute of American Studies (September 2010- September 2012). - Teaching students graduate and undergraduate level courses in history, politics, foreign relations of the United States, religion in the United States, and history of Latin America.

Visiting Professor of American Studies - Tbilisi State University, Institute of American Studies (September 2012- January 2013) - Teaching graduate students courses in history of USA and Latin America, Religions in America.

Warid Telecom Georgia, Ltd 2008-2009
Head of Sales; Member of the Managerial Board; Elaborated sales strategy.

United Telecom of Georgia - 2005-2008
Department Head of Relations with Regional Branches; Head of the Division of Projects and Control Analysis; Head of the regional unit; Member of the Managerial Board;

Visiting Professor at Tbilisi State University (Institute of American Sturdies) **– 2013-2014**
Teaching graduate and undergraduate students American History, Religion in American Studies. Latin American History.

Assistant Professor at Tbilisi State University (Institute of American Studies) **– 2012-2013**
Teaching graduate and undergraduate students American History, Religion in American Studies. Latin American History

Visiting Lecturer - Tbilisi State University, Department of History - (2003-2005) Teaching history of the United States to graduate students.

Board Member of the Georgian Association of American Studies -2000- up today;

Member of the Institute for American Studies (Tbilisi State University) -2000- up today

Web-site: https://idfi.ge/en
Blogs: https://idfi.ge/en/blogs

Publications:

Author: "Access to public information in Georgia: achievements and challenges –EBRD, LAW IN TRANSITION ONLINE 2015 - http://2015.lit-ebrd.com/Articles/Article6.html

Author: Open Parliaments – Results and Expectations – Transparencia Mexicana, 2015, Mexico, Open Parliament in Georgia's OGP Action Plan. P. 71-89.

"Georgia After Stalin" – BASEES/Routlege Series on Russian and East European Studies **–** 2015. Nationalism after the March 1956 events and the origins of the national-independence movement in Georgia" – p.77-92. (Author).

Co-author: "Georgia's Digital Broadcasting Switchover Strategy". Institute for Development of Freedom of Information .May, 2013.

Co-author: "Georgia's Digital Broadcasting Switchover Strategy". IDFI. May, 2013.

Author: "The President in Opposition- Georgia's 2012 Parliamentary Elections" – Caucasus Analytical Digest #43. 2012. –

Author: "Georgia Adopts Standards about Proactive Disclosure"- Democracy and Freedom Watch. 2012.

Author: "Electronic Record Management and Georgia"- Democracy and Freedom Watch. 2012.

Author: "Open Government Partnership Initiative and Georgia—New Challenges". IDFI. 2013.

Book Editor: "Proactive Disclosure of Court Statistics and other Public Information on Websites of Judiciary." Institute for Development of Freedom of Information; IDFI. 2012.

Book Editor: "Public Information Guidebook. "Institute for Development of Freedom of Information; IDFI. 2012.

Book Editor: "Electronic Transparency in Georgia." Institute for Development of Freedom of Information; IDFI. 2012.