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The first International Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection is being held in Georgia.

Protection of the principles of fair competition and the rights of consumers is a crucial factor for ensuring sustainable and inclusive economic development. The agenda of the event covers broad range of key issues from competition policy to consumer rights protection mechanisms, and activities carried out by the regulatory agencies.

The two-day event is jointly organized by the Georgian National Competition Agency, The National Bank of Georgia, Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission, Georgian National Communications Commission and Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia.

Involvement of the public agencies, regulatory bodies, academic communities, international organizations, business sector, local and international experts and fellow agencies will further increase the synergy of participating stakeholders.



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AGENDA (draft)

DAY 1 – 16 November

Conference Venue - Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103

Time	Event
09:30-10:00	Registration, Welcome Coffee
10:00-11:00	Opening Ceremony / Welcome Speech Zurab Azarashvili - Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (tbc) Davit Songulashvili - Chairperson of the committee of sector economy and economic policy at Parliament of Georgia; Mikheil Sarjveladze - Chairman of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee(tbc) Alexander Khvtisiashvili - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia Guram Guramishvili - Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Teresa Moreira Head of Competition & Consumer Policies, UNCTAD
11:00-12:00	Opening Session Moderator - Dr. Giorgi Abashishvili - Director on Economic Policy, Geocase, Professor, Dean at CIU Business Faculty Panelists: Irakli Lekvinadze - Chairman of the National Competition Agency of Georgia;



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Koba Gvenetadze - President of the National Bank of Georgia;

Davit Narmania - Chairman of the National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission of Georgia;

Davit Onoprishvili - Head of the State Insurance Supervision Service of Georgia;

Vakhtang Abashidze - Commissioner, Communications Commission.

12:00-12:30	Coffee Break / Media Comments Family Photo
12:30-13:15	Keynote Speech Teresa Moreira , Head of Competition & Consumer Policies, UNCTAD; IMPACT OF COMPETITION AND CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION ON WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT <i>(with a focus on emerging economies)</i>
13:15-14:00	lunch
14:00-15:15	Parallel Breakout Sessions



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Competition Policy and Sustainable Development

Moderator – Bakar Palavandishvili- Deputy Chair and the chief legal officer at Geocase

Panelists:

María Pilar Canedo Arrillaga - Commissioner of the Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission;

Mammad Abbasbeyli - Head of the State Service for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Levan Kalandadze - First Deputy Chairman of the Georgian National Competition Agency

Giorgi Pertaia - President of Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Teona Zhizhiashvili – Legal Manager, PwC Georgia

2

Competition Policy on Regulated Markets/Inter-agency Cooperation

Moderator - Renato Ferrandi- Senior Competition Expert and Coordinator of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition at OECD

Panelists:

Šarūnas Keserauskas- Chairman of Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania, Project leader in the Twinning Project in Georgia – “Strengthening Capacity of the Competition Agency of Georgia”

Alexei GHERȚESCU - Chairman of Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova

Daniel Mańkowski - the Director of the Legal Department, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland (UOKIK)

Levan Vepkhvadze - Executive Director of BAG

Renato Ferrandi- Senior Competition Expert and Coordinator of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition at OECD



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Legal Guarantees of Consumer Rights Protection and Features of the Enforcement

Moderator – Salome Janelidze - Director of Legal Department. Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)

Panelists:

Goda Aleksaite – Head of State Consumer Rights Protection Authority, Lithuania

Mariam Shaishmelashvili - Deputy of Consumer Rights Protection Department, GNCA

Alexander Margishvili - Managing Partner, General Director · Kudos Georgia LLC

Lasha Gzirishvili - Head of Consumer Protection and Financial Education Department at National Bank of Georgia

Salome Janelidze - Director of Legal Department. Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)

15:15–15:30

Coffee Break

15:30–16:45

Parallel Breakout Sessions

1

Indirect Mechanisms of Enforcement

(Competition advocacy, sectoral inquiries and monitorings, recommendations, trade policy)

Moderator – Nika Sergia - Head of Department for Anti-dumping Measures, GNCA

Panelists:

Vladimir Naumovski - President of the Commission for Protection of Competition of North Macedonia

Olga Nechytailo State Commissioner of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine

Steffen Sirries - Professor at Kutaisi International University and Equity Partner at Lademann & Associates GmbH

Giorgi Kedelidze - Deputy Head of Market Monitoring and Analysis Department, GNCA

Medea Akolashvili Deputy Head of Legal Department, GNCA



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2

Essential Facility and Refusal to Supply, Theory and Practice

(Abuse of dominant, theoretical approaches and practical cases, essential trading partner)

Moderator – Giorgi Isakadze, Editor in Chief of FORBES GEORGIA.

Panelists:

Denar Biba - Chairman of the Albanian Competition Authority;

Nikoloz Sumbadze - Director of Market Monitoring Department, GNERC

Sopio Momtselidze – Head of Legal Department, GNCA

Levan Maisuradze - Lawyer at the Georgian national regulatory authority for the broadcasting and telecommunications

George Svanadze - Chair of the Legal Committee of the European Business Association

3

European and Georgian practice in Consumer protection

Moderator – Nika Nanuashvili, Legal Director of the Business Association of Georgia

Panelists:

Tamar Lakerbaia - Consumer rights protection expert, judge

Eka Sepashvili - First Deputy Chairperson of the Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee, Parliament of Georgia

Neringa Ulbaite - Former Director of State Consumer Rights Protection Service of Lithuania; Expert/Consultant of Consumer Protection component in TWINNING Project in Georgia – “Strengthening Capacity of the Competition Agency of Georgia”.

Sopio Japaridze – Acting Public Defender for Protection of Consumer Rights, Communications Commission

Nino Niavadze – Head of Legal Department, Insurance State Supervision Service



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DAY 2 – 17 November

Conference Venue - Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103

Time	Event
09:30-10:00	Registration, Welcome Coffee
10:00-11:00	Closing Remarks Irakli Lekvinadze - Chairman of the National Competition Agency of Georgia; Koba Gvenetadze - President of the National Bank of Georgia;; Davit Narmania - Chairman of the National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission of Georgia; Davit Onoprishvili - Head of the State Insurance Supervision Service of Georgia; Vakhtang Abashidze - Commissioner, Communications Commission.
11:00-12:00	Memorandum Signing Ceremony Between the Counterpart Agencies of the Competition and Consumer Rights Protection Georgia – Uzbekistan Georgia – Azerbaijan Georgia – Lithuania Georgia – Poland Georgia – North Macedonia Georgia- Albania GNCA and Grigol Robakidze University GNCA and Caucasus International University