

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION II INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 16-18 | 2023 | TBILISI, GEORGIA

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

Protection of the principle of fair competition and the rights of consumer 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 three-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 Communication Commission and Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia.

Involvement of 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.

AGENDA (*draft*)

All times in Tbilisi-Time (UTC +4)

DAY I – 16 November

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

Working Language: Georgian/English

Time	Event
09:30-10:00	Registration, Welcome Coffee
10:00-10:40	Opening Ceremony / Welcome Speech Government of Georgia Parliament of Georgia International Organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teresa Moreira - Head of Competition & Consumer Policies, UNCTAD• Ori Schwartz- Head of the Competition Division, OECD
10:40-12:00	Opening Session Competition and Consumer Rights in a Sectoral Perspective - Results, Achievements and Challenges

	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Irakli Lekvinadze Chairman of Georgian National Competition Agency</p> <p>Natia Turnava Acting Governor of National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Davit Narmania Chairman of Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission</p> <p>David Onoprishvili Chairman of The Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia.</p> <p>Vakhtang Abashidze Commissioner of Communications Commission;</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Media Comments</p> <p>Family Photo</p>
12:30-13:30	<p>Key Note Speakers</p> <p>William Kovacic Professor of Global Competition Law and Policy; Director of Competition Law Center.</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	Parallel Breakout Session Round 1
1	Competition Policy and Sustainable Development, Regulated Markets and Interagency Cooperation

	Moderator Panelists:
2	Trade Policy and Indirect Mechanisms Supporting Competition Moderator Panelists:
3	Current Trends and Key Challenges in Consumer Rights Protection: Experience of Georgia and European Countries Moderator Panelists:
15:45–16:00	Coffee Break
16:00–17:15	Parallel Breakout Session Round 2
1	Effective Mechanisms of Concentration Control Moderator Panelists:

2	Agreements Restricting Competition, Effective Detection and Prevention Mechanisms, International and Domestic Experience Moderator Panelists:
3	Consumer Rights Protection: Fostering Sustainability Through Awareness-Raising and Preventative Measure Moderator Panelists:

DAY II – 17 November

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

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Time	Event
09:30-10:00	Registration, Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:45	
11:00-12:15	UNCTAD Session on Consumer Rights Protection Moderator - Teresa Moreira , Head of Competition & Consumer Policies, UNCTAD
12:15-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-13:45	OECD Session on Competition Policy Moderator- Ori Schwartz , Head of the Competition Division, OECD
13:45-14:30	Lunch

DAY III – 18 November

Kakheti Region

Working Language: Georgian/English

Time	Event
10:30-11:00	Registration, Welcome Coffee

11:00-11:10 **Welcome Speech**

David Songulashvili Chairman of the Sectoral Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia

11:10-12:00 **Closing Remarks**

Georgian National Competition Agency

National Bank of Georgia

Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission

Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia

Communications Commission

12:00-13:00 **Memorandum Signing Ceremony Between the Counterpart Agencies of the Competition and Consumer Rights Protection**

- Georgia – Serbia
- Georgia – Austria

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