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Draft Agenda
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Day - 1 | 20 November

- **Venue:** Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103
- **Language:** Georgian/English (Simultaneous Translation)

Time	Event
09:30 - 10:00	Registration Welcome Coffee
10:00 - 10:40	Opening Ceremony Welcome Speech Government of Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mikheil Sarjveladze Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia• David Songulashvili Chairman of the Sectoral Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia• Maka Botchorishvili Chair of the EU Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia• Genadi Arveladze Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia• Andreas Mundt President of the Bundeskartellamt, Steering Group Chair of the International Competition Network ICN (video)
10:40 - 12:00	Opening Session Competition and Consumer Rights in a Sectoral Perspective - Results, Achievements and Challenges

	<p>Moderator - Giorgi Abashishvili Founder & CEO of Business Insider Georgia & Economic Forum Georgia</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irakli Lekvinadze Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency • Davit Narmania Chairman of the National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission of Georgia • David Onoprishvili Head of the Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia • Ekaterine Galdava Member of the Board of the National Bank of Georgia, Vice President • Vakhtang Abashidze Commissioner, Communications Commission
12:00 - 12:30	<p>Coffee Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Photo - Media Comments
12:30 - 14:00	<p>Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Competition Policy and Consumer Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Moreira Head of Competition & Consumer Policies UNCTAD • Isabelle Perignon, Director Consumers -Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of European Commission (Online) • Cristina Caffarra Deputy Director of the CEPR Competition Research Network (Online) • Andreas Mundt President of the Bundeskartellamt, Steering Group Chair of the International Competition Network ICN (video)
14:00 - 14:45	Lunch
14:45 - 16:15	Parallel Breakout Session Round I
1	<p>Recent Developments and Key Challenges in Mergers Control</p> <p>Moderator - Giorgi Isakadze, Host & Editor at BMG, TV Host and Producer</p> <p>Panelists:</p>

- **Denar Biba** Chairman of the Albanian Competition Authority
- **Elonas Šatas** Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Shamsi Rzali** Head of the State Control over Natural Monopolies Department | The State Service for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control under the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Giorgi Kedelidze** Head of the Strategic Markets Monitoring Department | GCCA
- **Johannes Giacomuzzi** Senior Case Handler Austrian Federal Competition Authority

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Consumer Protection in the Digital E-Commerce Landscape

Moderator - Ana Cândida Muniz Cipriano Legal Officer at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch | UNCTAD

Panelists:

- **Tamar Lakerbaia** Consumer Rights Protection Expert, Judge
- **Levan Molashvili** E-commerce Expert
- **Amati Amarovi** Deputy Head of the Consumer Rights Protection Department | GCCA
- **Ekaterine Kokichaishvili** Senior Associate at MKD Law, Co-founder of the digital legal platform "LawPort"
- **Aida Gasiūnaitė-Stavginskienė** Deputy Director of State Consumer Rights Protection Authority of Lithuania (online)

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Competition Enforcement Policy in Regulated Markets: Key Trends and Challenges

Moderator - Levan Kalandadze Deputy Chairman | GCCA

Panelists:

- **Sopio Momtselidze** Head of the Competition Division of the Legal Department of the National Bank of Georgia
- **Nikoloz Sumbadze** Director of Market Monitoring Department at Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission | GNERC
- **Daniel Mankowski** Vice-President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland
- **Eter Papiashvili** Head Of License and Registration Division at Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia
- **Ekaterine Sichinava** Head of the Competition and Market Regulation Department | Communications Commission

16:15 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00	Parallel Breakout Session Round II
1	<p>Combating Cartels in Vulnerable Markets Evaluating Outcomes and Best Practices</p> <p>Moderator - Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant Legal Officer at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steffen Sirries Professor at Kutaisi International University • Tamta Margvelashvili CCFM Practice Director Nodia, Urumashvili & Partners • Gvantsa Chaduneli - Deputy Head of Economic Competition Department GCCA • Levan Maisuradze Head of Legal Support Group at the Legal Department of the Communications Commission • Salome Kavtaradze Head of the Legal Department GCCA
2	<p>Consumer Rights Protection in Regulated Markets Key Trends and Challenges</p> <p>Moderator - Lasha Gzirishvili Head of the Consumer Rights Protection Department of the National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariam Koshoridze Head of Consumer Protection and Financial Education Division, Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia • Nino Guleishvili Acting Public Defender of Consumers Interests (Energy Ombudsman) • Giorgi Didebashvili First Deputy Director of Consumers Disputes Department of Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) • Gvantsa Chkheidze Public Defender of Consumer Interests (Communications Ombudsman) • Natia Chkonია Head of Market Conduct Supervision Division of National Bank of Georgia

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Implementing Effective Anti-Dumping Policies | Practical Enforcement and Future Perspectives

Moderator - Vakhtang Charaia Vice Rector at Grigol Robakidze University | Dean of the School of Business and Management

Panelists:

- **Elene Tskhomelidze** Head of the Anti-dumping Measures Department | GCCA
- **Mariana Morgoshia** Executive Director of the “Georgian Manufacturers’ Association”
- **Mikheil Chelidze** President of the Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Association
- **Tatia Nikvashvili** Deputy Head of Department for Anti-dumping Measures | GCCA
- **Mariam Gabunia** Head of the Foreign Trade Policy Department | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Day - 2 | 21 November

Venue: Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103

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Time	Event
10:30 - 11:00	Registration Welcome Coffee
11:00 - 12:15	<p>Panel Discussion: Competition Policy Enforcement in Digital Markets Challenges and Best Practices</p> <p>Moderator: Levan Vepkhvadze, Executive Director of BAG</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lukas Cavada Executive Coordinator for International Affairs at the Austrian Federal Competition Authority • Peter Hoeltzenbein Senior Case Manager at the Bundeskartellamt • Cosmin Belacurencu Member of the Board, Secretary of State at the Romanian Competition Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bülent Açma Professor at Anadolu University
12:15 - 12:45	Coffee Break
12:45 - 14:00	<p>Panel Discussion: Consumer Education Empowering Vulnerable Consumers in the Digital E-Commerce Landscape</p> <p>Moderator - Teresa Moreira Head of Competition and Consumer Policies at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Riefa Profesor, University of Reading (UK) UNCTAD E-Commerce Working Group Expert (online) • Daniel Mankowski, Vice-President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland • Derya Güngör Özçelebi Head of Department of Ministry of Trade of Türkiye • Sergo Sanikidze Head of the Consumer Rights Protection Department GCCA
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 15:30	<p>Memorandum Signing Ceremony between the Counterpart Agencies of the Competition and Consumer Rights Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti • Between the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency and the Georgian Technical University

Day - 3 | 22 November

Venue: Mtskheta City

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Time	Event
10:00 - 20:00	Closing Remarks & Cultural Tour in Mtskheta