

## Draft Agenda

Tbilisi Time (UTC +4)

### Day 1 | 13 November

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

Language: Georgian/English (Simultaneous Translation)

Time	Event
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Registration</b>  <b>Welcome Coffee</b>
10:00 - 10:40	<b>Opening Ceremony   Welcome Speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government of Georgia</li><li>• Parliament of Georgia</li><li>• International Organizations</li></ul>
10:40 - 12:00	<b>Opening Session   Competition and Consumer Protection in a Sectoral Perspective - Results, Achievements and Challenges</b>  Moderator: <b>Giorgi Abashishvili</b> Founder & CEO of Business Insider Georgia & Economic Forum Georgia  Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Irakli Lekvinadze</b> Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency</li><li>• <b>Natia Turnava</b> President of the National Bank of Georgia</li><li>• <b>Davit Narmania</b> Chairman of the National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission of Georgia</li><li>• <b>David Onoprishvili</b> Head of the Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia</li><li>• <b>Vakhtang Abashidze</b> Commissioner of Communications Commission</li></ul>
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family photo</li><li>• Media Comments</li></ul>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Keynote Speakers</b> Competition and Consumer Protection Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Teresa Moreira</b> Head of Competition &amp; Consumer Policies   UNCTAD;</li><li>• <b>Brigitte Acoca</b> Head of the Consumer Policy Unit, OECD</li></ul>
14:00 - 14:45	<b>Lunch</b>

<p><i>14:45 - 16:15</i> <i>Parallel</i> <i>Breakout</i> <i>Session# 1</i></p>	<p><b>Competition Policy in Regulated Sectors  Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Levan Kalandadze</b> Deputy Chairman, GCCA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shahla Eyvaz-zade</b> Head of the Legal Acts Sector of the Legal Department, State Agency for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control of Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• <b>Ekaterine Sitchinava</b> Acting Head of Telecom Market Regulations Department, Communications Commission</li> <li>• <b>Giga Adamia</b> Deputy Director of Legal Department, GNERC</li> </ul>
<p><i>14:45 - 16:15</i> <i>Parallel</i> <i>Breakout</i> <i>Session# 2</i></p>	<p><b>Building Fair Markets: Protecting Children and Vulnerable Consumers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ana Candida Muniz Cipriano</b> Legal Officer of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Riccarda Weissenberger</b> Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection</li> <li>• <b>Kwun Seonhwa</b> Head of Team, Insurance and Medical Affairs Team, Seoul Gangwon Regional Office, Korea Consumer Agency;</li> <li>• <b>Nazrin Mirzazade</b> Deputy Head of the Standardization, State Agency for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control of Republic of Azerbaijan;</li> <li>• <b>Amati Amarovi</b> Deputy Head of the Consumers Rights Protection Department, GCCA</li> </ul>
<p><i>14:45 - 16:15</i> <i>Parallel</i> <i>Breakout</i> <i>Session# III</i></p>	<p><b>Consumer Protection Today   Key Developments and Challenges in Georgia and Beyond</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Nino Niavadze</b> Head of the Legal Department, State Insurance Supervision Service</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gvantsa Chkheidze</b>, Communications Ombudsman</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tsisana Kavelashvili</b> First Deputy Head of the Disputes and Services Department at the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC).</li> <li>• <b>Natia Chkonia</b> Deputy Head of the Consumer Rights Protection Department at the National Bank of Georgia.</li> <li>• <b>Mariam Nikoladze</b> Head of the Consumer Rights Protection and Financial Education Division at the State Service for Insurance Supervision</li> </ul>
16:15 - 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:30 - 18:00 Parallel Breakout Session #1	<p><b>From Prevention to Enforcement: Rethinking Ex Ante and Ex Post in Competition Law</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Akari Yamamoto - Bonenfant</b> Legal Officer of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UN Trade and Development</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Serene Seet</b> Director of the Enforcement Division, Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS);</li> <li>• <b>Arthur Buduryan</b> Partner at Legelata Law Firm, Armenia</li> <li>• <b>Salome Kavtaradze</b> Head of the Legal Department, GCCA</li> </ul>
16:30 - 18:00 Parallel Breakout Session #2	<p><b>The Future of Mergers   Navigating New Global Realities</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alibek Raipov</b> Director of the World Economy Research Center at the Economic Research Institute JSC, Kazakhstan;</li> <li>• <b>Durim Kraja</b> Member of the Commission, Albanian Competition Authority</li> <li>• <b>Bulent Acma</b> Anadolu University Professor, Turkiye</li> <li>• <b>Giorgi Kedelidze</b> Head of the Strategic Markets Monitoring Department</li> </ul>
16:30 - 18:00 Parallel Breakout Session #3	<p><b>Consumers International Panel  The Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Consumer Protection</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Érico de Melo</b> International and Government Engagement Lead, Consumers International</p> <p>Panelists:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ana Candida Muniz Cipriano</b> Legal Officer of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</li> </ul>
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## Day 2 | 14 November

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

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Time	Event
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Registration   Welcome Coffee</b>
11:00 - 12:15	<p>High-Ranking Panel Discussion   Regulation and Innovation: Finding the Right Balance in Competition Policy</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>María Pilar Canedo Arrillaga</b> Senior Expert at the OECD's Competition Division, Commissioner of the Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mirta Kapural</b> President of the Competition Council, Croatian Competition Agency</li> <li>• <b>Tomasz Chrósty</b> President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Mark Panczel</b> Member of the National Competition Council, Hungary</li> </ul>
12:15 - 12:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:45 - 14:00	<p>High-Ranking Panel Discussion   The Role of International Organisations and Cross-Border Cooperation in Consumer Protection</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elena Gasol Ramos</b> Digital Regulations and Global Knowledge Lead, World Bank Group</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brigitte Acoca</b> Head of the Consumer Policy Unit, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Érico de Melo</b> International and Government Engagement Lead, Consumers International</li> <li>• <b>Sven Gallasch</b> Senior Lecturer at Deakin Law School, Australia</li> <li>• <b>Sergo Sanikidze</b> Head of the Consumer Protection Department, GCCA</li> </ul>
14:00 - 15:00	<p>High-Ranking Panel Discussion: Unfair Trade Practices and Domestic Industry Resilience: Assessing Sectoral Vulnerability</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>

	<b>Elene Tskhomelidze</b> Head of the Anti-Dumping Department, GCCA  Panelists:
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Lunch</b>
16:00 - 16:30	Memorandum Signing Ceremony between the Counterpart Agencies of the Competition and Consumer Protection

### Day 3 | 15 November

Venue: Mtskheta *(TBC)*

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