

INAUGURAL ANNUAL SHOWCASE AGENDA

Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

From Words to Action: Implementing SDG 16+ at the local and national level



Sixteen
Plus Forum

29 October–2 November 2017

Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi

4 Freedom Square

Includes Capacity-Building Workshop, Main Conference and Post-Conference Gathering



TBILISI, GEORGIA

ANNUAL SHOWCASE AGENDA

PRE-CONFERENCE CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

29 October 2017

Registration (10:00 AM)

I. Welcome Remarks: World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

II. Capacity-Building Workshop for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) engaging on issues related to SDG 16+ (10:30am)

- a. This workshop aims to further train CSOs working on SDG 16+ advocacy and implementation, draw upon linkages to the Open Government Partnership (OGP), and provide an overview of the SDGs nationalization process and SDG 16+, in particular.
 - i. Led by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

Lunch to be served (1:00 PM)

Secondary Session (2:00 PM)

- b. Building off previous discussions, the afternoon session will elaborate upon strategies and tools for SDG 16 advocacy, in Georgia and further afield, as well as guidelines for civil society reporting on Goal 16. This session and accompanying breakouts will provide participants with detailed guidance on opportunities, entry points and data sources for engaging with their governments and other local, regional or international stakeholders on planning, implementation, follow-up and accountability.
 - i. Led by the TAP Network: Transparency, Accountability and Participation | Post-2015
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III. Closing of Capacity-building Workshop (6:00 PM)

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FIELD VISITS

30 October 2017

Informal Welcome Gathering and Reception the evening before at the Courtyard Marriott (7:30pm). Early registration for those who are able to attend.

Registration (9:30 AM)

I. SDG 16 CSO Visit (10:30-11:30 AM)

- a. Open Society Foundation of Georgia, 10, Chovelidze Street, Tbilisi

Lunch to be served at the IOTA Hotel (1:00 PM)

Busses to depart from the Courtyard Marriott and Iota hotels at 2pm for the Customs Clearance Zone and subsequent visits

II. Customs Clearance Zone (2:00-3:30 PM)

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- a. Bypass road 36 km, Tbilisi, Georgia

III. Public Service Hall (4:15-4:50 PM)

- a. 2 Sanapiro Street, Tbilisi

IV. Open Government Partnership, Ministry of Justice (5:10-5:50 PM)

- a. Venue: Public Service Hall

Official Welcome Reception, hosted by the Government of Georgia, at the Funicular, 8:00-10:00 PM). See Logistics Note for details.

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31 October 2017

Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi

Final Registration (9:00 AM)

I. Plenary Opening Session (9:15 AM)

Welcome and introductions; frame discussion and objectives for the next three days and foreshadow agenda

- a. Speakers
 - i. H.E. Mikheil Janelidze, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia
 - ii. Alexander Baramidze, First Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia
 - iii. Maya Tskitishvili, Head of Administration of Government, Georgia
 - iv. Niels Scott, UN Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia
 - v. H.E. Choonghee Hahn, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
 - vi. Kateřina Fialková, Director of Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
 - vii. Giorgi Kldiashvili, Founding Member and Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
 - viii. Bonian Golmohammadi, Secretary-General, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

II. Plenary Session—Flagship Theme:

Promoting Good Governance, the Rule of Law, Anti-Corruption: the Georgian Experience (9:45 AM)

The aim of this panel discussion is to demonstrate the successes and challenges that have faced Georgian public institutions and civil society, both in terms of the larger 2030 Agenda, and specifically in terms of SDG 16+ and its links to OGP. Further, and as current Chair of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), discussions will highlight how SDG 16+ targets and indicators come together with OGP priorities in practice.

- a. Linking SDG 16+ and OGP in Policy and Practice
 - i. Panelists
 - 1. Gigi Bregadze, Democratic Governance Team Leader, UNDP Georgia
 - 2. Nina Sarishvili, Secretary of the SDGs/PAR Council of Georgia, Head of Government Planning and Innovations Unit, Administration of the Government, Georgia
 - 3. Zurab Sanikidze, Director of Analytical Department of Ministry of Justice, Secretary of the Anticorruption Council and Secretary of the Criminal Justice Reform Council of Georgia; Chair of OGP Forum of Georgia
 - ii. Moderator

1. Saba Buadze, Anti-Corruption Direction Head, IDFI

Coffee Break (10:45 AM)

III. Plenary Session—Flagship Theme:

Promoting Good Governance, the Rule of Law and Anti-corruption: Views Around the World (11:00 AM)

While the opening plenary focused on Georgia, this session seeks to broaden the lens, focusing on innovative approaches and lessons learned within the neighborhood, the larger region and contexts further afield.

- a. Access to Justice, the Rule of Law and the Open Government Partnership Initiative: Overlap and Interlinkages
 - i. Panelists
 1. H.E. Mónica Bolaños Perez, Director General of International, Multilateral and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala
 2. Milena Altmeyer, Good Governance Advisor, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
 3. Joseph Moina Samah, Development Economist, Central Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone
 4. Coco Lammers, Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Namati
 - ii. Moderator
 1. Shelley Inglis, Regional Cluster Leader, Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Program Support, UNDP Istanbul
- b. Anti-corruption, Accountability and Public Service Delivery
 - i. Panelists
 1. Ahjung Lee, Policy Specialist, UNDP Seoul Policy Centre for Global Development Partnerships
 2. Molly Lien, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Georgia
 3. Khaled Emam, Programs Manager, Arab Program for Human Rights Activists
 4. Hayk Malkhasyan, Deputy Head of the Legal Department, Republic of Armenia, Government Staff
 - ii. Moderator
 1. David Bloss, Regional Editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

Lunch to be served (12:45 PM)

IV. Plenary Session—Secondary Theme:

Strengthening Institutions and Participatory Decision-Making Processes (1:45 PM)

With rapidly evolving democratisation trends worldwide, citizens and individuals are calling for a greater involvement and influence in decision-making processes at national and local levels of governance. Tangible progress is visible, but ample room for improvement remains, particularly against a backdrop of shrinking civic space. The following discussion will focus on successes, challenges and best practices in pursuing inclusive, participatory democracy and a strengthened social contract.

- a. Reflecting Inclusion through Effective Institutions
 - i. Panelists
 1. Laura Garr, Associate, White & Case LLP
 2. Oleksandr Pavlychenko, Executive Director, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union
 3. Richard Dzikunu, Youth Accountability Advocate, Restless Development
 4. Mustakim Waid, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia
 - ii. Moderator
 1. Mikheil Darchiashvili, Senior Governance Advisor, USAID/Tetra Tech ARD, Georgia Good Governance Initiative (GGI)

Coffee Break (3:15 PM)

- b. Civic Engagement through Formal and non-Formal Channels
 - i. Panelists
 1. Kateřina Fialková, Director of Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
 2. Nana Kurashvili, Head of Programmes in Georgia, People in Need
 3. Lela Bakradze, Assistant Representative, United Nations Population Fund, Georgia
 4. David Smith, Chief of Party, USAID/Tetra Tech ARD, GGI
 5. Aida Ajanovic, Head of Research, Why Not and National Coordinator, Action SEE Network Accountability, Technology and Institutional Openness Network in South East Europe
 - ii. Moderator
 1. Coco Lammers, Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Namati

V. Breakout sessions—Diving Deeper (5:00 PM)

Divided into two groups, participants will focus on the following, with a small set of deliverables to be reached by the close of this session:

- a. Snapshot Readiness: instruments for the assessment of SDG implementation, with a focus on SDG 16.3 (access to justice) and 16.7 (participatory decision-making)
 - i. Led by Sina Heers, Team Leader, Agenda 2030 in Legal and Judicial Reform Programme, GIZ
- b. Enacting Inclusion: what do effective policies look like, to what impact, and how might they be incorporated national development or strategic plans
 - i. Led by Levan Samadashvili, Deputy Chief of Party, USAID GGI
- c. Innovations in the region – how new ways of Institutional reform, policy and service delivery can contribute towards 16.6 & 16.10
 - i. Led by Lejla Sadiku, Open Data Specialist, UNDP Istanbul
- d. Making SDG 16.3 work for the rule of law and access to justice – how 16.3 translates into national contexts, particularly in g7+ states
 - i. Led by Marcel Smits, Program Director for Europe, Institute for Economics and Peace and Peter van Sluijs, Senior Strategist, Cordaid

VI. Closing Day 1—Summary Session (6:15PM)

- a. Feedback from Breakout Sessions and Wrap-up

Closing of Day 1 (6:35 PM)

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VII. Plenary Session—Secondary Theme: Sustaining Peace and Conflict Prevention (9:00 AM)

The phrase “there is no peace without development and no development without peace” is a generally accepted axiom, but what does it mean? Plenary discussions will unpack this relationship by linking it to national and local contexts, drawing out relevant policies and programs, their implementation, sequencing and impact. Discussion will also detail addressing root causes, supporting systems of peace and resilience in the face of violence and conflict, and linkages therein to Sustaining Peace and the UN’s evolving peace and security architecture.

- a. Peace and Reconciliation: Then and Now
 - i. Panelists
 1. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality

2. H.E. Choonghee Hahn, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
 3. Danilo Goncalves, Deputy Permanent Representative/Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations
 4. Chalida Tajaroensuk, Chairperson, People's Empowerment Foundation
- ii. Moderator
1. Peter van Sluijs, Senior Strategist, Cordaid

Coffee Break (10:30 AM)

- b. Violence Reduction, Prevention and Ownership (10:45 AM)
- i. Panelists
1. H.E. Jöran Bjällerstedt, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
 2. Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy-Secretary General, g7+ Secretariat
 3. H.E. Jorge Skinner-Klée, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations
 4. Vanessa Heleta, Founder and Director of Talitha Project and Chair of Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict Pacific
- ii. Moderator
1. Marc Baxmann, Policy and Communication Officer, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Frieden und Entwicklung (FriEnt) Working Group on Peace and Development

Lunch to be served (12:15 PM)

VIII. Monitoring and Reporting: Steps Forward (1:30 PM)

Lessons to be shared from various national reporting and monitoring pilot projects, civil society reporting initiatives, as well as more globally-focused SDG 16+ reporting platforms and research, citizen-led data initiatives. This session will also discuss how new and alternative sources of data and technologies can be utilized to support national partners' efforts to measure progress of their sustainable development agenda, specifically SDG 16+.

- i. Panelists
1. Jairo Acuña-Alfaro, Global Policy Advisor, Core Government Functions and Public Service Excellence, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
 2. Marcel Smits, Program Director for Europe, Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)
 3. Nino Macharashvili, Co-Founder and Development Director, ForSet
- ii. Moderator
1. Jennifer Tsai, Senior Access to Justice Advisor, Rule of Law Initiative, American Bar Association, TAP Network

IX. Tying it Together: 2030 Interlinkages and a Whole of Society Approach (2:30 PM)

Following a multi-day conference focused on implementation across targets, contexts and partnerships, this session will further solidify linkages across the 2030 Agenda and what a SDG 16+ Whole of Society approach may entail.

- i. Panelists
1. David Steven, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, New York University's Center on International Cooperation
 2. Wiem Pousse, Project Manager, Jasmine Foundation
 2. Nina Khatiskatsi, Deputy Mayor, Tbilisi (TBC)
 3. Erika Kvapilova, UN Women Country Representative in Georgia
- ii. Moderator
1. Bonian Golmohammadi, Secretary-General, WFUNA

Coffee Break (3:30 PM)

X. Closing Plenary Session (3:45 PM)

- a. Reflections and Wrap up
- b. Closing Remarks
 - i. Maya Tskitishvili, Head of Administration of the Government, Georgia
 - ii. David Zalkaliani, First Deputy Foreign Minister, Georgia

Closing of Day 2 and Main Conference (4:30 PM)

POST-CONFERENCE GATHERING

2 November 2017

XI. High-level Retreat for Representatives of Member States Delegations to the UN co-organized by WFUNA and MFA Georgia

- a. High-level Government Representatives to discuss effective strategies for galvanizing political support around SDG 16+ issues.
- b. High-level meetings on national and bilateral interests also to take place, as organized by the Georgian Government.

