

# INAUGURAL ANNUAL SHOWCASE

## LOGISTICS NOTE

Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies  
From Words to Action: Implementing SDG 16+ at the local and national level



## Sixteen Plus Forum

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The following includes logistical information on the main conference of the Annual Showcase, as well as the pre-conference civil society capacity-building workshop and the post-conference gathering. Additional details mention background information on Tbilisi, including things to do and how to get around.

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## I. Capacity-Building Workshop

**Sunday, 29 October 2017, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Venue:** Fabrika Tbilisi, 8 Egnate Ninoshvili Street, Tbilisi 0102

**Website:** [fabrikatbilisi.com/community](http://fabrikatbilisi.com/community)

**Wifi:** Fabrikaconferencehall **Password:** fabrikahall

**Transportation:** Buses to be provided from the Courtyard Marriott and the IOTA hotels.

A detailed agenda for the workshop will be sent. Lunch will be served.



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## ii. Reception

**Monday, 30 October 2017, 8:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Location:** Funicular Tbilisi

Mtatsminda plateau, Tbilisi 0114

**Website:** [www.funicular.ge/eng](http://www.funicular.ge/eng)

## iii. Main Conference Location

**Tuesday, 31 October to Wednesday, 1 November**

**Conference Venue:** The Courtyard Marriott Hotel

**Final Registration:** 9:00 AM

Catered lunch will be served at the conference location on Tuesday and Wednesday

## II. Main Conference

### i. Field Visits

**Monday, 30 October 2017**

Registration to begin the evening before

**Venues:** Open Society Foundation of Georgia,  
10 Chovelidze st., Tbilisi

Customs Clearance Zone  
Bypass Road 36km, Tbilisi

Public Service Hall  
2 Sanapiro st., Tbilisi

Informal buffet lunch to be served at the IOTA

### iv. Conference Documentation

The Concept Note, annotated Agenda and Panelist Biographies will be emailed to all registered participants and can be found in the welcome packets provided once in Tbilisi.

## III. Accommodation

**The Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi**

4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi 0105

**website:** [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbscy-courtyard-tbilisi](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbscy-courtyard-tbilisi)

**Check-in:** 3:00 PM

**Check-out:** 12:00 PM

### The IOTA, Tbilisi

10 Mikheil Lermontovi Street, Tbilisi 0105

website: [www.iotahotels.com](http://www.iotahotels.com)

**Check-in:** 3:00 PM

**Check-out:** 12:30 PM

## IV. Transportation



### Getting from the Airport to the Hotels

The hotels are located around 10 miles west of the airport.

**Taxi Service** is available just outside the terminal and 24 hours a day. The trip takes 20-30 minutes to the city center, depending on traffic. The fee is 30 GEL. The most convenient taxi service in Tbilisi is Taxify. Wifi is free at the airport.

**Airport Shuttle Service** is available from Tbilisi

International Airport and stops at Freedom Square, close to both hotels. Service is available 24 hours a day and costs 10 GEL per person.

**Bus Service** is located in front of the Arrival Hall and provides passenger transportation 24/7 between the Tbilisi Airport and the city center. One way fee is 0.50 GEL. Public transport in Tbilisi is not convenient and it is advised to taxis or the Shuttle Service.

### Getting to the Field Visits and Reception

Buses will be waiting in front of the IOTA and Courtyard Marriott Hotels to take participants to all field visit locations and back to the hotels.

At 7:30 PM, buses will be waiting outside the two hotels to take the participants to the reception venue. After the reception, buses will take the participants back to the hotels.

### Getting around in Tbilisi

#### Taxi

Taxis are almost always unmetered. It is important to agree on the fare before getting in. The standard cost for a short ride (up to about 1-2 miles) is 5 GEL. Longer rides cost up to 10 GEL. Taxify is most convenient taxi service in Tbilisi. To use taxify, download the app on your smartphones.

#### Metro

The Tbilisi subway operates from 6am to midnight, and its two lines reach most important parts of the city. Signage and announcements are in English as well as Georgian. Before using either the Metro or Bus in Tbilisi, you will need to get a public transportation card that costs 2 GEL, which can be bought in any Metro Station.

#### Bus

Tbilisi has a network of public transportation (TTC), with more information to be found here:



[bit.ly/2yElvhA](http://bit.ly/2yElvhA). Fares are 0.50 GEL per bus ride and further bus rides within 1 1/2 hours of tapping in are not charged.

## V. Currency Conversion

The national currency is the lari, which can be translated into “treasure”. It is advisable to convert currency at local banks. A Bank of Georgia is located inside the Courtyard Marriott and is open 24/7.

1 GEL = 0.40 USD or 1 USD = 2.48 GEL

1 GEL = 0.34 EUR or 1 EUR = 2.92 GEL

## VI. Suggested Activities

- **Old Tbilisi** concentrates the main sights of the city. It is well known for its sulfur bathhouses fed by natural hot springs. You can also find plenty of restaurants, open-air cafés, bars and art galleries in the area and especially near Shardeni Street. You can also visit the Leghvtakhevi small waterfall in the Bath district of Old Tbilisi.
- **Narikala Fortress on Narikala Hill** is an ancient fortress overlooking Tbilisi. It was constructed for defense purposes in the 4th century and considerably expanded over the subsequent years. The fortress consists of two walled sections on a steep hill between the Sulphur Baths and the botanical gardens of Tbilisi; and on the lower court the Saint Nicholas Church. Open everyday and 24/7.
- **Georgian National Museum** unifies ten leading museums in Georgia such as the Museum of Georgia, the National Gallery, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Open Air Museum of Georgia, etc. Open everyday except Monday from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. For more information, please follow this link: [bit.ly/2xb3V2p](http://bit.ly/2xb3V2p).
- **Ethnographic Museum** is located in Tbilisi’s Vake District, to the west of Turtle Lake. Each of its exhibits present a certain historic-ethnographic area of Georgia. More information at [bit.ly/2zoxbmV](http://bit.ly/2zoxbmV).
- **The Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi or Sameba Cathedral** is the main cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church. It was constructed between 1995 and 2004 and is a synthesis of traditional styles dominating the Georgian church architecture with some Byzantine undertones.
- **Anchiskhati Basilica of Saint Mary** is the oldest surviving church in Tbilisi, dating from the 6th century.
- **Statue of Mother Georgia** Kartlis Deda View point is a statue that was erected on the top of Sololaki hill in 1958, the year of Tbilisi’s 1500th birthday. You can get to the Statute with cable car from the Rike Park, Old Tbilisi. To pay for the Cable Car, a public transportation card can be used.
- **Monument of Zurab Tsereteli “Chronicles of Georgia”** is located in the suburbs of Tbilisi. This giant monument describes historical events of Georgia and overlooks Tbilisi Sea. 30-minute ride from Tbilisi center.
- **The National Botanical Garden of Georgia** lies in the Tksavkisis-Tskali Gorge on the southern foothills of the Sololaki hill and possesses a collection of over 4,500 taxonomic groups dispersed over 161 hectares. Open daily from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM.
- **The Bridge of Peace** is a bow-shaped pedestrian bridge made of steel and glass and illuminated with numerous LEDs, over the Kura River, opened in 2010.
- **The Dry Bridge Market** is a famous flea market,



where you can find art exhibitions and antiques for sale. Open daily in good weather from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

- **The Tbilisi Funicular** leads to the Mtatsminda, an amusement park and restaurant overlooking the entire city.

For other sights and information, please see the Georgia National Tourism Administration website: [georgia.travel/en\\_US/shida-kartli/tbilisi](http://georgia.travel/en_US/shida-kartli/tbilisi).

### Cafés/Restaurant

- **Keto and Kote** – Modernized traditional Georgian food, nice view over Tbilisi, with cozy outdoor seating. Located on Davit Toradze st. (10 min. walk from Freedom Square) Visit: [www.facebook.com/ketodakote](http://www.facebook.com/ketodakote)
- **AzarpheSha** – Here you can ask for a wine tasting and traditional Georgian food. Located on Pavle Ingorokva st. (5 min. walking distance from Freedom Square). Visit Facebook page for details: [bit.ly/2yvV2UX](http://bit.ly/2yvV2UX)
- **8000 Vintages** – Wine bar on 26 Sulkhan Tsintsadze st. Saburtalo district (15-20 min, ride from Freedom Square). Visit Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/8000mosavali](http://www.facebook.com/8000mosavali)
- **Barbarestan** – Barbarestan is a little atypical for a Georgian restaurant. In fact, it is located in a cozy apartment. Barbarestan offers interesting Georgian food, borrowed from the recipe book of the 19th century duchess Barbare Jorjadze. Located on 132 D. Agmashenebeli ave. Visit Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/barbarestan](http://www.facebook.com/barbarestan)
- **Shavi Lomi** – Traditional Georgian food prepared in a modern way. Famous for its green Elarji, traditional Georgian food from Samegrelo region and Gobi. Located on 30 Qvavidze st. Visit

Facebook page for details: [bit.ly/2z9XApw](http://bit.ly/2z9XApw).

- **Tabla** – A high-class Georgian restaurant. Offering wine tasting as well. Located on 33 Chavchavadze ave. Visit Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/TablaSaloon](http://www.facebook.com/TablaSaloon).
- **Fabrika** – A former soviet sewing factory that has been repurposed and transformed into a multifunctional urban space. Offers variety of shops (including ceramics studio), cafes and bars in its yard and co-working space as well. Located on 8 Egnate Ninoshvili st. Visit Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/FabrikaTbilisi](http://www.facebook.com/FabrikaTbilisi)
- **Entree** – A chain of cafes, comfortable for quick lunch or break, offers variety of sandwiches, wraps and sweets. One of its branches is located on Kote Apkhazi st. Visit Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/entree.ge](http://www.facebook.com/entree.ge)

### Shopping in Tbilisi

Tbilisi has several shopping streets such as Pekini Street or Agmashenebeli avenue; several trade centers at Rustaveli avenue – Merani Shopping Centre or Chavchavadze avenue – Pixel Shopping Centre for instance. For souvenirs, best locations are on Leselidze/Kote Afkhazi street (sulfur bath district), at Rustaveli avenue, or on the Dry Bridge. For Georgian sweets (Churchkhela) visit shop Badagi close to Freedom Square 2, Roman Miminoshvili st.

## VII. General Information

### Weather

Average temperatures in autumn: 10°C – 20°C (50°F – 68°F) . Autumn can be rainy.

### Electricity

The standard voltage in Georgia is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



### Languages

The official language in Georgia is Georgian. Russian is also widely spoken. In cafes, restaurants and markets, English is usually spoken.

### Time difference

UTC/GMT + 4 hours

### Area Code

+995

### Georgian Emergency Contacts

Police + 112

Medical Assistance +112

Firefighters +112

Available 24/7. [bit.ly/2yCbaSr](http://bit.ly/2yCbaSr)

### Exchange Offices and Banking

ATMs are located throughout the city, as well as exchange offices, where rates are typically more competitive than what can be found in banks. You can also exchange currencies at the airport where the exchange is free of charge.

### Tipping

The general rule of thumb is 5-10% for good service at restaurants and tourist sites. Tip is discretionary for taxis.

### Wifi

Wifi is generally available in most hotels, restaurants and coffee shops in Tbilisi. Tbilisi Free Wifi, which can be found on some streets, including Rustaveli Ave.

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