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Jairo Acuña-Alfaro is the Global Policy Advisor on Core Government Functions and Public Service Excellence at the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support at UNDP New York since December 2014. Mr. Acuña-Alfaro has helped develop policies regarding implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions in several countries in the world. In particular, he has provided policy advice and interventions with Governments from the restoration of core government functions in fragile and conflict affected settings to the formulation and approval of the Civil Service Laws, the adoption, implementation and monitoring of governance strategies, the establishment of monitoring and evaluation frameworks on public service delivery, pioneering new alternatives to measure corruption, and public administrative performance.

Mr. Acuña-Alfaro has experience in governance and public sector reform in the World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C.; the Danish International Development Agency, HN Consultants ApS in Denmark; Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico; International Center for Sustainable Human Development, the Central American Supreme Audit Institutions Organization Transparency International and UNDP Costa Rica. Mr. Acuña-Alfaro, has degrees from Oxford University (Doctor of Philosophy candidate and Master of Letters), University of Essex in the United Kingdom, (MA in Political Economy), and Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica (MSc in International Relations). He was the Ronaldo Falconer Scholar at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford 2004-2007 and a recipient of the British Chevening scholarship 1999-2000.

Ms. Aida Ajanovic

Head of the research, Why Not and National Coordinator, Action SEE Network Accountability, Technology and Institutional Openness Network in South East Europe

Born in 1983 in Sarajevo, Ms. Ajanovic graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Sarajevo in 2007. She joined the team of CA "Why not" in December 2012, as a researcher within the "Istinomjer" (Fact-checking) project. Currently holding the position of the Head of the research within the organization and is also a national coordinator for the ACTION SEE project.

Before joining "Why not," she worked on projects of judicial reform in the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and before that as director of the Sarajevo office of Legal-Consulting Company IKRP Rokas & Partners.

Ms. Milena Altmeyer

Good Governance Advisor, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Mrs. Milena Altmeyer is an Advisor on Democracy and Political Participation for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) at its head office in Eschborn, Germany. While in her current position Milena is responsible for planning and evaluating GIZ projects in the area of good governance worldwide, until recently she was a policy advisor to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) – particularly on issues related to SDG 16 and the 2030 Agenda. Between 2011 and 2015, Milena worked in two GIZ projects abroad, the "Civil Society Participation Programme" in Zambia and the "Public Service Reform Programme" in South Africa.

Before entering GIZ, Milena worked for the EU Special Representative in Kosovo and several local NGOs in the UK and the Balkans. She holds an M.A. in Development Studies from the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) in Brighton and a B.A. in Governance and Public Policy from the University of Passau.

Ms. Lela Bakradze

Assistant Representative, UNFPA, Georgia

Lela joined UNFPA Country Office in Georgia in 2005 in a capacity of the National Programme Officer, covering Reproductive Health and

Rights, Population and Development and Gender components of the Country Programme. Since 2014 she serves as UNFPA Assistant Representative for Georgia.

Her experience includes working in the areas of Reproductive Health and Rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, women and peacebuilding, youth informal education, policies addressing population dynamics, including Ageing.

Mr. Aleksandre Baramidze

First Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

Before holding the Office of the First Deputy Minister of Justice in November 2013, Aleksandre Baramidze was a Deputy Minister of Justice. In the Ministry of Justice he supervises the Ministerial Administration, Analytical Department, and Departments for Legal Drafting, Public International Law, EU law, and Expertise of International Agreements and State Representation to Domestic Courts. He is also a Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Justice. In most important cases, he represents the Government of Georgia in the European Court of Human Rights.

Under his leadership and direct involvement were prepared the reform packages in substantive and procedural criminal law, anticorruption law, domestic violence law, juvenile justice, labour law, corporate law, anti-discrimination law, alternative dispute resolution, etc. Many of those legislative packages have been adopted by the Parliament and have become law.

He assists the Minister of Justice in running the secretariats of a number of interagency councils, including the Criminal Law Reform Council, Private Law Reform Council, Anti-Drugs Inter-Agency Council, Anti-Corruption Inter-Agency Council and the Anti-Trafficking Inter-Agency Council.

He is a Substitute Member of the Venice Commission from Georgia.

Before joining public service, he was a bar member and practiced law in both criminal and civil matters. He represented his clients before the European Court of Human Rights, winning four cases. He was also a civil society activist, expert in media law, and a certified ABA/ROLI trainer of trial advocacy and criminal procedure. He taught media law in several universities in Tbilisi. And he is an author of numerous published works in the fields of fundamental rights, criminal procedure, and media law.

He has two academic degrees in Law and Oriental Studies from the Tbilisi State University. He has received in-depth training in American and International Law at the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas, and Trial Advocacy in the National Institute of Trial Advocacy in Louisville, Colorado.

He is fluent in Georgian, English and Russian and has a basic knowledge of French.

Mr. Marc Baxmann

Policy and Communication Officer, FriEnt, Working Group on Peace and Development

FriEnt is an association of governmental organizations, church development agencies, civil society networks and political foundations in Germany. FriEnt aims to pool capacities, support networking and cooperation, and contribute to conflict-sensitive development cooperation. Marc facilitates the dialogue between the FriEnt member organizations on international peacebuilding processes and offers advisory services. His expertise and publications are in international peace and security issues, governance, development and state-society-relations. Prior to joining FriEnt in 2008, he worked for the Association of German Development NGOs (VENRO) and as an independent consultant to think tanks and NGOs. He holds an MA in Political Science, International and European Law from the University of Bonn (2006).

H.E. Mr. Joran Bjällerstedt

Senior Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden

Ambassador Bjällerstedt is presently Senior Adviser on issues relating to climate and security, conflict, peacebuilding and statebuilding at the Department for Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He is the Senior Representative of H.E. Isabella Lövin, Minister of International Development Cooperation and Climate on her undertaking as co-chair of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding.

Ambassador Bjällerstedt has over 25 years of experience in the field of human rights, humanitarian and refugee law, conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction. He has served in both war-torn and post-conflict missions including, Iran/Iraq (1988-89), Bosnia-Herzegovina (1992-94; 1998-99), Georgia (93), Macedonia and Kosovo (2000-2005). In January 2005, Ambassador Bjällerstedt assisted the post-Tsunami recovery efforts in Phuket before he was posted to Washington DC covering the Middle East Peace Process, as well as issues related to the World Bank.

In 2008 Ambassador Bjällerstedt was appointed as Sweden's Ambassador and Special Envoy to the Somali Peace Process based in Nairobi. He returned to Sweden to take up his present position in September 2012.

A lawyer by profession, Ambassador Bjällerstedt began his career in the Swedish Red Cross and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees before joining the Swedish Foreign Service in 1995. He received a Masters of Law from Uppsala University.

Mr. David Bloss

Regional Editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

Based in Tbilisi, Georgia, Mr. Bloss is a regional editor for OCCRP. After a 25-year career as a news reporter, news editor and sports editor in American newspapers, he spent two years as an editor at the bilingual newspaper Cambodia Daily in Phnom Penh. He has been Academic Director at the Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management in Tbilisi, and has taught at the Institut Agama Islam Negeri in the Aceh region of Indonesia. He was USAID country director for media programs in East Timor for two years. He also served two years as Academic Director at the International Media Institute of India (IMI), a post-graduate journalism program in New Delhi. Dave completed a four-month assignment as a media consultant in Libya for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR).

Mr. Gigi Bregadze

Democratic Governance Team Leader, UNDP Georgia

Gigi Bregadze has been with the UN for up to 20 year. After working with the United National High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) where he has been responsible for the country-wide programming on Internally Displaced Persons, he has joined United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2002 as a Programme Analyst managing the portion of the Democratic Governance portfolio with focus on executive and legislature. Since June 2014 he has assumed the Democratic Governance Team Leader position responsible for quality assurance of the relevant portfolio, including initiatives ranging from the support to different institutions from executive and legislative branches of power and from local self-government to other independent institutions including in the fields of elections and media. Justice, Human Rights, Public Administration and Gender have also been in the purview of the portfolio. Gigi Bregadze is a head of the Results Group on Democratic Governance within the United Nations Strategic Partnership Framework process. He is also a co-chair of the Technical Working Group on Elections.

Mr. Saba Buadze

Anti-Corruption Direction Head, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

Mr. Saba Buadze initially joined the IDFI team in 2015, as a project coordinator for the "Improvement of Electronic Transparency in the Municipalities of Kakheti and Promotion of Public Engagement in the Work of Local Self-Governments" project.

Prior to joining IDFI Saba worked as a Senior Legal Advisor in the Department of Policy Analysis at the Government Administration of Georgia. He was responsible for coordinating with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Corrections.

His areas of focus include open government, anticorruption, public ethics, transparency, civil service reform and strategic policy planning.

In 2013-2014 Saba worked in New York City, at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, a multi-practice law firm operating in several cities of the United States. At MMWR, his focus areas were commercial litigation and maritime and transport law.

Mr. Buadze studied international and EU law (LLB) at the University of Groningen, Netherlands. More information and publications of Mr. Buadze - <https://idfi.ge/en/team/view/47>.

Mr. Mikheil Darchiashvili

Senior Governance Advisor, USAID/Tetra Tech ARD, Good Governance Initiative (GGI), Georgia

Mikheil Darchiashvili is a career diplomat with 14 years of professional experience in diplomacy and international relations. His professional career includes different positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. From 2004 to 2008 Mr. Darchiashvili worked at the Georgian Mission to NATO in Brussels, Belgium. From 2008 to 2013 Mr. Darchiashvili served at the Embassy of Georgia to the United States, initially as Senior Counselor, later as Minister Plenipotentiary.

Mikheil Darchiashvili served as Deputy Defense Minister of Georgia (2013-2014). During his tenure as Deputy Defense Minister, he was responsible for international relations with main focus on Georgia's NATO membership process and defense policy and planning.

Since March 2015, Mikheil Darchiashvili serves as Senior Governance Advisor at the USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia (GGI). He is responsible for Open Government Partnership (OGP) and Building Integrity issues.

Mikheil Darchiashvili is a member of Supervisory Board of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GI-PA). He has been also teaching at GIPA since 2015.

Mikheil Darchiashvili holds Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA).

Mr. Richard Dzikunu

Youth Accountability Advocate, Restless Development

Richard Dzikunu is a 26-year-old youth activist primarily concerned with open development, transparency, accountability and its important intersections with youth employment, education, health, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment. Richard is also part of the Restless Development Accountability Advocates, a group of 20 young experts from youth-led community-based organizations in Africa and Europe, which aims to design and implement a national monitoring framework to hold government accountable in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He is one of 200 Women Deliver young leaders worldwide and was selected by the European Commission as one of 16 young leaders for the 2017 European Development Days Summit in Brussels. Mr. Dzikunu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the Ghana Institute of Journalism.

Mr. Khaled Emam

Programs Manager, Arab Program for Human Rights Activists

Mr. Imam is a lawyer and program director of the Arab Program for human Activists. He is focused, as well as passionate, about building a modern democratic State that protects human dignity.

He has been involved in many volunteer social activities. Indeed, he has initiated and participated in several activities in the field of Human rights and anti-corruption. Moreover, he has been proficient in writing articles and researches on those topics. Finally, I am the founder of the Human Rights Volunteers Program and the Director of the Coalition of Integrity Partners in Egypt.

Ms. Kateřina Fialková

Director of the Department of Multilateral Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Kateřina Fialková is the Director of the Department of Multilateral Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Before taking up this position in January 2015, she served as the Czech Ambassador to Japan (2010 – 2014).

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995, Kateřina Fialková has held a number of posts both in Prague and abroad. She was the Director of the Department of American States (2008 – 2010), the Deputy Head of the Czech Embassy in the United Kingdom (2003 – 2007), the Deputy Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of NATO (Lord Robertson) in Brussels (2000 – 2002), the Political Counselor at the Czech Mission to NATO (1998 – 2000), the Deputy Director of the Security Policy Department (1997 – 1998) and the Desk Officer at this department. She was a member of the Czech team that negotiated Czech Republic's accession to NATO on 12 March 1999.

Kateřina Fialková was educated in the Czech Republic, Switzerland and the United States. She speaks English, German, French and Russian, manages some Japanese and learns Modern Greek.

Ms. Laura Garr

Associate, White & Case's LLP

Laura Garr is an attorney in White & Case's Disputes Practice Group, with a focus on commercial and estate litigation, and business and human rights. She has served as a panelist for the firm's global trainings on the fundamentals of business and human rights for lawyers and serves as the White & Case representative on the steering committee for the UN Global Alliance.

White & Case LLP is a global law firm—currently with 41 offices in 29 countries—working with some of the world's most respected and well-established banks and businesses as well as startup visionaries, governments, and state-owned entities. As a global citizen, White & Case is committed to advancing the sustainable development goals through its global pro bono practice and social responsibility initiatives. In July 2016, White & Case became a signatory to the UN Global Compact.

Laura has an active *pro bono* practice, including projects for the Vance Center, UN Global Alliance and UN Global Compact, and as part of the trial team with the Education Law Center. Laura has served as *pro bono* supervisor to human rights and corporate social responsibility clinics at law schools and serves on the Board of Directors of the Refugee Solidarity Network. Laura obtained her law degree from Fordham University School of Law with a focus on International Human Rights and Public Interest. She has worked in Ecuador on environmental and human rights law for indigenous peoples. With the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Laura traveled to India working on sex-worker rights and to South Africa to analyze economic and social barriers to LGBT refugees and asylum-seekers. Laura has co-authored several policy reports on international law and human rights. Prior to law school, Laura lived and worked in Quito on poverty alleviation and in New York City providing case management assistance to persons experiencing homelessness.

Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi

Secretary-General of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

Bonian Golmohammadi was elected Secretary-General of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in August 2009. Since then, WFUNA has substantially grown in its programmatic activities, organizational structure - including the establishment of new offices in Seoul, Korea, Brussels, Belgium and New Delhi, India - and partnerships.

Previously, Mr. Golmohammadi served as Secretary-General of the United Nations Association (UNA) of Sweden for eight years. During his tenure, Mr. Golmohammadi introduced several new programmatic initiatives, such as a bilateral international project in more than ten countries including China, Georgia, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The projects ranged on issues from the Millennium Development Goals, conflict prevention, human rights and organizational capacity building. UNA-Sweden was awarded a Gold Medal at the Cannes Lions International Advertising Festival 2009 for True Evidence of War, a media campaign to support war victims of Georgia. UNA Sweden won a gold medal at the EuroBest Advertising Awards in 2009 as well as several PR, advertising and

marketing awards in Sweden.

Since 2015, he serves as Co-Chair on the Steering Committee of the Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network (TAP Network), a broad network of CSOs that works to ensure that open, inclusive, accountable and effective governance is at the heart of the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda. Since 2005, Mr. Golmohammadi has served as President of the UNA Europe Network, coordinating United Nations Associations from all over Europe. He has served or is serving on various advisory boards for Swedish Ministers for Development, international development corporations, UN entities, and civil society organizations. Prior to joining UNA-Sweden, Mr. Golmohammadi worked with consultancy and private businesses in Sweden and the Czech Republic.

Mr. Golmohammadi earned a degree in Political Science, and has studied International Law, Human Rights and Philosophy, from Stockholm and Uppsala Universities.

Mr. Danilo Goncalves

Deputy Permanent Representative / Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations

Born in 1971 in Dili, Timor – Leste, Mr Danilo Goncalves graduated from the Faculty at Accounting at Bhayangkara University in Surabaya Indonesia 1998. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, he was working as a Finance Officer of Banco National Ultramarino (Private Bank) and Timor-Telecom (Public Telecommunication Service Provider) in Dili. Prior to that, he was assuming the position of Director of finance in Mandiri Bank Dili.

Before his overseas posting as Counselor in the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the UN in New York, he was assigned as Deputy Ambassador in the Embassy of Timor-Leste accredited to the UK in London. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, he served as Director of Finance in 2008-2010 and as Inspector General for Auditory in 2012-2016.

H.E. Mr. Choonghee Hahn

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York & Chairperson of the 47th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Hahn Choonghee is currently Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York (2014-2017). He was elected as Chairperson of the 47th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for a 1-year term from July 2014 to July 2015. Ambassador Hahn's major positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs include Director-General for Cultural Affairs (2012-2014), Sous-sherpa and Spokesman for the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit (2011-2012), Director-General for Human Resources (2010), and Deputy Director-General for North Korean Nuclear Affairs (2007-2008).

Ambassador Hahn also served in the Ministry as Director for North American Affairs (2005-2007) and was Director for Policy and DPRK at the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) in New York (2002-2005).

As a career diplomat, his areas of expertise include North Korean nuclear affairs, nuclear non-proliferation, regional architecture surrounding the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, North American, European and African affairs, as well as public diplomacy. He also served at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. (1991-1994), Lagos (1994-1996), Vienna (1999-2002), and Paris (2008-2010).

Ambassador Hahn received an M.A. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.A. in French from Seoul National University and studied at the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in its training program.

Ms. Sina Heers

Team Leader Agenda 2030, Legal and Judicial Reform Programme, GIZ

Ms. Sina Heers is Team Leader for Agenda 2030 component in GIZ's Legal and Judicial Reform Programme in the South Caucasus. Prior to joining the team in Georgia she held a position as strategy advisor in GIZ's corporate development department covering the organizational partnerships with the World Bank Group. From 2014 to 2016 she worked as policy advisor in GIZ's Agenda 2030

sectoral programme supporting the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) in its function as lead negotiator for the German government in the Agenda 2030 negotiation process. Before joining GIZ, she worked both for an implementing organization in the in the UK and in the private sector in Germany.

She holds an M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of York, England and a B.Sc. in Economic Psychology from the Leuphana University, Germany.

Ms. Vanessa Heleta

Founder and Director, Talitha Project and Chair of Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict Pacific

Vanessa is the founder and Director of the Talitha Project, which runs a 'drop-in centre' for young women and girls in Tonga, providing security, counselling, training, income generation skills and support. Thirty-nine-year-old Vanessa Heleta has been a women's rights activist in Tonga for more than a decade. As a young woman herself, she has made it her mission to empower adolescent girls through learning and awareness raising. She is passionate about advocacy work around human rights and gender equality and promoting the rights of marginalized people, particularly women and girls around gender-based violence and children living with disabilities.

Vanessa has joined other partners in Tonga to advocate and lobby for CEDAW ratification and to continue to lobby for improvements in legislations and policies to advance the elimination of violence against children, such as the 'Let Girls be Girls' campaign, which calls for the marriage age of young girls in Tonga to be raised.

Ms. Shelley Inglis

Regional Cluster Leader, Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Program Support, UNDP Istanbul

Shelley Inglis is the United Nations Development Programme Cluster Leader of Governance and Peacebuilding for Europe and Central Asia, and previously global Policy Advisor and Team Leader on Rule of Law and Access to Justice. Prior to joining UNDP, she was in the Rule of Law Unit in the Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General working on system-wide policy coordination and coherence in the field of rule of law. She has worked previously for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Her experience includes providing guidance and support to UN field presences in conflict-affected, post conflict and developing environments, across Africa and Asia, drafting of numerous reports of the Secretary-General and policy and guidance materials for the Organization, and conducting a wide range of workshops and training in her area of expertise.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Shelley worked extensively on the Balkans, Central Asia and Turkey, in particular with Save the Children US (1994-1995) in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Amnesty International Secretariat and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (1999-2002) in Kosovo (UNSC 1244). She has also practiced public interest family and criminal law in the United States. She is a graduate of Columbia School of Law (JD) and Cornell University (BA).

H.E. Mr. Mikheil Janelidze

Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

Mikheil Janelidze was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on 30 December 2015. Mr. Janelidze served as First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia from September 2015 until his appointment as Minister.

Prior to moving to the Georgian Foreign Service, Mr. Janelidze has enjoyed an extensive career at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia in the period of 2009-2015 initially as Director of Foreign Trade and International Economic Affairs Department, and, since 2011, as Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development. Throughout these years he also served as Georgia's Chief Trade Negotiator with the EU and Chairman of Intergovernmental Economic Commissions with various

countries. Before joining the public service and taking up the government job, Mr. Janelidze worked for the private sector as a manager and an entrepreneur in the area of business development and management consulting mostly focused on international trade and investment.

Mr. Janelidze earned his Bachelor's degree with honors in International Relations from Tbilisi State University in 2002. Later, in 2003-2006, he continued his postgraduate studies in International Law and European Law at the Diplomatic Academy in the Russian Federation. In 2011, Mr. Janelidze earned his Master's degree in Business Administration with Distinction from the Grenoble Graduate School of Business in France and the International Executive MBA from CSB in Georgia. Prior to that, in 1996-1997, Mr. Janelidze studied at the Hochwald Gymnasium in Wadern, Germany.

In 2011 Mikheil Janelidze was awarded - the Order of Honor - for his outstanding contribution to the development of foreign trade and international economic relations of Georgia.

Besides his native Georgian, Minister Janelidze speaks English, German and Russian languages.

Mikheil Janelidze is married and has a daughter.

Ms. Nina Khatiskatsi

Deputy Mayor, Tbilisi City Hall (TBC)

Nina Khatiskatsi has been a Deputy Mayor at Tbilisi City Hall since August 2014. Before city government, she worked in the NGO sector for many years on democracy and governance issues. In parallel, she was a local consultant at International organizations.

Between 2004 and 2012, Ms. Khatiskatsi was a Program Director at Transparency International Georgia for nine years and a Parliamentary Program Coordinator at the National Democratic Institute (NDI) between 2002 and 2004. Prior to this, between 1999 and 2002, Ms. Khatiskatsi worked at the Ministry of Defense as a Senior Officer-Analyst.

Ms. Khatiskatsi graduated from Tbilisi State University's Faculty of Economic Geography (1990-1995) and Georgian Diplomatic Academy (1996-1999) with a degree in International Relations.

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Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili

Founding Member and Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

Giorgi Kldiashvili is a founding member and Executive Director of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI). He has over seven years of experience working on openness and transparency issues in Georgia and internationally. He has been carrying out projects, studies, assessments and trainings for different international organizations and foundations. Giorgi Kldiashvili is an author of a number of publications related to access to information, anticorruption policy and good governance, accountability and transparency, e-Governance and e-Democracy, open data, civil service and public administration, media and internet.

In addition to his work in applied policy research with IDFI, as a historian by specialty, he has academic credentials as a researcher, undertaking studies in American and Soviet Studies. He is professional archive researcher, working in the history archives of Georgia and abroad for more than a decade. Giorgi holds graduate degrees in Contemporary History and worked as a professor of American Studies at the Institute of American Studies at Tbilisi State University.

Giorgi Kldiashvili is a CSO Steering Committee Member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP). He is a co-chair of the platforms of the executive and legislative OGP in Georgia and a co-chair of the Access to Information Working Group at the Anti-Corruption Council of Georgia. More information and publications of Mr. Kldiashvili - <https://idfi.ge/en/team/view/9>.

Ms. Nana Kurashvili

Head of programs in Georgia, People in Need

Nana Kurashvili, head of programs in Czech INGO People in Need, is an IDP from Abkhazia. Peace and reconciliation plays a particular role in her life and work. She has been involved in conflict transformation projects (funded by USAID) from the age of 14 and participated in the Youth Development Project together with Abkhaz youth, at George Mason University, Virginia; President Carter Center and Emory University, US. This program included very interesting visits to United Nations headquarters in NY in 1999 and 2000 and a meeting with UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan. Nana was also honored to meet President Jimmy Carter in his presidential Center at Emory University.

Participation in the USAID programs determined Nana's future career as NGO worker, where she is still involved 19 years later. Nana has been managing programs on youth participation, participatory decision making, social inclusion and good governance in general. At the same time she has been doing training and consultancy work in the Council of Europe and European Union Youth in Action and Erasmus + projects.

Ms. Erika Kvapilova

UN Women Representative in Georgia

Ms. Erika Kvapilova is UN Women Representative in Georgia since 2013. She joined UNIFEM (later UN Women) in January 2005 and served as UN Women Regional Programme Director for South-eastern Europe by 2013. Before joining the UN, she spent over 15 years in social policy and welfare research - in early 2000's she was a Director of Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, and the International Center for Family Studies in Bratislava affiliated to the Ministry of Labour, Social Studies and Family in Slovakia, and served as the gender adviser to the ministers of labour, social affairs (2000-2004). She is author of numerous studies on social policy and gender.

Ms. Coco Lammers

Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Namati

Coco Lammers serves on Namati's advocacy team as a focal point on global public policy, advocacy, and campaigning. Namati builds and supports grassroots legal advocates in six countries working on citizenship, environmental justice, community land, and access to healthcare. Namati convenes the Global Legal Empowerment Network made up of 1000+ legal empowerment organizations who advocate for vital justice reforms. Ms. Lammers has advised on national, regional, and global policy issues around the Sustainable Development Goals, human rights, social accountability, citizen-generated data, conflict-affected and fragile states, and participatory accountability.

Ms. Ahjung Lee

Policy Specialist, UNDP Seoul Policy Centre for Global Development Partnerships

Ms. Ahjung Lee works on various aspects of the Centre's knowledge sharing work, including on the development and solidification of knowledge partnerships with key stakeholders in Korea and abroad. With her expertise on governance issues, she has worked for UNDP in different capacities since early 2009, including for UNDP Indonesia Country Office and the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub in Thailand before joining USPC in 2014. Outside of UNDP, Ahjung worked for Government institutions, as well as for the civil society. She has edited and (co-) authored a number of publications and institutional reports. She holds a Master's Degree from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, and an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in Canada.

Ms. Molly Lien

Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, Tbilisi

Molly Lien is currently Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Georgia. Ms Lien has 25 years of experience from working in development cooperation, including eight years in Africa and South East Asia. Ms Lien has worked extensively with

issues relating to democratic governance, accountability and anti-corruption. Her most recent position before moving to Georgia was as Sida's Lead Policy Specialist on Anti-Corruption.

Ms Lien is an economist with a MSc degree from Linköping University in Sweden.

Ms. Nino Macharashvili

Co-Founder and Development Director, ForSet

Nino worked at JumpStart Georgia, an NGO specialising in data communications, as a data journalist and projects coordinator. In May 2017, she left JumpStart to pursue her passion of data storytelling. With her team, she started a new organisation, ForSet, an NGO with a startup mindset specialising in effective communications through data, design and technology. Nino also leads the board of Digital Communication Network, an international network of more than 3,000 digital communication professions.

She teaches Data Journalism at universities in Georgia, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Tbilisi State University (Georgia) and a Master of Arts in Creative and Media Enterprises from University of Warwick (UK).

Mr. Hayk Malkhasyan

Deputy Head of the Legal Department, Staff of Government, Republic of Armenia

Hayk Malkhasyan has been working for the staff since 2010, where he has been drafting and reviewing projects of laws, government decrees and contracts, as well as analyzing legislation, foreign and international practice. His sphere of responsibilities includes Civil and Constitutional Law, Human rights protection and promotion. Dr. Malkhasyan has been involved in the reforms of Civil Code and Civil Procedure Code of Armenia, Licensing Law and other laws and government decrees.

Hayk Malkhasyan has been engaged in the process of electronic service provision and citizen centric design. He has worked on a number of projects, including electronic governance architecture and the development of smart-search solutions for Armenian judiciary database.

Hayk Malkhasyan holds a PhD in Private Law. His research focuses on fundamental changes of the underlying contractual conditions and the way unexpected market volatility, exchange rate fluctuation or inflation affect contractual performance. He has also conducted studies in Public Policy and Public Administration at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Hayk Malkhasyan is a lecturer at Russian-Armenian University and American University of Armenia, where he teaches various Private Law disciplines. These include Russian and Armenian Civil Law, Family Law, and Basic Legal Studies.

Mr. Habib Ur Rehman Mayer

Deputy General Secretary, g7+ Secretariat

Mr. Habib Ur Rehman Mayer is Deputy General Secretary of the g7+ Secretariat based in Dili, Timor-Leste. He has served in the Secretariat since 2013 and leads on policy and advocacy for better engagement in fragile situation. He advises the Chair of g7+ on matters concerning peacebuilding and statebuilding and at WB/IMF, UN, IDPS (International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding), and other related international forums to provide g7+ perspective on the related issues.

Prior to that, Mr. Mayer was Head of the Aid Coordination department in the Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The department served as Government's focal point for donors to ensure coordination of development aid for effective implementation. Mr. Mayer, represented the government in the negotiations of aid programs with the development partners and advised the Minister of Finance and other Govt. officials on related matters.

Having worked in the area of aid management since 2008, he was involved in discussions in monitoring and evaluation of the Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action and the Busan Partnership, and participated in the negotiations on the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States. He has contributed to the national and global discussions and fora on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding.

and aid effectiveness.

Like many Afghans who fled their countries during the Russian occupation in 1980s, Mr. Mayar grew up in a refugees camp in Pakistan. He completed his Master degree in Business Administration from Baluchistan University of IT and Management Sciences.

Mr. Oleksandr Pavlichenko

Executive Director, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

Since December 2013 and until his election for the position of the executive director of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Mr. PAVLICHENKI has worked as the deputy director of Kharkiv Human Rights Group. Mr. Pavlichenki will take on the position of Executive Director of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union at the start of November 2017.

For over 10 years, he led the diplomatic institution of the Information Office of the Council of Europe in Ukraine. He was involved for over 15 years in project coordination and management with the Council of Europe in Ukraine. He was an executive director of the "Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation", an organisation which developed the legal aid provision standards in Ukraine. He is the author and co-author of a number of publications on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, manuals and guides on the issues of rights for information, in particular, access to public information, as well as the publications on the free legal aid.

He also worked at the philological faculty of Kyiv State University and worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ukraine at the department of information.

H.E. Ms. Mónica Bolaños Pérez

Director General of International, Multilateral and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala

Prior to her current assignment, Monica Bolanos Perez served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, from mid-September 2015 to August 2017 and as Deputy Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2014 to 2015. She is a career diplomat with a graduate degree in International Relations and Political Science from Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala in 1999 and was part of the delegation of Guatemala to the United Nations in New York from 2000 to 2015, holding various diplomatic positions. During her tenure in New York she has followed closely the work of the Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee), particularly during Guatemala's membership of the Economic and Social Council from 2002 to 2004 and assisted the Permanent Representative during his Vice-Presidency and Presidency of the ECOSOC in 2002 and 2003 respectively. She has also followed closely the work of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) and the Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) of the United Nations General Assembly, and the Peacebuilding Commission.

Ambassador Bolanos Perez served as Political Coordinator, during Guatemala's non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council (2012-2013), becoming the first woman to officially hold this position since 1945.

Ms. Wiem Pousse

Project Manager, Jasmine Foundation

Wiem Pousse, geographer and urban planner by education, sensitive to urban issues, she trained at the French Institute of Urbanism to approach the issues of urban and territorial development of Mediterranean cities. She is interested in public and associative actions aiming at emancipating the inhabitants of marginalized neighbourhoods. After a work experience in Marseille on the exchange of good practices between planners on both sides of the Mediterranean, she is currently a project coordinator at Jasmine Foundation (JF) in Tunisia, managing projects to strengthen the active participation of young people in public debate. Committed and militant, she works to promote access for all to the right to city and its most primary amenities.

Ms. Lejla Sadiku

Open Data Specialist, UNDP Istanbul

Lejla Sadiku manages the Transformative Governance and Finance Facility at UNDP's Istanbul Regional Hub. She has worked on use and reuse of open data to increase transparency and improve public services, leading initiatives which aim to bring citizens, including youth, closer to their decision-makers through the use of technology, and engaging young people as agents of change through collaborative design methods.

Prior to UNDP, she has worked with Norwegian development assistance and political affairs, and the World Bank in the area of human development. She has diverse research interests, having published research on the role of civil society in the fight against corruption, implementation of the freedom of information legislation, international efforts in state-building contexts, and the state of LGBT rights in Kosovo. She holds a master's degree in public policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, and has completed her bachelor studies at the American University in Bulgaria in political science and business administration.

Mr. Levan Samadashvili

Deputy Chief of Party, USAID/Tetra Tech ARD, Good Governance Initiative

Levan Samadashvili is a Public Administration and Governance specialist with a focus on PAR reform, public service delivery, and public-sector innovation.

During his government career, he has worked at the Public Services Development Agency (PSDA) of Georgia in the capacities of the Project Manager, Deputy Chairman and Chairman in 2009-2014. During 2014-2016 he was engaged in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine as an OSCE consultant to help local authorities improve service delivery practices. At the same time, he served as a board member and project manager of a local Georgian NGO, Innovations and Reforms Center (IRC). In 2016-2017, he worked as a Public Administration Reform (PAR) coordinator at UNDP.

Since June 2017, Mr. Samadashvili has been working with the USAID Good Governance Initiative (GGI) in Georgia as a Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP).

Levan Samadashvili has also served as a Vice Rector at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), where he has been teaching since 2010. He holds Master of Public Administration (MPA) diplomas from GIPA as well as the University of Georgia, U.S.

Mr. Joseph Moina Samah

Development Economist, Central Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone.

In the Central Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Mr. Joseph Moina Samah plays a lead role in the preparation and production of national development policies as well as reporting progress in the implementation of these national development policies.

Born in 1982, He holds an MA in Economics from the International University of Japan and a BSc in Economics from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. He is particularly active in the domestic implementation of international development frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Zurab Sanikidze

Director of Analytical Department, Secretary of the Anticorruption Council and Secretary of the Criminal Justice Reform Council, Chair of OGP Forum, Ministry of Justice, Georgia

Mr. Zurab Sanikidze is also the Chair of the OGP Forum of Georgia. His work experience includes working on different positions at the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, working at the Office of Public Defender (Ombudsman's Office) of Georgia, Appeals Court of Georgia as

well as the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Having been educated as a lawyer in multiple jurisdictions, including Georgia (Bachelor at the Tbilisi State University; and LL.M. at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs), Italy (LL.M. at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI); United States (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government); and specialization course at the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC), United States (International Visitor Leadership Program), Switzerland (Swiss Leadership Award), and France (specialization course at the International Institute of Human Rights (René Cassin Institute), the areas of his expertise cover a wide range of fields of international law and public policy.

Mr. Sanikidze is a lecturer (subject: international criminal law; international law and armed conflict) in different Georgian universities; he has published different articles in national as well as international law journals. Mr. Sanikidze is the member of the International Association of Penal Law/Association Internationale de Droit Pénal (AIDP). Mr. Sanikidze speaks Georgian (mother tongue), English, Russian and French.

Ms. Nina Sarishvili

Secretary of the SDGs/PAR Council of Georgia and Head of Government Planning and Innovations Unit at the Administration of the Government of Georgia

Ms. Nina Sarishvili graduated from the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, LLB. She received LL.M at the Caucasus School of Law and Master's Degree in International Law at the Queen Mary University of London (Chevening Alumni). Currently, Ms. Sarishvili is the Secretary of the SDGs/PAR Council of Georgia and Head of Government Planning and Innovations Unit at the Administration of the Government of Georgia. Prior joining the position at the Administration of the Government, Ms. Sarishvili was the Head of International Relations Department at the Georgian Data Protection Authority and the Deputy Head of the Analytical Department at the Ministry of Justice. At different times, she was the elected member of Council of Europe Data Protection Committee Bureau and the visiting lecturer in international law at the Ilia State University and Caucasus University.

Mr. Niels Scott

UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia

Prior to his assignment in Georgia, Mr. Scott has served as Chief of the Humanitarian Coordination Support Section for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), based in Geneva. He also served as interim Head of OCHA's Office in Côte d'Ivoire, Chief of Disaster and Vulnerability Policy Section, based in Geneva and as interim Head of Office in Haiti (February 2010 – June 2010). Niels was Operations Coordinator for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) from 2006-2008, based in Geneva. Mr. Scott has also served with the UN Mission in Sudan as Head of their Regional Office for Darfur, as well as serving with OCHA as Head of Office, North Darfur. Niels worked with the IFRC over a period of 12 years as: Representative for Haiti/Head of Delegation (2004); Head of Regional Delegation for West and Central Africa (2000-2003); Head of Delegation Georgia (1997-2000); Deputy Head of Regional Delegation for Central Asia (1995-1997); Programme Coordinator in Vukovar, Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sylvania (with the International Committee of the Red Cross) (1995); Relief Coordinator FYROM (1994-1995); and Logistics Officer Croatia (1993-1994).

He also held several positions in the non-governmental and private sectors.

H.E. Mr. Jorge Skinner-Klée

Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations

Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klée was appointed Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations in September 2016; a position he previously held from 2004 to 2008.

Prior to his latest appointment, Mr. Skinner-Klée served as Guatemala's Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, and Chief of Mission to the European Union from 2012, he was the country's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States.

Having joined the Guatemala Foreign Service in 1985, Mr. Skinner-Klée has held several other positions, including Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2004. He also served as Ambassador to Honduras from 2003 to 2004, Belize from 2000 to 2003, Canada from 1998 to 2000, and Germany from 1993 to 1998. Previously, he was the Legal Counsellor at the Embassy of Guatemala to the United States in 1987, while serving concurrently as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Mr. Skinner-Klée holds a licentiate degree in juridical and social sciences from Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala, a Master's Degree in International Law from Columbia University in New York, and a Diploma in International Relations from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Mr. David Smith

Chief of Party, USAID/Tetra Tech ARD, Good governance Initiative (GGI)

David B. Smith is an environmental lawyer, governance specialist, and community development planning expert with more than 40 years of professional experience, including 25 years supervising USAID-funded activities in Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and North Africa. His areas of specialization include municipal and regional planning and governance, land reform and property rights, community economic development, institutional strengthening, anti-corruption programming, coastal zone management, urban environmental management, legislative and policy analysis, and project management. He has served as Chief of Party or Resident Advisor for USAID projects in Albania, Sri Lanka, Georgia, Gaza/West Bank, Morocco, and Egypt.

Currently, he is Chief of Party for the Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, assisting central and local government agencies to improve accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in the delivery of public services. Mr. Smith holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning and a Juris Doctor degree, both from Columbia University. He is a Member of the Bar of New York State, and a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Marcel Smits

Program Director for Europe, IEP

Marcel is the Program Director for Europe in IEP's office in The Hague. Prior to this, he was the Policy Specialist on Private Sector and Conflict at Oxfam in The Netherlands. Over the last twenty years he has worked for international nongovernmental organizations operating in conflict prone and affected areas in South Asia, Africa, Balkans and the Caucasus. Marcel served as the Director of the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response, the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution and the Institute for War and Peace Reporting-NL as well as the Country Director for the Nonviolent Violent Peaceforce in Sri Lanka during the civil war. There he closely worked with UN agencies and local groups to protect vulnerable groups against violence and rights violations and he negotiated with rebel and paramilitary groups for the release of child soldiers. Marcel has a background in international law and politics and specializes in conflict analysis and sensitive approaches, peacebuilding, rule of law, human security and corporate responsibility in fragile settings.

Mr. David Steven

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David Steven is a Senior Fellow and Associate Director at New York University's Center on International Cooperation, where he works on development policy and the 2030 Agenda, and leads the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies project. Through this project, UN member states, international organizations, global partnerships, and civil society and private sector actors explore the challenge of delivering the 2030 Agenda targets for peace, justice and inclusion. The Pathfinders launched the first Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at the UNGA meeting in September 2017.

David has published extensively on the 2030 Agenda, focusing on delivery of the new Sustainable Development Goals, and in particular on targets for fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies. His work also includes the CIC publication *Turning Ambition into Reality – Platforms and Partnerships for Delivering Agenda 2030*, and in 2014, *The Risk Pivot: Great Powers, International Security, and the Energy Revolution*, a book written by David Steven and Bruce Jones, was published by Brookings Press. In 2017, David he

served as a Senior External Adviser to the World Bank and the United Nations, as part of a team preparing the flagship report *Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict* (to be published in 2018); and was a co-author of the OECD's *States of Fragility Report* in 2015. David previously served as a Senior Strategic Adviser for the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, helping develop the partnership's strategy and prepare it for formal launch in 2016. He is on the steering committee for the Global Alliance on Reporting Progress on Promoting Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, is a director of the consultancy River Path Associates, and co-edits the foreign policy website, *Global Dashboard*.

Ms. Chalida Tajaroensuk

Chairperson, People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF)

Ms. Chalida Tajaroensuk, Chairperson of People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF), has been working with local grassroots for the past 20 years and has been advocating for their rights with high level officials in Thailand, and has been engaged in advocacy at the regional and international levels. Her sincerity is accepted and welcomed by all authorities, PEF is the national focal point for many SEA human rights issues, working to include and address local and national human rights concerns into the ASEAN region, PEF builds bridges between local, national and regional groups. PEF is empowering local people's diplomacy skills by bringing Thai local voices to policy making bodies.

Ms. Jennifer Tsai

Senior Access to Justice Advisor, Rule of Law Initiative, American Bar Association, TAP Network

Jennifer Tsai, Senior Access to Justice Advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, has more than 18 years of experience as a lawyer, rule of law expert, and researcher, dedicated to helping people obtain access to justice and promoting human rights. At ABA ROLI, Ms. Tsai provides substantive direction and support to ABA ROLI's access to justice and human rights programs around the world and manages research in these areas. Ms. Tsai has led the design, implementation, and publication of assessment methodologies, training manuals, and technical guidance, including the Access to Justice assessment tool, a guide to establish community-based paralegal programs for legal empowerment practitioners in Nigeria, a toolkit on Goal 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, a chapter on the role of the justice sector in Preventing Atrocities: Five Key Primers, and forthcoming research on and analysis of reparations and victim participation in transitional justice. Ms. Tsai has also participated in and coled several human rights documentation investigations related to conflicts in South Sudan, Sudan and Syria. Ms. Tsai sits on the task forces of several multi-partner global initiatives such as the Transparency, Accountability, and Participation network, the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation, and the United Nations Development Program and Office of Drugs and Crime Global Study on Legal Aid. Previously, Ms. Tsai worked at domestic and international organizations in the areas of criminal justice and juvenile justice, including the Vera Institute of Justice and the Beijing, China office of International Bridges to Justice. She practiced law in New York for 11 years, primarily as a criminal appellate lawyer and a public defender. Ms. Tsai holds a J.D. from Cornell University Law School and a B.A. from Columbia College, Columbia University, and has completed courses in international development, as part of the Executive Masters of Public Administration program at New York University's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili

State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality, Government, Georgia

Prior to undertaking her position as State Minister, Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili was the First Deputy State minister in the same Ministry and the elected chairwoman of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform, the largest association of the prominent Non-Governmental organizations in Georgia. Also she was the founder and director of the think tank, Liberal Academy Tbilisi that advocates for Georgia's European integration. She was the representative and consultant to the German Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Georgia and the South Caucasus for eight years.

At different times she worked as a researcher and analyst at the local and international organizations, including as a visiting researcher at the University of Hamburg OSCE Research Centre (Hamburg, Germany), researcher - at the European Center (Flensburg, Germany), research assistant at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Policy and Defense Department (Brussels, Belgium) and as an analyst at the

European Stability Initiative (ESI) in Georgia. She also worked for public structures, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Research and Analysis Center (1998-99), as well as the State Minister for Conflict Resolution Office (2004-2006).

Mrs. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili is the Visiting lecturer at Ilia State University and author of variety academic works and CHOONGHEGI publications in International editions.

She graduated from Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University in 1999 as BA in International Relations and received MA Degree in International Relations and European Studies from the Central European University (Hungary) in 2000.

Ms. Maya Tskitishvili

Head of Administration of the Government, Georgia

Maya Tskitishvili is the head of Administration for the Government of Georgia. Prior to assuming her current role in November 2012, Tskitishvili served as a senior executive for multiple leading Georgian companies.

From 2009 to 2012, she was a Director at Cartu Management Ltd. From 2003 to 2008, she served in various leadership roles at a number of major real-estate firms, including JSC Bagebi City Group, JSC Park-Town, and Burji Ltd. Prior to working in real-estate development, Tskitishvili led Commerce and Operations for Georgian Air (1997-2003). Earlier in her career, she served as an Assistant to the General Director of the National Employment Foundation (1996-1997).

Tskitishvili graduated from Tbilisi State University, with honors, in 1996 with a degree in International Economic Relations. In 1993, she studied at Higher School of Economics in Prague. Later, in 2002, she continued her studies at Caucasus School of Business, working on an MBA.

Tskitishvili is married with one daughter.

She speaks Georgian, English, and Russian.

Mr. Peter van Sluijs

Senior Strategist, Cordaid/Civil Society Platform for Peace-building and State-building

Mr. Peter van Sluijs is a Senior Strategist employed by Cordaid; a Dutch development organisation which has its headquarters located in The Hague. Mr. van Sluijs coordinates the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS): the South-North coalition of peacebuilding organisations that coordinates and supports civil society participation in the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) & New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States. Through CSPPS strategic and capacity assistance is provided in support of in-country interventions beneficial to amplifying the voice of civil society in these and related policy processes. At the global level CSPPS coordinates lobby and advocacy efforts around conflict prevention, peacebuilding and statebuilding.

Before joining Cordaid Mr. Van Sluijs has held various positions in international organisations (including UNDP, IUCN and WWF). His work has ranged across peacebuilding & conflict resolution, governance and inclusion, development aid policy, capacity building & knowledge management, and environmental management. Mr. Van Sluijs holds a M.S. degree in Political Science from the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Mr. Mustakim Waid

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Federal Government of Somalia

As a Senior Policy Advisor at the Office of the Prime Minister, Mustakim works across Cabinet to coordinate on institutional reform, international aid and the Government's delivery agenda. He co-leads on the Effective & Efficient Institutions Pillar of the National Development Plan.

He previously served as a Commissioner of Federal Electoral Implementation Committee - the Committee charged with overseeing

the 2016/2017 Somali electoral process. As Strategic Policy Advisor at the Ministry of Interior & Federal Affairs, Mustakim formerly advised on political policy and programmatic design on the Ministry's peace and statebuilding programmes, where he also led the pre-design and design phases, matching the Federal Government's political roadmap (Vision 2016) with special programmes, while also serving concurrently as the Government's Alternate-Lead on Inclusive Politics in the New Deal Process for Fragile States. Mustakim also previously served in Somalia's Office of the President as a Policy Advisor working on the design of the Somali Compact as part of the New Deal for Somalia - and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Special Advisor on peace and security policy.

Prior to joining the Somali Government, Mustakim worked with a British based humanitarian relief organisation on the Egypt-Libya border - and for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Somalia during the 2011 famine with a particular focus on institutional coordination and emerging-non-traditional actors. Mustakim also formerly worked with the Office of former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair as an Intern (Policy & Research) and as a Consultant for the BBC's sister organisation the CBC in Canada.

Mustakim is an alumni of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Programme Associate of Hiroshima Peacebuilders Centre and a Fellow of United States Institute for Peace's (USIP) Emerging Leadership Programme, Generation Change. He is a graduate of Oxford University's Young Leadership Programme and a former student of International Politics at Aberystwyth University in Wales, UK and McGill University in Canada.

Mr. David Zalkaliani

First Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

David Zalkaliani is the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. After graduating from Tbilisi State University in 1992, the Faculty of law and International Relations, he has joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. He has worked on the various positions in the Ministry, as well as in the Embassies of Georgia to Austria and the United States, Canada and Mexico. He served as Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission of Georgia to the OSCE and as Senior Counselor of the Georgian Embassy in the United States. He was a member of the Georgian Delegation at the OSCE Summits in Budapest, Lisbon and Istanbul, where the decision of withdrawal of the Russian military bases from Georgia was made. In 2004, Mr. Zalkaliani was appointed to the post of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Republics of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

From 2007 to 2009 he served as Georgian Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus. After October 2012 parliamentary elections, he was nominated to the post of the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. Mr. Zalkaliani was the Chief negotiator of Georgia with the EU on the Association Agreement and Geneva international Discussions. He has initialed the EU-Georgia Association Agreement in 2013. Mr. Zalkaliani was the Head of the Georgian delegation at the US-Georgia Strategic Charter negotiations. During his short break from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Zalkaliani served as the Executive director of the Levan Mikeladze Foundation from 2015 – 2016, before returning to his current position.