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Sheraton Metechi Palace

Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:30 Registration of Participants/ Welcome Coffee
- 10:30 – 10:45 Opening of Conference
- George Tsereteli**, Deputy Chairman of Parliament of Georgia
David Lomidze, Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs
Philip Dimitrov, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia
- 10:45 – 11:00 Keynote Speech
- Guy Ryder**, International Labour Organization, Executive Director, Standards and Fundamental Rights at Work
- 11:00 – 11:10 Special Comment
- John R. Bass**, Ambassador of the United States of America to Georgia
- 11:10 – 11:55 PANEL 1:
Social Dialogue and Labour Standards in Georgia: Perspectives from Abroad
- Moderator:
Oliver Reisner, Delegation of the European Union to Georgia
- Speakers:
Stephen Benedict, Director Human and Trade Unions Rights, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Emmanuel Julien, International Organization of Employers; Deputy Director for Social Affairs in Mouvement des Entreprises de France MEDEF
Kari Tapiola, International Labour Organization, Special Adviser to the Director General
- 11:55 – 12:30 Comments and Discussion



12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:15	PANEL 2: Social Dialogue and Labour Standards in Georgia - Achievements, Problems, Challenges	<p>Moderator: Ia Tikanadze, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Country Director Georgia</p> <p>Speakers: Andria Urushadze, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs Irakli Petriashvili, President, Georgian Trade Union Confederation Elguja Meladze, President, Georgian Employers' Association</p>
14:15 – 15.00	Comments and Discussion	
15:00 – 15.30	Tea/Coffee	
15:30 – 16.20	PANEL 3: Is there a Social Dimension in the ENP and Eastern Partnership? Assessing Action Plans and GSP/DCFTA processes	<p>Moderator: Matthias Jobelius, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Director South Caucasus</p> <p>Speakers: Tamar Beruchashvili, Senior Advisor of State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Charlotte Olsson-Altansunar, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Policy Coordinator European Neighbourhood Policy Józef Niemiec, European Trade Union Confederation, Deputy General Secretary Irakli Kenchoshvili, Member of Parliament, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on European Integration Kakha Gogolashvili, GFSIS, EaP Civil Society Forum, National Platform Georgia, Working Group II</p>
16:20 – 17.00	Comments and Discussion	
17:00 – 17:15	Final Remarks: Wrap-Up	Social Partners

