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Foreword



The Local Economic Development (LED) Forum is the flagship Forum organized annually by the City of Tbilisi to address complex challenges that local governments are facing. Over the past eight years the Forum has gained a reputation as an important venue for fostering discussions and promoting collaborations between citizens and cities, policy makers, urban planners, infrastructure operators, economists, industry representatives and academicians all who have a role to contribute to long-term and effective solutions to build more sustainable cities.

Today world cities are facing serious difficulties caused by the absence of city strategies, negligence in developing Green City policy, insufficient public transport and poor infrastructure, The LED 2016 will be focused on these challenges and emerging issues cities need to proactively work and be quick to response to ensure their future sustainability and resilience.

The goal of the 9th LED forum is to promote innovative and conceptual platforms. The Forum will bring together all players to debate on these issues and come out with solutions.

I strongly believe that the Forum is the place where city leaders will unite their efforts for the benefit of our cities in many aspects and it will not only stress social and economic changes in the city, but also will shape them.

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Mayor of Tbilisi

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Forum Basic Information

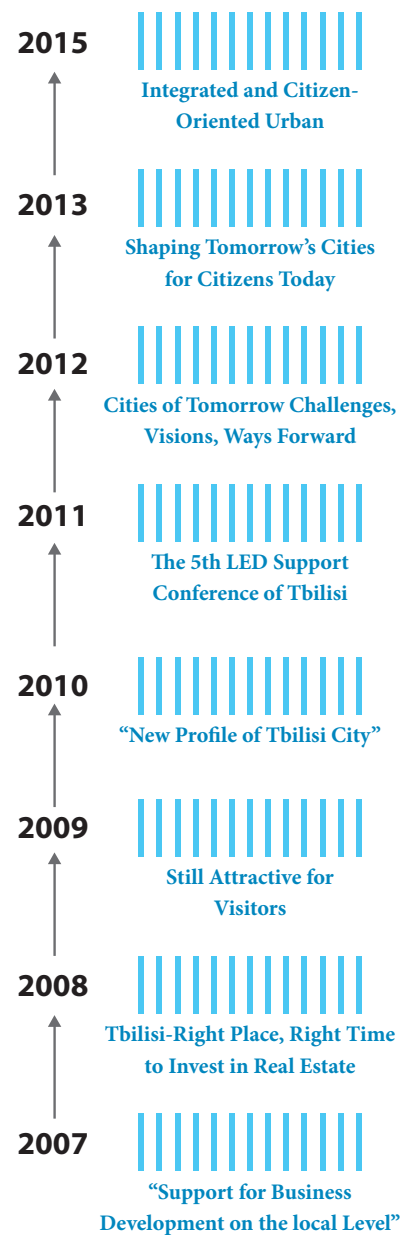
9th International Local Economic Development Forum - Tbilisi, Georgia

Basic Information about Forum

The 9th International Local Economic Development (LED) Forum held in Tbilisi, Georgia is a grand event rising out from common needs with prospective and globally cooperative meaning in recent years. It's jointly organized by Tbilisi city hall in tight cooperation with partner organizations and other professional agencies as well. It's held every year since 2007 with participation of international and domestic cities. Each forum has attracted huge interest and resulted in network chains and imperative city projects.

Aiming to build a high-end dialogue platform for local authorities and experts the forum will make an analysis and exploration on common issues, learn from each other, put forward responding measures and promote sustainable development measures for reinforcing smart city positions.

Preserving the essence of previous forums, this forum will keep pace with the times and open up areas of innovation, set ambitious objectives and give a push to coherent ideas and overtures for becoming sharply smart and livable city. This year the forum will be a prosperous event carrying on the past and opening a way for future.



Forum Schedule

December 7	
8:30-9:30	REGISTRATION
9:30-10:15	OPENING OF THE FORUM
10:15-12:00	KEYNOTE SPEECHES
12:00-13:00	LUNCHEON
	THEMATIC SPEECHES & DISCUSSIONS

13:00-14:00	SMART CITY STRATEGIES Decisions support Smart Cities through cohesively defined city strategies	FUNDRAISING Triangular cooperation: city to city and international organizations to reinforce local governments' capacities	GREEN CITY Practical and affordable solutions for green development
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Wednesday, December 7th , 2016

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REGISTRATION OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS & COFFEE BREAK

9:30-10:15

OPENING OF THE FORUM

Opening Address Davit Narmania - Mayor of Tbilisi

Welcoming Address Dimitry Kumsishvili - First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Finance of Georgia
George Gakharia - Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Zurab Alavidze - Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
Grigol Liluashvili - Chair of Regional Policy and Self-Government Committee;
Parliament of Georgia
Yesim Elhan-Kayalar - Georgia Country Director ADB
Bruno Balvanera - EBRD's Regional Director for Caucasus, Moldova and Belarus

10:15-12:00

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

New Thinking about Cities

Moderator Eric Frey - Managing Editor of Der Standard; Correspondent of Financial Times and The Economist

Keynote Speakers Alessandro Giovenzi - Mayor of Verres, Italy
Bruno Balvanera - EBRD's Regional Director for Caucasus, Moldova and Belarus
Pedro Ortiz - Senior Urban Planner, WB, ADB, EU Ex Deputy Mayor of Madrid and
Director of the Strategic Plan for Madrid
Todd Litman - Executive Director of Victoria Transport Policy Institute, Canada
Jonathan Brady - International Program Manager; DC Department of Small and
Local Business Development; Washington DC

12:00-13:00

LUNCHEON

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THEMATIC SPEECHES & DISCUSSIONS

13:00-15:15

Session 1 Simultaneously

SMART CITY STRATEGIES

Decisions support Smart Cities through cohesively defined city strategies

Congress Hall

Moderator Nico Tillie - Director European Office of WCCD/Advisor Smart Rotterdam & AMS
Panelists Vladimir Bataev - Smart & Circular City Innovation Funding Expert; Zaz Ventures
Sebastian Kawalko - “Advisor of the Mayor; The Municipality of Lublin City “
Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Jochen Siegemund - Architect, Urban Planner
Zhao Qing - Huawei Enterprise EBG, Smart City Chief Architect

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13:00-15:15

Session 2 Simultaneously

FUNDRAISING

Triangular cooperation: city to city and international organizations to reinforce local governments' capacities

Meeting Room 3

Moderator Nana Adeishvili - ADB consultant, Future Cities Program
Panelists Andrew J. McIntyre - Senior Urban Development Specialist; ADB
Mark Mitchell - Office Director, Program and Project Support Office, USAID/
Georgia
Yoshiaki Tabata - Project formulation Advisor; Jica
Neil Chadder - “Senior Urban Environmental Engineer; Cities Development
Initiative for Asia”
Anahit Mkhoyan - Director of Caritas Georgia

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13:00-15:15

Session 3 Simultaneously

GREEN CITY

Practical and affordable solutions for green development

Meeting Room 4

Moderator Mikheil Ukleba - Project Manager at Economic Development of Tbilisi City Hall
Alessandro Giovenzi - Mayor of Verres, Italy
Mateja Dermastia - CEO of Anteja ECG, Slovenia
Nigel Jollands - Associate Director from Energy Efficiency and Climate Change; EBRD
Kakhaber Mdivani - Chief Specialist of Climate Change Department of the Ministry
of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
Alan P. Mammoser - Regional Planner, “Planning Magazine”
Dariusz Stasik - CEO of Smart Building Center, Poznan

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15:15-15:45 NETWORKING (DESSERT AND COFFEE)

15:45-18:00 Session 1 Simultaneously

E-GOVERNANCE Improving Local Government performances and reinforcing democracy

Congress Hall

Moderator Eric Frey - Managing Editor of Der Standard; Correspondent of Financial Times and The Economist
Panelists Ivar Tallo - Founder of e-Governance Academy, Estonia
Makovskiy Dmytro - Head of E-Governance and Information Society Development Department; The State Agency for E-Governance of Ukraine
Ketevan Tatoshvili - Account Executive, Public sector at Microsoft
Irakli Gvenetadze - Chairman at Data Exchange Agency
Siddhartha Raja - Senior Specialist for Technology & Jobs, World Bank
Vakhtang Chedishvili - Chairman at Municipal Services Development Agency, Tbilisi City Hall

15:45-18:00 Session 2 Simultaneously

INVESTMENTS How do cities effectively attract investments for smart, inclusive, vibrant and sustainable city development

Meeting Room 3

Moderator Tamuna Liluashvili - Deputy Head of Georgian National Investment Agency
Panelists Giorgi Ebanoidze - Head of Investment Division of Economic Development Office at Tbilisi City Hall
Nikoloz Kevkhishvili - MRICS, Manager Valuation and Advisory; Colliers International Georgia
Mariusz Sagan - Head of Strategy and Investor Relations Department; Mayor's Plenipotentiary for Lublin Subzone; The Municipality of Lublin City
Afzal Ravari - Founder and Board Chairman of ARIC GROUP
Natia Bantsuri - Economist of Business Association of Georgia
Vladlen Kuznetsov - VP-Senior Analyst, Moody's Investors Service

15:45-18:00 Session 3 Simultaneously

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Collective and adaptive Smart Energy Efficient solutions in districts and neighborhoods

Meeting Room 4

Moderator Margalita Arabidze - Head of Division for Energy Efficiency and Alternative Sources at Ministry of Energy of Georgia
Panelists Tim Farrell - Senior Advisor at the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency, Denmark
Zaal Kheladze - General Director of New Technology Center
Jose Romero - Consultant on Innovations and Technologies; Tbilisi City Hall
George Abulashvili - National Expert for Azerbaijan & Georgia for Covenant of Mayors East
Director of Energy Efficiency Centre
Tamar Pataridze - Project Manager of EC-Low Emission Development Strategy

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11:00-13:15 THEMATIC SPEECHES & DISCUSSIONS

Session 1 Simultaneously

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport and facilitated communications: keeping the pace to the Connected world

Congress Hall

Moderator

Todd Litman - Executive Director of Victoria Transport Policy Institute, Canada

Panelists

Katja Schechtner - Urban Scientist, Visiting Professor, MIT Media Lab & Technical University Vienna; ADB

Sergiy Frantsishko - Vice President for Business Development of MasterCard

Europe Office in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

Mark Sellin - Project Manager at Mott Macdonalds, UK

Arif Emecen - IETT General Manager, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality

Heather Thompson - President of The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy - USA

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Session 2 Simultaneously

CITY TOURISM

Spatial organization and rejuvenation of tourism cities

Meeting Room 3

Moderator

Jacob Wouter van Dreven - Director of World Travel Academy, The Netherlands

Panelists

George Chogovadze - Head of Georgian National Tourism Administration

Markus Matthiesen - Vice-chairman of the town council of the city of Lauenburg

Tiina Mykkanen - CEO, Destination Uppsala, Sweden

Franz Xaver Gruber - Adviser of the Mayor in Tourism field; Innsbruck City Hall

Qi Pingshu - Former executive officer and researcher at China National Tourism Administration (CNTA)

Ia Tabagari - Chairwoman at Georgian Tour Operators Association

Natalia Kvachantiradze - The Founder of Georgian Tourism Association

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Session 3 Simultaneously

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Tight cooperation between Tbilisi and partner Cities -setting the stimulus for enhancing the networks around

Meeting Room 4

Moderator

Vladimir Bataev - Smart & Circular City Innovation Funding Expert; Zaz Ventures, UK

Panelists

Jonathan Brady - International Program Manager; DC Department of Small and Local Business Development; Washington DC

Regina Wiala-Zimm - “Chief Executive, European and International affairs; City of Vienna”

Ana Ardelean - Head of Department of International Relations at Tbilisi City Hall

Heike Bornholdt-Fried - Office for Economic Development, Labor Market and international Cooperation; Saarbruken town hall

Franck Leducq - Director of the Mayor’s Cabinet; Vigneux-Sur-Seine City Hall

Beka Chkheidze - Deputy Director of International Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

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Panelists Richard Joy - Executive Director of ULI Toronto District Council
Gunnar Haglund - Deputy director at the Department for Eastern Europe of The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Martin Krulis - Adviser of the Mayor in Urban Development Issues; Innsbruck City Hall
Irakli Darakhvelidze - Head of the Feasibility Division at Improvement Department of Tbilisi City Hall
Sergey Akinchic - the Head of "MinskGrado"; Minsk City Executive Committee
Mamuka Salukvadze - Director of City Institute Georgia

14:15-16:30 Session 2 Simultaneously

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Building frameworks for creative industries: transformative actions-putting skills to work

Meeting Room 3

Moderator Luciano Gloor - Consultant on Creative Economy and Cultural Policies

Panelists Devi Kituashvili - Managing Partner, Director of Multiverse Architecture
Agata Etmanowicz - President of Impact Foundation; Creative Entrepreneur; Poland
Wato Tsereteli - Founder of the Center for Contemporary Art CCA
Witek Hebanowski - President of The Other Space Foundation; Creative Entrepreneur; Poland
Pier Luigi Sacco - Professor of Cultural Economics at IULM University in Milan
Marge Lazarenkova
Creative strategist, Creative entrepreneur, "Balki Loft Project", Belarus
Michael Lehr-Kowalski - Creative Entrepreneur; Poland

14:15-16:30 Session 3 Simultaneously

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
Eastern Partnership platform for cities that are cohesive and sustainable

Meeting Room 4

- Moderator** Eka Burdiladze - Head of Local and International Organizations Relations Department of Economic Development Office at Tbilisi City Hall”
- Panelists** Oliver Reisner - Assoc. Professor; School of Arts & Sciences
Jean Monnet Chair, European & Caucasian Studies; Ilia State University
Veronica Herta - Director of Water municipal enterprise; Chisinau Municipality
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
Julia Zghurska - Head of Department for tourist infrastructure development and brand projects; International Cooperation Office Kharkiv City Council
Amin Mammadov - Deputy Director of Project Implementation Unit; Greater Baku Regional Development Plan
State Committee of Urban Planning and Architecture
Denis Lazarenkov - Founder of Balki Loft Project, Belarus
Beka Murgulia - Chief Specialist of European Integration Coordination Department at the Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

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- Moderator** Eric Frey - Managing Editor of Der Standard; Correspondent of Financial Times and The Economist Conclusion Statement
- Conclusion Statement** Irakli Lekvinadze - Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi
- Closing Program** Signing the agreement between Tbilisi City Hall and WCCD
Signing the agreement between Cologne University of Applied Sciences and Georgian Technical University
Introducing the initiative of Creation “Green Initiative Network”
Signing the Commitments on accepting the Green Initiative

Sessions Reflection

SMART CITY STRATEGIES - Decisions support Smart Cities through cohesively defined city strategies

Energy efficient solutions in districts and neighborhoods emerged as a best practice approach for providing a local, affordable and low-carbon energy supply. According to USAID research, Georgia has huge untapped potential in energy efficiency in public and housing buildings. Collective, innovative and smart energy efficient solutions should be implemented to meet the carbon dioxide (CO2) emission reduction target that Tbilisi pledged to achieve within the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

FUNDRAISING - Triangular cooperation: city to city and international organizations to reinforce local governments' capacities

The main goal of the session is to provide with knowledge and insights from international organizations dedicated to provide funds to governmental and non-governmental organizations. With inputs from experts and representatives of int. organizations the forum provides a unique opportunity to learn from successful practitioners and peers about how to build and enhance relationships with international organizations and funds: how donors can support cities with funds and cities to cities – with experience.

GREEN CITY - Practical and affordable solutions for green development

Recently Tbilisi City defined the long-term future of development for the city environment, determining the vision of sustainable development, the strategic aims and priority directions, and necessary courses of action in order to ensure a safe living environment that satisfies people, as well as economic development with minimum impact on the natural environment and while also preserving natural diversity. For enabling sustainable development of the Tbilisi City and thus ensuring protection of health and safety of the city population, it is essential to carry out relevant studies at modern scientific level, draft concrete plans, strengthen institutional management, improve the legislative base, provide information to public and ensure public participation in decision-making process.

E-GOVERNANCE - Improving Local Government performances and reinforcing democracy

E-governance can be regarded as one of the most crucial instrument of modern society development. According to the UNESCO definition E-Governance is the public sector's use of information and communication technologies with the aim of improving information and service delivery, encouraging citizen participation in the decision-making process and making government more accountable, transparent and effective. The objective of the session is the development of ICT in public governance and sharing the experience between public and private sectors. It is worth to mention that, the session will enhance all administrative entities, including Tbilisi City Hall to deliver advanced public service in more transparent and efficient way for our society.

INVESTMENTS - How do cities effectively attract investments for smart, inclusive, vibrant and sustainable city development

While talking about investments we talk about sustainable economic development, stability, working places, good living conditions and happy local inhabitants. Investments bring new ideas to the cities; we step ahead to new life and build our future. With the session we seek for identifying cities' potential to widely open doors to new investments, offer stable investment climate to foreigners and create business friendly working atmosphere with high-qualified labor force. Cities evaluate their positions and discuss future possibilities.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY - Collective and adaptive Smart Energy Efficient solutions in districts and neighborhoods

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT - Public Transport and facilitated communications: keeping the pace to the Connected world

Changes are coming in transportation, whether we are ready for it or not. Demand for transport continues to grow year on year. Exploring innovative approaches to the development of urban mobility is at the heart of the session. Each city faces different challenges and has to address the particularities of its own situation. However, there are similarities and it is very likely that at least one of the cities has taken the same pace and gained the practice that might suit you.

CITY TOURISM - Spatial organization and rejuvenation of tourism cities

City Tourism plays a vital role in urban development strategies and heritage resources; the rejuvenation of public space, expansion of recreational facilities. The regeneration process proceeding from tourism development provides diverse new opportunities and has a great impact on the local economic growth, development of city infrastructure and brings better conditions to residents as well.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Tight cooperation between Tbilisi and partner Cities - setting the stimulus for enhancing the networks around

According to UN research, today, 54 per cent of the world's population lives in urban areas, a proportion that is expected to increase to 66 per cent by 2050. As a result, cities will face numerous challenges in meeting the needs of their growing urban populations, including for housing, infrastructure, transportation, energy and employment, as well as for basic services such as education and health care. Cities around the world are turning to C2C partnerships as a potentially cost-effective and sustainable component to resolve these problems. Tbilisi and partner cities have successful history of working together. Nevertheless, more enhanced partnership in trade, innovation, education and other fields can increase employment, expand advanced industries, and strengthen overall capacity.

City Infrastructure - Redevelopment of old and shaping new ideas for powering the way towards economic Growth

Urban development remains one of the key topics for consideration. The result of the proper development includes higher density in downtown areas, more diversity among its residents, more dynamic, social, and interconnected people, and more environmentally conscious architecture and renovations. Session gives space to city planners and city-building professionals with the opportunity to identify new opportunities and trends for discussing urban development prospects in various directions.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - Building frameworks for creative industries: transformative actions-putting skills to work

Creative industries are at the forefront of entrepreneurial, cultural, commercial and innovative developments. The Creative Economy Report 2008 quotes some impressive figures for the size of the creative industries. It calculates they account for: 3.4 percent of world trade (in 2005) and \$424 billion of exports (in 2005). The creative industries are important both to developed nations and developing ones. Therefore we must ensure that the creative industry sector is able to contribute to employment and growth across nation.

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP - Eastern Partnership platform for cities that are cohesive and sustainable

Eastern Partnership provides a unique opportunity for states to improve collaboration through different platforms in order to create more sustainable and cohesive actions. However more emphasis should be given to the activities of cities to fully realize the opportunities of the initiative. Tbilisi in close cooperation with Eastern Partnership cities will try to create the "Platform of EP cities", where every city can address themes of mutual interest: good governance, economic integration and growth, energy security, energy efficiency, environment, waste management, and form contacts between people.

Speakers Introduction

Pedro Ortiz



Pedro Ortiz is the leading world specialist on metropolitan land-use integration. As former Deputy Mayor of Spain's Capital, Madrid, and Director General for Metropolitan Planning for the State of Madrid he managed rapid growth of the metropolis.

Pedro Ortiz is currently a Senior Urban Planner at the World Bank, Washington DC. Previously, he was Deputy Director of the Council of Architects of Madrid and Director of the Institute for Urban Renewal. He was also the founder and Director of the Master's program of Town Planning of the University King Juan Carlos of Madrid.

Ortiz was a Partner of the Planning Consultancy firm of Arop&As where he served as an advisor to the Regional Governments of Navarra and Murcia in Spain as well as many others around the world, in addition to several engineering and development companies including Intevia, SA, Institute of Transport Engineering and Roads, the Centro Superior de Arquitectura, Camuñas Foundation.

Todd Litman



Since 1995 Todd Litman has been a founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute, an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative solutions to transport problems. His work helps expand the range of impacts and options considered in transportation decision-making, improve evaluation methods, and make specialized technical concepts accessible to a larger audience.

Mr. Litman authored the Online TDM Encyclopedia, a comprehensive Internet resource for identifying and evaluating mobility management strategies, Transportation Cost and Benefit Analysis. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops. His presentations range from technical and practical to humorous and inspirational. Mr. Litman is active in several professional organizations including the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the Transportation Research Board.

Pier Luigi Sacco



Professor of Economics and Deputy Rector for International Relationships at IULM University, Milan; Director of the bid of Siena for the European Capital of Culture 2019. Writes for Il Sole 24 Ore, Artribune and Flash Art and has published many papers in top journals and in books with major publishers on cultural economics, cultural policy design and economic theory; often invited as keynote speaker in major international conferences and consults widely for national and regional governments, organizations, and cultural institutions; Member of the Warwick Commission, of the European Expert Network on Culture, is in the board of Ujazdowski Castle Museum Warsaw, and is a member of the European House for Culture.

Prof. Jochen Siegemund



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Katja Schechtner



In 2004 Katja Schechtner founded a research group on crowd dynamics and transportation simulation at the Austrian Institute of Technology, which she led until 2012. She serves as a consultant and advisor for several European research institutes and the EU Commission, lectures at universities in the US, Austria and China and has published widely, most recently two books on Urban Data and Accountability Technologies.

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From 1993 Mr. Qi worked for the Policy and Legal Department of the China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) as an executive officer and researcher. CNTA is the authority of the central government of China, responsible for tourism development and oversees the tourism industry in 31 provinces across the country. The major tasks included policy research on China's tourism industry, planning and market research, regional tourism development, industry management.

Author of many publications on Tourism development and Research.

Additional Information

PARTICIPATION

The Forum is expected to gather local, national and international authorities, international Organizations, Embassies, Funds and NGOs as well as the educational institutions and private sector representatives coming from every corner of the world, all while ensuring a territorial, social and gender balance.

ORGANIZER

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All the participants are requested to wear the badge during all sessions of the forum.

Official Language of the forum:

Working Language is Georgian, English and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

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The following weather condition of Tbilisi during the forum serves only as reference. Please pay attention to the change of weather at any time!

December 7, Partly Sunny, 4 °C

December 8, Times of Sun and Clouds, 6 °C

Money Exchange:

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