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30 September, Monday

H.E. Carl HARTZELL

EU Ambassador to Georgia



Born on 4 May 1967 Stockholm (Sweden). Swedish nationality.

Holds a Master's Degree from the Stockholm School of Economics.

2018-presently: Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia

2014-2018: Senior Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk

2013-2014: Senior Adviser to the Deputy Secretary General of the EU External Action Service

2012-2013: Member of Cabinet of High Representative / Vice President Catherine Ashton

2011-2012: Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Wyoming, USA

2005-2011: Minister Counsellor, Deputy Representative to the EU Political and Security Committee, Swedish Permanent Representation to EU

1999-2005: Member of the EU Policy Unit under High Representative Javier Solana

1997-1999: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department for European Security Policy, Sweden

1996: Ministry of Defence, Department for Security and International Relations, Sweden

1993-1996: Swedish Armed Forces HQ, Stockholm

1992: Researcher, Stockholm Institute for East European Economies

Tamar KHULORDAVA

Chairperson of the European Integration Committee and Members of the Committee



Born on 2 February 1979 Tbilisi (Georgia). Georgian nationality.

Tamar Khulordava is a Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Georgia.

She was elected to Parliament from the proportional list of the “Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia” in October 2016. In her capacity of the Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration, she leads the activities of the committee, represents the Committee in domestic and inter-parliamentary relations, provides overall coordination with state bodies and institutions and international organisations and defines the

agenda for the committee meetings.

Ms Khulordava is a co-Chair of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee (PAC) and the Head of the permanent Parliamentary Delegation to the Parliamentary Association Committee.

She is also a Chair of the Georgian Parliamentary Delegation to the EuroNest Parliamentary Assembly and a member of a Gender Council of the Parliament of Georgia.

Prior to her election to Parliament Ms Khulordava served as the First Deputy Minister of Corrections of Georgia and a Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry.

Ms Khulordava has over 10 years of professional experience with the European institutions on issues of human rights, justice and rule of law. She worked as a Lawyer and a Project Manager at the European Union Delegation to Georgia where she designed and managed EU cooperation programmes.

In her earlier carrier she was a Staff Attorney with the American Bar Association, Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI), Rule of Law and Criminal Law Programs, Coordinator of the working group on Criminal Procedure Legislation Reform (for a project supported by the US Department of Justice) and a National Coordinator of the Interagency Commission on the Reform of the Law Enforcement and Security Services of Georgia, under the National Security Council, headed by the Chief Justice of Georgia.

Ms Khulordava is a graduate of the Tbilisi State University, LLM with High honours. In addition to her native Georgian, she is fluent in English and Russian.

Archil TALAKVADZE

Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia



Chairman of the Parliament

Political career and working experience:

June 25, 2019 – elected as the Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

2016-2019 – Parliament of Georgia, Leader of the Parliamentary Majority

2014-2016 – Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, Deputy Minister

2012-2014 – Ministry of Corrections of Georgia, Deputy Minister

2011-2012 - United States Agency for International Development, Good Governance Program, Deputy Director

2007-2010 – Public Defender's Office, Advisor to the Public Defender

2006-2007 - United States Agency for International Development, Healthcare Program, Coordinator.

Education:

2015 – London School of Economy (LSE), Executive Management program

2010 – Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), Public Health Policy and Management program

2006 – Tbilisi State Medical University, Medical Faculty

2000 - Ozurgeti School N1.

Archil Talakvadze was born on January 16, 1983 in Ozurgeti, Georgia. He speaks English and Russian.

Giorgi KANDELAKI

Secretary of the Faction



Work Experience:

Senior Advisor of Analytical Service of the Administration of the President (2005 - 2008)

Advisor, Senior Consultant of the Administration of the President (2005)

Researcher of Peace, Democracy and Development Institute (2003 - 2004)

Deputy-Editor of English Newspaper "24 Hours" (2003 - 2005)

Editor of the Web-site of Open Society Foundation Election Supportive Program (2003)

Parliamentary Delegations:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (29-12-2016)

NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Main Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (29-12-2016)

EuroNest Parliamentary Assembly, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (29-12-2016 - 02-04-2019)

EU (Georgia-EU Parliamentary Association Committee) Main Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (29-04-2015 - 18-11-2016)

EuroNest (EaP) Parliamentary Assembly, Main Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (04-03-2015 - 18-11-2016)

PACE, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (21-11-2012 - 18-11-2016)

EU (Georgia-EU Parliamentary Cooperation Committee), Main staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (21-11-2012 - 29-04-2015)

NATO PA, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (21-11-2012 - 18-11-2016)

OSCE PA, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (26-06-2009 - 21-10-2012)

PACE, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (24-03-2009 - 21-10-2012)

NATO PA, Main Staff - Head of the Parliamentary Delegation (10-02-2009 - 21-10-2012)

EU (Georgia-EU Parliamentary Cooperation Committee), Reserve staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (15-07-2008 - 21-10-2012)

PACE, Reserve Staff - Member of the Parliamentary Delegation (15-07-2008 - 24-03-2009)

Gigo BOKERIA

Member of the Faction



Born 20 April 1972 in Tbilisi.

He is a Georgian politician and was the secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia from November 2010 to November 2013. He is currently one of the leaders of the Movement for Freedom-European Georgia.

From 1989 to 1995, Bokeria was one of the leaders of various student movements.

In 1996, together with Levan Ramishvili, Givi Targamadze and David Zurabishvili, Bokeria co-founded the Liberty Institute, a Georgian non-profit, non-partisan, liberal public policy advocacy foundation.

In 2003, after a visit to Serbia to study peaceful revolution techniques, Bokeria helped bring Serb activists from the youth movement Otpor! to Georgia to train students in the same techniques. As a result, the youth movement "Kmara" was established, which played a leading role in the November 2003 Rose Revolution. After the Revolution, Bokeria was elected to Parliament where he has authored a number laws to strengthen human rights in Georgia.

Bokeria has been a Member of Parliament since 2004. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Legal Issues and is a Member of Committee on Defense and Security. Since 2005 he is Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and vice-chairman of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe group in the assembly. In April 2008, he was moved to the post of deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia, and in November 2010 to Secretary of the National Security Council. He resigned on 15 November 2013 after Georgia elected its new president, Giorgi Margvelashvili. He was succeeded by the Georgian Dream lawmaker Irina Imerlishvili.

Tinatin BOKUCHAVA

Secretary of the Faction



Work Experience:

State Audit Service, Deputy-Auditor General (2012)

Envoy of the Permanent Representation of Georgia (2011 - 2012)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy-Director of the International Organizations Department (2011)

National-Democratic Institute (2009 - 2011)

National-Democratic Institute (2009)

Akaki ZOIDZE

Member of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee



Work Experience:

Curatio Advisory Group, Director (2014 - 2016)

Curatio International Foundation, Member of the Board of Directors (2006 - 2016)

Curatio International Foundation, Leading Researcher (2004 - 2016)

State Chancellery of Georgia, Deputy State Minister (2001 - 2003)

Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia, Deputy-Minister (2000 - 2001)

Ministry of Health Care and Social Protection of Georgia, Social Insurance and Program Management Department, Head (2000)

Ministry of Health Care of Georgia, Assistant to the Minister (1997 - 2000)

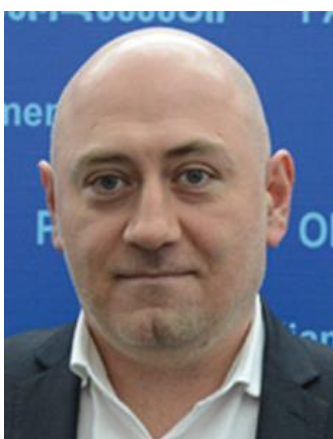
Clinical and Experimental Institute, Senior Laboratory Assistant (1993 - 1998)

Clinical and Experimental Institute, Clinical Resident with the specialty of Neurology (1991 - 1993)

Joint Venture "Azoti", Medical Sanitary Section, Reanimation-Intensive Therapy Department, Orderly (1990 - 1991)

Dimitri TSKITISHVILI

Member of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee



Work Experience

Centre for Political-Military Analysis, Hudson Institute, Assistant of Center Director (2012)

International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY), Worldwide Vice President and Presidium Member (2008 - 2012)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for Russia, Second Secretary (2005 - 2006)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for Regional Cooperation, CIS Office, Third Secretary (2005)

CIS and Peaceful Caucasus Affairs State Bureau, Bilateral and Regional Cooperation Office, State adviser (1998 - 2004)

Young Socialist of Georgia (YSG), Member/International Secretary/President/President of Control Commission (1998 - 2012)

State Railway Tbilisi Branch, Academician E.K. Pipia Clinical Hospital, Chamber of Newborns, Orderly (1990 - 1991)



Otar KAKHIDZE

Member of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee



"BGI Legal", Director, Partner (2013 - 2016)

Tbilisi Free University, Lawyer, Lecturer, Policy Analysis Center, Senior Research Officer (2012 - 2013)

Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Legislative Department, Deputy Head, Analytical Department, Head, Deputy Minister (2009 - 2012)

Georgian young Lawyers Association, Project Assistant, Parliamentary Secretary (2005 - 2009)

Guguli MAGRADZE

Member of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee



Work Experience

Member of the Parliament

Election block: Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia

Election form: by Party List

Education

Tbilisi State University, Department of Social Psychology, Head (2002 -)

Tbilisi State University (1981 - 2002)

Senior Scientific Researcher in Economics and Law Institute, Academy of Sciences (1978 - 1981)

Junior Scientific Researcher in Institute of Psychology, Academy of Sciences (1969 - 1978)

Sophie KATSARAVA

Chairperson of the Foreign Relations Committee and Members of the Committee



Member of the ruling Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia party

Sophie Katsarava is a Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of Georgia.

She was elected to Parliament from the proportional list of the “Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia” in October 2016.

Elected to her national parliament in 2016, she also serves on the Committee on European Integration. She is Head of the Georgian Delegation to the OSCE PA and is also a member of parliamentary delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

(PACE), NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Sophie Katsarava was elected to the position of Rapporteur for the General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology, and Environment at the 2017 Annual Session in Minsk, OSCE PA.

Ms. Katsarava worked at the British Embassy on different positions: Project Manager (2007-2010), Press and Public Relations Secretary (2007-2010), Political Secretary (2010-2016).

Having previously served 11 years at the British Embassy in Tbilisi, she became a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire with an ordination by Queen Elizabeth II for her involvement in strengthening relations between Georgia and the United Kingdom in the education sector.

Ms. Katsarava graduated the State Institute of Foreign Languages and Cultures. In addition to her native Georgian, she is fluent in English and Russian.

Giorgi TKEMALADZE

Chairman of Tbilisi City Municipal



He is member of Georgian Dream.

He was presented as the majoritarian candidate for Tbilisi’s Samgori district. After winning, Tkemaladze was elected to be in charge of the 6th convocation of Tbilisi City Assembly as its Chairman.

Since 2007 Tkemaladze has been a member of three convocations of Tbilisi City Assembly.

In 2007-2012 he was the chairman of a temporary commission on cooperation with foreign city assemblies, as well as the commission for urban planning and Old Tbilisi reconstruction. Both commissions were

created within Tbilisi City Assembly.

In 2012-2014, he was appointed as the Deputy Chairman of Tbilisi City Assembly.

During the 5th convocation of Tbilisi City Assembly. Tkemaladze was selected as the first deputy chairman of Tbilisi City Assembly.

Since 2010 he is the Vice President of the National Association of Local Self-Governments and a member of the Congress on Regional Self-Governments.

1 October, Tuesday

Thea TSULUKIANI

Minister of Justice of Georgia



Education:

1998-2000 - Public Administration School of France (ENA), Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA).

During her studies at ENA, Thea Thulukiani worked at the Cabinet of Prefect, Sart Department (Western France), on the issues of defending public order at problematic districts of the City, and other issues of coordination of activities of public administration bodies, at local level; 1992 - 1997 - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, faculty of International Law and International Relations; in parallel, she studied at Academy of Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which she

graduated in 1998;

1992 - Collège-lycée Ampère of Lyon (France), Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education.

Work Experience:

25/10/2012 - Minister of Justice of Georgia;

01/10/2012 - Majority Deputy of Nadzaladevi District from Bidzina Ivanishvilil - Georgian Dream;

15/05/2010 - Advisor of the Party Chairman in the field of Human Resources, Free Democrats Party;

2009-24/02/2010 - Speaker at cases to be discussed by one Judge;

2006 - Member of committee, Rules of European Court of Human Rights;

2005 - Class rank of Chief Lawyer;

09/2000 - Employee on the staff of European Court of Human Rights, as a result of competition held by the European Council. In the position of Lawyer, she was engaged in studying soundness of complaints against Georgia and partially, against Russia, working out decisions and verdicts on these cases and their transferring to authorized legal agencies, assisting judge at a meeting room, leading division working on complaints from Georgia, etc.;

1997-1998 - Foreign Policy Research and Analysis Center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Vakhtang MAKHAROBlishvili

First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia



Vakhtang Makharoblishvili was born in Tbilisi, on 2 October 1978.

Education:

2000 - Tbilisi State University, specialty: international law and international relations

2002 –Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), Master of Diplomacy

2004 –Leiden University, Master of International Business Law

Career:

Since 2000 to date Vakhtang Makharoblishvili has held various positions the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia:

- August 2000 - September 2001: Attaché Centre for Policy Analysis & Research
- September 2001 - August 2002: Second Secretary Division of Political Analysis and EU-Georgia Partnership and Co-operation Department of Relations with the EU
- August 2002 - July 2004: Head of Division

Political Analysis and EU-Georgia Partnership and Co-operation Division, Department of Relations with the EU

July 2004 - September 2004: Head of Division European Integration Division, Department of European Affairs and European Integration

September 2004 - October 2005: Deputy Director Department of European Affairs and European Integration

From October 2005 to November 2009, Vakhtang Makharoblishvili has served as Senior Counsellor at the Embassy of Georgia to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and at the Permanent Representation of Georgia to the EU.

From November 2009 to May 2012, he worked first as Deputy Director and then as Director of the Department of International Organisations.

From May 2012 to October 2016, Vakhtang Makharoblishvili worked as Deputy Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN, and from February 2013 to July – as Charge d'Affaires of Georgia to the UN.

From November 2016 to date, Vakhtang Makharoblishvili has held the position of Deputy Foreign Minister.

In 2011 he was awarded diplomatic rank of Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Vakhtang Makharoblishvili speaks English, Russian and French.

David ZALKALIANI

Foreign Affairs Minister of Georgia



Since 21 June 2018, he is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

David Zalkaliani (born on 27 February, 1968) is a Georgian career diplomat serving as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia since 21 June, 2018. 1992 – Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, specialty International Law.

1992-1995 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Department of International Organizations, Division of European Community; Third Secretary; Second Secretary; First Secretary; Deputy Head of the Division;

1995-1996 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Department of International Organizations, Division of European Organizations; Deputy Head of the Division;
1996-2000 – Embassy of Georgia to Austria; Representation of Georgia to International Organizations in Vienna; First Secretary; Counsellor;

2000-2001 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; First European Department; Counsellor;

2001-2002 - Embassy of Georgia to Austria; Representation of Georgia to International Organizations in Vienna; Counsellor;

March – September 2002 – Permanent Representation of Georgia to OSCE and International Organizations in Vienna; Deputy Permanent Representative;

2002-2004 - Embassy of Georgia to the United States, Mexico, and Canada; Senior Counsellor;

2004-2007 – Embassy of Georgia to the Republics of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;

January – December 2007 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Department of Global Relations; Director;

December 2007 –January 2008 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Ambassador at Large;

January 2008 – September 2009 - Embassy of Georgia to the Republics of Belarus, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;

29 October 2012 – 5 November 2014 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; First Deputy Minister;

2015 – 8 January 2016 – Executive Director of the Levan Mikeladze Foundation

8 January 2016 – First Deputy Foreign Minister.

David Zalkaliani has held the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary since 2007. Speaks English, German and Russian.

H.E. Salome ZOURABICHVILI

President of Georgia



Born on 18 March 1952 in Paris, France.

Speaks fluently Georgian, French, and English and converses in basic Italian.

Education

Institute of Political Studies (1969-1972 – Paris, France).

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (1972-1973 – New York, U.S.A.)

Diplomatic and Political Career

In 1974-2004, she worked in the diplomatic service for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France in several embassies (Italy, United States, and Chad) and with French representations to international organizations (UN, NATO, Western European Union, OSCE).

In 2003, she was appointed as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France to Georgia.

In 2004-2005, she served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. After the leaving the post, she founded on 11 March 2006 the political party “The Way of Georgia”.

In 2006-2015, she was an Associate Professor of International Relations at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, France.

From 2010 to December 2015, she led the United Nations Security Council monitoring group on sanctions against Iran.

In 2016, she won her election as an independent Deputy in the Parliament of Georgia.



Ketevan TSIKHELASHVILI

State Minister for Reconciliation and Civil Equality



Date of Birth: August 21, 1978

Education:

2006 - current, Ilia State University, Georgia Ph.D. degree (exp.), the Faculty for Philosophy and Social Sciences

Spring 2011 - Academic research tenure/Academic Swiss Caucasus Network award at University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Summer 2007 - Jean Monnet Summer Course on European Integration for Professors of European Studies, Center for European Studies,

University of Lymerick, Ireland

1999 - 2000, MA degree in International Relations and European Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

1995 - 1999, BA degree in International Relations, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

1998 - 1999, Civic Education Project (CEP) courses, Tbilisi, Georgia, sponsored by CEP, Budapest, Hungary

Professional Experience:

August, 2016 - current - State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality

October, 2012 - August, 2016 - First Deputy State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality

January-October, 2012 - Chairwoman, EaP Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform

2006 - 2012, Founder / Director, The foundation Liberal Academy-Tbilisi (LAT) European Initiative of LAT

2008 - current, Lecturer on European Studies, Ilia State University, Georgia

2002 - 2010, Coordinator of the Projects for Georgia and the South Caucasus Dialogue Consultant in Georgia, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

2007 - 2009, European Stability Initiative (ESI) Analyst in Georgia

2004 - 2006, Special Assistant to the State Minister / Senior Specialist in charge of International Relations, Office of the State Minister of Georgia on Conflict Resolution Issues

2001 - 2002, Hamburg University, Germany, External researcher, Center for OSCE Research (CORE)

2002 - Brussels, Belgium, Research Associate, political and defense units, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

2001 - Flensburg, Germany, Visiting Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

2000 - 2001, Prague, Czech Republic, Editorial Assistant (for CIS/CEE/Caucasus desks), Transitions Online (TOL)

2002 - 2004, Tbilisi, Georgia, Program Manager / Senior Analyst, International Organization on Conflict and Negotiation (ICCN)

1998 - 1999, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Leading specialist, Foreign Policy Research and Analysis Center

1998 - Assistant to the Director, International Organization for Fair Elections and Democracy

1996 - 1998, UN Organization of Youth (UNOY) Georgian Net, Project Assistant

Language Skills: Georgian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent)

2 October, Wednesday

Mikheil BENIDZE

International Society for fair Elections and Democracy



Mikheil Benidze has been working at ISFED since 2010, as a manager of development projects. He also worked as a manager of the elections portal. Over the recent years he has been involved in management and administration of both local and international missions (EPDE and ENEMO).

Vakhushti MENABDE

Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA)



BA in Legal Studies, MA in Sociology. Vakhushti has 5 year experience of working in the academia. He has also worked for the Public Defender's Office, Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA) and Human Rights Education and Monitoring Centre

Eka GIGAURI

Transparency International



Eka Gigauri joined Transparency International Georgia in November 2010 as Executive Director of the organisation. Under her leadership, TI Georgia's staff has increased from 20 to 40, three regional offices have been established and numerous projects have been successfully implemented. In 2015, Eka Gigauri was named one of the best Directors in the TI Global Movement.

Eka Gigauri is a specialist in International Relations, with a degree from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. Having obtained a Masters Degree in Business Administration at the Caucasus School of Business, Eka graduated from VU University Amsterdam with a LLM in International Law. Moreover, Eka completed the Senior Executive Programme at George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. In 2017, she became a Fellow of the Stanford University Democracy and Development Programme.

Eka has extensive experience in working in governmental, non-governmental and private sectors, mainly in the fields of foreign relations (including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs etc.) and marketing and communications consultancy (including Marriott International, Institute for Polling and Marketing etc.). Her most prominent roles include the Deputy Head of the Border Police of Georgia, where she was conducting and supervising successful anti-corruption reforms of the Border Police. Eka has extensive experience in supervising projects funded by USAID, SIDA, NED and other international donor organisations.

Vano CHKHIKVADZE

Open Society Georgia Foundation



Vano Chkhikvadze works as an EU Integration Programme Manager at Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF). He focuses on EU-Georgian relations and runs the projects promoting Georgia's integration into the European structures. He was country analyst of the European Stability Initiative for two years. Before, Vano Chkhikvadze worked for the Eurasia Partnership Foundation and prior to joining the Foundation, he served at the Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Georgia, where he assisted in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of EU programmes in the field of economic integration, public awareness, capacity building, education and trafficking. He

also supervised the implementation of EU projects related to regional cooperation. Vano Chkhikvadze holds a Master's Degree from the College of Europe in European Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, and from the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs in Policy Analysis.

Tamar KINTSURASHVILI

Media Development Foundation



Executive Director at Media Development Foundation - MDF

Tamriko Kintsurashvili-Odikadze was born in 1989 in Sukhumi. After the Abkhaz-Georgian war her family moved to Tbilisi. She majored in Domestic and Foreign Policy at Ilia State University. She also studied Liberal Arts, brought to Georgia by the American-Georgian Initiative for Liberal Education. Tamriko believes that Liberal Arts laid down the foundation to her personal and professional development. Since 2011 she works as an assistant to professors for Liberal Arts courses taught at Ilia State University. In addition, she is involved in Youth for Democracy project as an assistant to the manager. Presently she is doing her master's

degree in Soviet and Post Soviet Studies at Ilia State University.

She was granted Heinrich Boll Foundation Scholarship to do a study on Soviet language and rhetoric, especially the Soviet dichotomy between good and bad words for the same reality. She is interested in when this characteristically Soviet language was brought to Georgia? Was it in 1921 with Soviet occupation of Georgia? Or did this language penetrate earlier, in Imperial Russian or Menshevik times? Or later, under Stalin? How quickly was it spread? The study will be an analysis of printed media from different political parties published in Georgia during the 1916-1925 period. This study aims to show one feature of socialization process in Georgia.

Open Society –Georgia Foundation (OSGF)

Founded in 1994 as a part of the Open Society Foundations' global network, the Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) works to build a vibrant and vocal civil society capable of holding government accountable to its citizens. The Foundation drives forward important policy debates and reforms.

Through grant-making and partnership projects funded from its national and international programs, the Foundation empowers civic organizations, civil rights activists and initiative groups to guard against threats to rights discourse and the risk of the country backtracking on democratic reform commitments.

Over the course of more than two decades of work in Georgia, the OSGF has made massive efforts to rebuff threats to democratic progress. The Foundation achieved this by strengthening independent public institutions and setting high standards in the key areas such as human rights protection, rule of

law and good governance. The OSGF enhanced citizens' participation in governance and decision-making, bolstered independent journalism and gave voice to minorities and vulnerable groups.

Raisa LIPARTELIANI

Open Society –Georgia Foundation (OSGF)



Raisa Liparteliani started trade union activity in 2007, initially working on the position of a lawyer in the Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC). Since 2012, the legal section has been transformed into a department and since then she has been in charge of the department.

Since 2009, she has been actively involved activities of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and has been the member of the ITUC international network of human and trade union rights. Since 2010, Ms. Liparteliani has been a member of ITUC Pan-European Regional Council (PERC) Lawyers network. In 2015-2017 she was a member of Pan-European Regional Council (PERC) Youth Committee. She is the Coordinator of the fifth Working Group of the National Platform of the Eastern Partnership

Civil Society and the Deputy Chair of the Platform. In 2017, she was elected as the Vice President of the Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC).

Vice President Raisa Liparteliani oversees the following directions:

Protection of labor, social and economic rights and legal rights of workers;

Organization of conclusion of Social partnership, general, sectoral (inter-sectoral, professional) territorial agreements, concluding collective agreements and control of their implementation;

Relations with the legislative and executive bodies of the Georgian authorities and information work issues;

Cooperation with NGOs and other civil society organizations working on the rights of workers.

Human Rights Education and Monitoring Centre - EMC

Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) is a membership-based organization uniting professionals and activists with different professional backgrounds. The organization works on the issues of equality and human rights with a special emphasis on marginalized groups. It represents an open platform of civic and human rights activists who share its declared values. The organization strives to achieve a society where solidarity, human rights, freedom and equality are at the core.

Since its establishment on 28 November 2012, EMC works in the human rights field, inter alia, on the protection of rights of socially vulnerable, marginalized, and discriminated groups, systemic reform of the law enforcement bodies, institutionalized violence, and social oppression.

The key beneficiaries of the organization are socially vulnerable homeless persons, employees working in poor conditions, persons with disabilities, LGBT community, religious minority groups, and victims of violence of law enforcement bodies. In its activities, EMC uses research, teaching, monitoring, advocacy and awareness-raising activities.

The Social Rights Program and the Civic and Political Rights Program involve the restoration of violated rights of the citizens through legal mechanisms, documentation of the human rights conditions in Georgia, and the promotion of human rights-based public policy advocacy.

The Institutional Reforms Support Program involves research of the effectiveness and level of democracy of institutional systems, as well as the formulation and advocacy of recommendations related to the development of institutional systems.

The Activism Program aims at developing an activist platform, attracting independent activists, strengthening their capacities and their involvement in civic initiatives, developing the capacity of vulnerable groups in protecting their rights, and developing societal attitudes of solidarity through social art and human rights education.

[Georgian Young Lawyers Association- GYLA](#)

The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association is a community of skilled young lawyers dedicated to promoting human rights and the rule of law, increasing public legal awareness, and developing legislation that supports civil society and rule of law. GYLA is a membership-based non-government organization. GYLA members provide legal aid and conduct activities to raise legal awareness across the country. The organization also takes steps to support the professional development of legal practitioners and promote professional ethics among lawyers. Since then, the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association has been firmly safeguarding and serving the same principles and values for which it was established years ago.

Giorgi SULAMANIDZE

Director of the Administration



Professional Experience

2010 - present Director of Lagodekhi Protected Areas Administration;

2008 - 2010 Senior Specialist of Natural Resources Management of Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park;

2008 Director of the project “Conservation of Caucasian salamander and support the reintroduction of Bezoar goat in Nedzvi Managed Reserve and Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park” (NGO “Young Naturalist and Scientific Society of Georgia”);

2008 Director of the project “Support the Conservation of chamois in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park” (NGO Biosphere);

2007 Intern of Development Division at the Agency of Protected Areas;

2006 Co-author and field worker of the project “Support the Conservation of West Caucasian Tour (Capra Caucasica) in Georgia”;

2006 Field assistant of the Project “Eurasian Otter (Lutra lutra) Research and Conservation in Georgia” (NACRES);

2005 Field officer at LTD Business for Species Conservation;

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