

Welcome to the Rural Development Conference

Rural Development Policy of Georgia 2020+ EU Practice into Georgian Reality

Expo Georgia - Exhibition Center - Tbilisi

08 April, 2019

08:00 - 08:45	Registration - Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 09:30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Salome Zourabichvili, President of Georgia• Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia• H.E. Carl Hartzell, Ambassador of the European Union in Georgia• H.E. Louisa Vinton, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative
09:30 - 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia Introduction of the Rural Development concept in Georgia in the frame of the EU alignment process
09:50 - 10:30	Dr. László Sandor Vajda , Former Chief Negotiator for EU accession on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary Considerations for moving towards the new ARD programming in Georgia based on the EU experience
10:30 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Markus Hopfner, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism of the Republic of Austria Implementing the EU Rural Development Policy - Austrian experience
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45	<p>Panel discussion and extended time for Q&A</p> <p>EU RD Policy Practice into Georgian Reality</p> <p>Panel interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia • Maya Tskitishvili, Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia • Giorgi Kobulia, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia • Markus Hopfner, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism of the Republic of Austria • Dr. Lászlo Sandor Vajda, Former Chief Negotiator on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary for EU accession • Nino Evgenidze, Executive Director of Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC)
12:45 - 14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14:00 - 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lászlo Sandor Vajda, Former Chief Negotiator for EU accession on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary <p>Experiences with bottom-up approach in the EU</p>
14:15 - 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khatia Tsilosani, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia <p>Outlook to the new, integrated Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy (ARDS) beyond 2020</p>
14:45 - 16:45	<p>Interactive stakeholder consultation session on Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy 2020+</p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khatia Tsilosani, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia