



**Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia**

**Private Sector Development Advisory Council**

**Information about the Meeting N1**

**July 29, 2016**

## 1. Agenda of the Meeting

**14:45 - Registration**

**15:00 - Welcome and opening remarks**

*Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia – Nikoloz Gagua*

**15:10-15:40 Presentation on “Open Economic Governance Framework”**

*Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia – Nikoloz Gagua*

**15:40- 16:00 Q&A**

**16:00- 16:15 Coffee break**

**16:15 - 17:00 Discussion on topic „Factors hindering Private Sector Development”**

*Moderator - Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia – Nikoloz Gagua*

**17:00-17:30 Closing remarks**

## 2. List of Participants

	Name/Surname	Organization
1	Nikoloz Gagua	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
2	Tsisnami Sabadze	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
3	Nino Javakhadze	Economic Council
4	Fridon Aslanikashvili	Ministry of Finance of Georgia
5	Merab Narmania	Ministry of Finance of Georgia
6	Tamar Samkharadze	Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia
7	Genadi Jangidze	Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia
8	Michael Kuchava	Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, Agricultural Projects Management Agency (APMA)
9	Revaz Kakulia	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
10	Giorgi Gamkrelidze	Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Affairs of Georgia
11	Tamar Aladashvili	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
12	Irakli Kashibadze	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency
13	Ani Gugushvili	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency
14	Nino Mikanadze	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia- Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology
15	Otar Antia	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, LEPL “Entrepreneurship Development Agency”
16	Maia Guntsadze	National Statistics Office of Georgia
17	Gogita Todradze	National Statistics Office of Georgia
18	Lasha Labadze	Georgian Employers' Association
19	Nana Tsertsvadze	Business Association of Georgia
20	Mikhail Chelidze	Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association
21	Nato Chikovani	Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
22	Nino Elizbarashvili	Georgian Association „Woman and Business”

23	Irma Khvedeliani	Hazelnut Processors and Exporters Association of Georgia
24	Anna Mikadze- Chikvaidze	The Fund of Support of Farming Production
25	Iuri Lebanidze	The Association of Development and Support of Microfinance Organizations of Georgia
26	Nino Zambakhidze	Georgian Farmers' Association
27	Shalva Alaverdashvili	Hotels and Restaurants Federation of Georgia
28	Magda Bolotashvili	Georgian National Investment Agency
29	Madina Makashvili	Ministry of Finance of Georgia – LEPL Revenue Service
30	Irakli Gachechiladze	IGROUP
31	Levan Silagava	President of Georgian Producers' Federation
32	Francesca Mazzucco	EU Delegation
33	Philipp Steinheim	GIZ, Head of Project , “Small and Medium Enterprises Development and DCFTA in Georgia”, GIZ Program - “Private Sector Development in South Caucasus”
34	Tea kenchadze	GIZ Communication Expert, “Small and Medium Enterprises Development and DCFTA in Georgia”, GIZ Program - “Private Sector Development in South Caucasus”
35	Giorgi Chitadze	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
36	Nikoloz Khundzakishvili	EFES Georgia

### 3. Issues discussed on the meeting

- Procedural issues regarding the activities of the Council

- Election of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Council
- Importance of open economic governance framework
- Factors hindering private sector development
- Definition of the small and medium enterprises
- Seasonality in the hotels business

#### **4. Policy Recommendations**

- Review the definition of SMEs