



## Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

### Georgia's National Integrity System Assessment – Draft Report

Radisson Blu Iveria  
Monday, 30 May 2011, 10:30-16:45

The NIS is a qualitative study that for the first time assesses the role and strength of 12 key institutions in fighting and preventing corruption in Georgia.

#### Workshop Goals:

- Build a common understanding of Georgia's "national integrity system" and its current state
- Seek feedback on the assessment before final publication
- Refine and prioritize recommendations for future policy reforms

#### Agenda

10:00	Coffee and registration
10:30	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> (Ballroom, first floor)</p> <p>Eka Gigauri, Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia Vakhtang Lezhava, Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister</p> <p><i>In English with simultaneous translation</i></p>
11:00	<p><b>Goals of the workshop; Background and methodology</b> (Ballroom, first floor) Caitlin Ryan, Senior Analyst and Program Manager, Transparency International Georgia</p> <p><b>NIS Conclusions and Recommendations</b> Erekle Urushadze, NIS Lead Researcher, Transparency International Georgia</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> Eka Gigauri, Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia</p> <p><i>In English with simultaneous translation</i></p>



12:45	Participants invited to lunch, Filini Restaurant (second floor of Radisson)												
14:00	<p><b>Feedback groups</b> (individual meeting rooms, first floor of Radisson):</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>1. Core governance institutions</u></td> <td><u>2. Public agencies</u></td> <td><u>3. Non-governmental actors</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facilitator: Ketevan Vashakidze, Eurasia Partnership Foundation</td> <td>Facilitator: Tamuna Karosanidze, TI Georgia board member</td> <td>Facilitator: Giorgi Gogia, Human Rights Watch</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Room 3</i></td> <td><i>Room 5</i></td> <td><i>Room 6</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legislature Executive Judiciary</td> <td>Public Administration Law Enforcement Electoral Management Public Defender Chamber of Control</td> <td>Political Parties Media Civil Society Business</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>In Georgian; private translation into English provided as needed</i></p>	<u>1. Core governance institutions</u>	<u>2. Public agencies</u>	<u>3. Non-governmental actors</u>	Facilitator: Ketevan Vashakidze, Eurasia Partnership Foundation	Facilitator: Tamuna Karosanidze, TI Georgia board member	Facilitator: Giorgi Gogia, Human Rights Watch	<i>Room 3</i>	<i>Room 5</i>	<i>Room 6</i>	Legislature Executive Judiciary	Public Administration Law Enforcement Electoral Management Public Defender Chamber of Control	Political Parties Media Civil Society Business
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15:30	Coffee break												
16:00- 16:45	<p><b>Reporting back and final discussion</b> (Ballroom, first floor) Eka Gigauri, Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia</p> <p><i>In English with simultaneous translation</i></p>												



## Background and Introduction to the Workshop

Thank you for joining our NIS Stakeholder Workshop. The NIS assessment is a major project for TI-Georgia and the stakeholder workshop is an important part of this process. We will share with you the research to date, ask you to comment on the findings of the research team, and set priorities based on the weaknesses that have been found in Georgia's national integrity system.

### Working language

Most presentations of the event will be English, with simultaneous translation into Georgian. In the afternoon Feedback Groups, facilitators will make language decisions based on the majority of speakers and TI Georgia's staff will provide private translation for those who need it.

Due to time constraints, we were only able to translate a summary of each chapter into Georgian, but we have also made the Conclusions and Recommendations section available in Georgian language. The final publication will be provided in both languages.

### Preparatory reading and expectations

English-language drafts of the core NIS chapters, plus the Conclusions and Recommendations section, have been made available via our website to all participants (<http://transparency.ge/en/nis-chapters-stakeholder-workshop>). A summary of each chapter and a full version of the Conclusions and Recommendations is available in Georgian.

Participants are welcome to comment on any pillar at the workshop, but you are not expected to be an expert in every area. We have invited a key set of individuals representing both relevant individuals within each institution, as well as external experts. It would be helpful if you could read the draft text of the pillar(s) in which you feel you are most expert prior to the workshop, and join the Feedback Group in which you feel you have the strongest knowledge.

### Discussion points for Feedback Groups

The Feedback Groups are asked to comment on the following areas for each pillar:

1. Is there any substantive or important information for this pillar that has been missed by the researchers?
2. Are there additional weaknesses or red flags for this pillar that need to be added to the list?
3. Is the *aggregated score* for this pillar significantly wrong, and if so why?
4. Are the preliminary recommendations appropriate and feasible? Which ones are considered a priority by participants?

### About the National Integrity System Assessment

The National Integrity System (NIS) assessment is an approach developed by Transparency International and applied to date in over one hundred countries. Assessments were recently published for Ireland, Ukraine and the UK, among other countries and assessments coming out for Armenia, Sri Lanka and 25 European nations coming out in 2011. Further details are available at: [http://www.transparency.org/policy\\_research/nis](http://www.transparency.org/policy_research/nis)

The assessment follows a predefined methodology and research framework. The study assesses the robustness and effectiveness of a country's institutions in 12 key areas, described as 'pillars', that are bulwarks against corruption.



### **A note on the scoring system**

The NIS is effectively a qualitative study, comprising a survey of key institutions and whether they are fit-for-purpose in safeguarding national integrity. However, each pillar is also given a score so that it is possible to make a relative comparison between pillars. The sub-sections for each pillar are scored out of 100 in increments of 25 (e.g. 0, 25, 50, etc) with an assessment both for the law and practice. A final score is then aggregated for each pillar. We can also look at the gaps in law and practice.

### **Status of the draft report**

Please note that the report distributed to participants is still in draft form. It will be revised in the light of feedback from this workshop and other sources, including an external academic review, and thoroughly edited before publication in July 2011.

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