

Gender Equality in Elections: what more can be done by EMBs

JULY 11-12, 2018

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JULY 11

09:30 – 10:00 **Participants' registration**

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening Remarks**

Ms Tamar Zhvania, *Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Georgia (CEC)*

Mr Cristian Urse, *Head of Council of Europe (CoE) Office in Georgia*

Ms Sophio Japaridze, *Assistant to the Prime Minister of Georgia on Human Rights and Gender Equality Issues*

10:30 – 12:30 **Working Session I**

Gender Equality in Elections – International Commitments and the Role of EMBs in their Implementation

Moderation: Mr Gennadiy Kosyak, *Deputy Head of Division of Electoral Assistance, CoE*

10:30 – 10:50 Ms Diane Bunyan, *Expert of the CoE – International Standards and Statutory Commitments in Gender Equality as it Relates to Elections*

10:50 – 11:10 Mr Steven Martin, *Senior Adviser on New Voting Technologies, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights – Monitoring Gender Equality in elections: Methodology, Regional Trends and the Role of EMBs*

11:10 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 11:50 Ms Sophio Japaridze, *Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights Protection and Gender Equality Issues – Current State of Play : Barriers and Opportunities for Women in Politics*

11:50 – 12:10 Ms Erika Kvapilova, *Country Representative, UN Women, Georgia – What Hinders the Equal Participation of Women in Public Life*

12:10 – 12:30 **Wrap up of the working session**

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:20 **Working Session II**

EMB Practices in Gender Equality Field

Moderation: Mr Steven Martin, *Senior Adviser on New Voting Technologies, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

14:00 – 14:20 Ms Denisa Marcu, *Head of Parliament and European Institutions Liaison Office, within Legal Department, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania – Information and Education as Tools for Promoting Women Participation in Electoral Process*

14:20 – 14:40 Mr Pavel Cabacenco, *Director of the CICDE by the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova – Promoting Gender Equality through Cooperation: Experience of Women in Electoral Management – International*

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- 14:40 – 15:00 Ms Tamar Zhvania, *Chairperson of the CEC of Georgia* – **Gender Equality Policy of the CEC of Georgia**
- 15:00 – 15:20 Coffee Break
- 15:20 – 15:40 Mr Zurab Khrikadze, *Member of the CEC of Georgia* – **Elections Georgia 2017: Where Do We Stand On Gender Equality?**
- 15:40 – 16:00 Ms Halina Mkrtytchan, *Head of Legal, Analytic and Methodical Department, Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections and Holding Republican Referenda* – **Gender Equality and Elections: Belarus in Focus**
- 16:00 – 16:20 **Wrap up of the working session**

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10:00 – 12:30 **Working Session III**

Steps Forward in Gender Equality

Moderation: Ms Teona Kupunia, *Parliamentary Program Manager, NDI Georgia*

- 10:00 – 10:20 Ms Kateryna Makhnitska, *Commission Member, Central Election Commission of Ukraine* – **Election quota as a step towards gender equality in Ukraine**
- 10:20 – 10:40 Ms Ani Samsonyan, *Member of Yerevan City Council* – **Evolution and Prospects of Enhancing Intra-party Gender Parity in Eastern Partnership Countries, with a focus on Armenia**
- 10:40 – 11:00 Ms Natalia Iuras, *Country Representative of International IDEA* – **The Role of EMBs in Fostering Gender Equality**
- 11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break
- 11:20 – 11:40 Ms Salome Mukhuradze, *Senior Program Officer, Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy (EECMD)* – **Gender Equality Perspective among Political Parties in Georgia**
- 11:40 – 12:00 Ms Diane Bunyan, *Expert of the Council of Europe* – **Findings of the Council of Europe Regional Study “Women’s Political Representation in the Eastern Partnership Countries”**
- 12:00 – 12:20 **Wrap up of the working session**
- 12:20 – 12:30 **Closing remarks:** Tamar Zhvania, *Chairperson of the CEC of Georgia (CEC)*
Cristian Urse, *Head of CoE Office in Georgia*
- 12:30 Lunch



List of Participants

ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES

Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

1. Ms Gunay Asadli, *Chief Consultant, International Relations Department*
2. Mr Mirjavad Mustafazadeh, *Chief Specialist of International Relations Department*

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3. Ms Halina Mkrtytchan, *Head of Legal, Analytic and Methodical Department*

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25. Ms Diane Bunyan, *Council of Europe Expert*
26. Ms Ani Samsonyan, *Member of Yerevan City Council*
27. Ms Ani Dallakyan, *Council of Europe Expert*
28. Mr Archil Pashalishvili, *Reform of Electoral Practice in Georgia*

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32. Ms Ketii Maisuradze, *Chief of Party Georgia*

33. Ms Miranda Tkabladze, *Office Manager*

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36. Ms Teona Kupunia, *Parliamentary Program Manager*

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37. Mr Steven Martin, *Senior Adviser on New Voting Technologies*

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38. Ms Erika Kvapilova, *UN Women Country Representative*

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

39. Ms Nana Chkonia, *Project Management Assistant, Gender Coordinator, Democracy, Governance and Social Development (DGSD) Office*

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Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)

40. Ms Lela Taliuri, *Election Project Coordinator*

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42. Ms Nino Kutateladze, *Head of Gender Equality Network*

Women's Information Center (WIC)

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