



Public Defender of Georgia

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Round Table

“Combating Racial Discrimination in Georgia”

**organised by the ECRI in co-operation with the Public Defender of Georgia
with support from the UNDP Georgia**

**12 October, 2011
Courtyard Marriott
Tbilisi**

PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION: 9:00

9:30 – 9:50

OPENING

Moderator: Mr Levan Aleksidze, Member of ECRI

- **Mr David Bakradze**, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia
- **Mr Nils Muiznieks**, Chair of ECRI, Council of Europe
- **Mr George Tugushi**, Public Defender of Georgia
- **Mr Jamie McGoldrick**, Resident Representative, UNDP Georgia

9:50 – 11:15 - SESSION I – ECRI'S REPORT ON GEORGIA
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Moderator of session I: Mr Levan Aleksidze, Member of ECRI

9:50 – 10:10

Report's main conclusions

Speaker: **Ms Eva Smith Asmussen**

ECRI bureau member, Council of Europe

10:10 – 10:30

Measures to follow-up on ECRI's recommendations

Speaker: **Ms Tamar Kintsurashvili**

Head of the Civil Integration and Tolerance Council under the President of Georgia

10:30 – 10:45

European standards: Case law of the ECHR and ECRI's General Policy Recommendation N°7

Speaker: **Mr Stephanos Stavros**

Executive Secretary to ECRI, Council of Europe

10:45 – 11:15

Questions from the floor

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

**11:30 –13:00 - SESSION II – LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK ON
COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

Moderator of session II: Ms Tamar Kintsurashvili, Head of the Civil Integration and Tolerance Council

11:30 –11:45

Challenges in the implementation of the National Concept for Tolerance and Civil Integration

Speaker: **Mr Nodar Tangiashvili**

Head of the Department for Relations with International Organizations and Legal Provision,
Office of the State Minister for Reintegration

11:45 – 12:00

Role of the Ombudsman

Speaker: **Mr George Tugushi**

Public Defender of Georgia

12:00 – 12:15

Criminal Justice and Racism

Speaker: **Ms Baia Pataraiia**

Deputy Head of Department of Public International Law, Ministry of Justice

12:15 – 13:00

Discussion: open to the floor

13:00 – 2:30

Lunch break

2:30 – 3:45 - SESSION III – PREVENTING AND EFFECTIVELY RESPONDING TO RACISM

Moderator of session III: Mr Beka Mindiashvili, Head of the Tolerance Centre under the Public Defender's Office

2:30 – 3:00

Racism-free education

Issues to be addressed:

- Knowledge of language by pupils and teachers
- Religious diversity in schools, rooting out of harassment
- Zurab Zhvania Public Administration School

Speakers:

Ms Ana Kebabze

Head of General Education Development Division,
Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia

Ms Bella Osipova

Executive Secretary to the Council of National Minorities under the
Public Defender's auspices / European Center for Minority Issues

Ms Rusudan Gotsiridze

Bishop of the Evangelical-Baptist Church of Georgia,
Member of the Council of Religions under the Public Defender's
auspices

3:00 – 3:15

Racial discrimination in policing

Issues to be addressed:

- Involvement of minorities in policing
- Measures to improve the response by the police to violence
- Good practices

Speaker: **Ms Nino Gakharia**

Head of International Legal Cooperation Unit/International Relations
Main Division,
Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia

3:15 – 3:45

Discussion: open to the floor

3:45 – 4:00

Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:30 - SESSION IV – INTEGRATION (Panel Discussion)

Moderator of session IV: Mr George Tugushi, Public Defender of Georgia

4:00 – 6:00

Panel Discussion

- **Registration of Roma**
- **Overcoming the barriers of Armenians and Azerbaijanis to integrate**
- **Local initiatives to empower minorities**
- **Racism in public discourse**

panellists (5 minutes input each):

Ms Baia Pataria – Deputy Head of Department of Public International Law, Ministry of Justice of Georgia

Ms Seda Melkumian, Public Defender’s representative in Samtskhe Javakheti

Mr Zaur Khalilov, “Foundation of Civic Integration”, Member of the Council of National Minorities under the Public Defender’s auspices

Mr Gia Andguladze, Union of Democrat Meskhetians

Mr Zviad Devdariani, Civil Development Agency

Mr Ramaz Aptsiauri, United Nations Association of Georgia

Mr Merab Basilaia, “Alpe Foundation”

Mr Beka Mindiashvili, Head of the Tolerance Centre under the Public Defender’s Office

6:00 – 6:30

CONCLUSIONS of the Round Table

Mr Levan Aleksidze

Mr Nils Muiznieks

Mr George Tugushi