

Curriculum Vitae

Tamar Kaldani

Since July 2025, Data Protection Commissioner at the Council of Europe. Data protection expert with over 12 years of expertise in developing data protection legal frameworks and supporting supervisory authorities in more than 15 jurisdictions across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Pacific Islands. Former Data Protection Commissioner of Georgia (2013-2019) and First Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee of the Council of Europe Convention 108 (2018-2022). Certified Information Privacy Professional/ Europe (CIPP/E) and member of the IAPP.

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2024 - October 2025 The team leader of the GIZ commissioned project “Digital transformation for sustainable economic development (Digital Transformation Centre Kenya)”

April 2023 - June 2025 Senior data protection expert for Africa, GOPA – PACE acting on behalf of European Commission - Service of Foreign Policy Instrument for the implementation of the project “International Digital Cooperation- Enhanced Data Protection and Data Flows”.

Since July 2019 Data protection consultant working with international organisations, including:

April - June 2025 - Expert for the GLACY-e Project to draft data protection policy for Fiji.

February - December 2024 - The Venice Commission expert contributing to the Study on Pegasus, similar spyware, and secret state surveillance.

April - May 2023 - Council of Europe expert providing legal expertise for North Macedonian authorities on the retention of DNA profiles of convicted persons.

February - March 2023 - Council of Europe expert contributing to the draft CM recommendation on “Ethical and Organisational Aspects of the Use of Artificial Intelligence and Related Digital Technologies by Prison and Probation Services.”

February - March 2023 - Senior Expert of the European Commission project “International Digital Cooperation - Enhanced Data Protection and Data Flows,” supporting the Nigerian Data Protection Bureau in strategic planning and capacity building.

January - February 2023 - Senior data protection expert of the European Commission’s project “Technical Assistance for EU-Kenya Dialogue Facility”.

September - December 2022 - Expert of the World Bank project Digital CASA, contributing to drafting the Digital Code of the Kyrgyz Republic.

August - October 2022 - Senior Expert of the European Commission’s project “International Digital Cooperation - Enhanced Data Protection and Data Flows,” developing an operationalisation roadmap for the Data Protection Office of Rwanda.

May - June 2022 - UN Global Pulse, Programme Management Advisor (IICA 3), developing Ethical AI principles and implementation roadmap for Ghana.

October 2021 - February 2024 - International expert of the CoE and EU joint project “GLACY+” supporting drafting the Data Protection Policies and Bills of the Gambia, Sudan, and Vanuatu.

September 2021 - May 2024 - The team leader of the GIZ-commissioned project “Supporting the build-up of the Kenyan Office of the Data Protection Commissioner”.

February - May 2021 - International expert of the OSF-funded project “Developing the Digital Rights Community in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan)”.

May - July 2021 - GIZ consultant supporting the newly established Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in Kenya by developing a road map, training programs, and sector-specific guidelines.

May - June 2020 - National consultant for USAID-funded project supporting the Georgian Data Protection Supervisory Authority.

April - November 2020 - International expert of the OSCE commissioned project “Strengthening democratic institutions and data protection in Kyrgyzstan”, developing a handbook and providing training for public servants.

March - May 2020 - The national human rights expert of the UN OHCHR project “Human Rights for All” supporting the development of the Georgian National Human Rights Strategy.

October - December 2019 - Consultant of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia, adapting the CoE HELP online course on data protection and privacy rights.

July - October 2019 - National expert of UN OHCHR, EU-UN Joint Project “Human Rights for All” supporting the implementation and monitoring of the Georgian National Human Rights Strategy and Action Plan.

July 2013 - July 2019

Personal Data Protection Inspector (from May 10, 2019, retitled as the State Inspector)

First Data Protection Commissioner (served two consecutive terms), responsible for setting and leading the national data protection authority in Georgia

January 2008 - June 2013

Deputy Director of the Open Society Georgia Foundation

2004 - 2007

Law Program Coordinator at Open Society Georgian Foundation

2000 - 2004

Program Director at Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association

EDUCATION

Present

Pursuing Ph.D. in Law, Georgian-American University, Law, Social Sciences, and Diplomacy School

2007 - 2010

MBA, Delta International University, Master’s Program in Business Administration

1998 - 2003

LLM in Law, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Law Faculty

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PUBLICATIONS

Author, co-author, and editor of more than 20 publications on privacy and data protection, including:

- Data privacy laws in Central Asia: between ex-SSR and 'Belt & Road', published with Graham Greenleaf in *International Data Privacy Law* in April 2025
- Report on a Rule of Law and Human Rights Complaint Regulation of Spyware, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 141st Plenary Session, December 2024
- "Mongolia's Unique Data Privacy Law Completes Coverage of Central Asia," published with Graham Greenleaf in *Privacy Laws & Business International Report*, 2022
- Council of Europe Report "Pegasus spyware and its impacts on human rights" 2022
- Legal analysis of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Biometric and Genomic registration, 2021
- Studies of the data protection legislation of the Republics of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, 2021
- Progress Review of the Personal Data Protection Baseline Study in the Area of Migration Management, 2021
- Georgian Data Protection Supervisory Authority Case Studies in the field of health and juveniles, 2020
- Data Protection Handbook for the Kyrgyz public servants, 2020