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**Seminar on the promotion of good governance  
and fighting corruption in the area of transport infrastructure  
development in the South Caucasus**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**5-6 November 2009**  
**“Hotel Intourist Palace”, Batumi, Georgia**

*(Working languages will be English, Georgian and Russian with simultaneous interpretation)*

**THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER**

**08:30 – 09:30      REGISTRATION**

**09:30 – 10:00      OPENING REMARKS**

- Representative of the Government of Georgia / Local authorities of Adjara
- Representatives of the donor countries Belgium and France
- Representative of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

**10:00 – 11:00      SESSION I: EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, RELEVANT FOR THE AREA OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**Moderator: Representative of the OCEEA**

**Possible speakers:**

- Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Georgia country office
- Representative of Transparency International, Georgia country office
- Representative of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

**Selected topics:**

- An overview of existing legal instruments and conventions linked with the fight against corruption and challenges related to their ratification and implementation, concrete examples and statistics
- Introduction of possible solutions: model concession contracts in the road transport sector and public private partnerships in infrastructure development

**Questions and answers**

**11:30 – 11:45      COFFEE BREAK**

**11:45 – 13:00      SESSION II: REVIEW OF REGIONAL CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Moderator: OCEEA representative**

**Brief presentations by public and private sector representatives from the South Caucasus region**

**Selected topics:**

- Current (national) policy mechanisms and legislative frameworks in the fight against corruption, particularly in the area of transport infrastructure development
- Recent government initiatives aimed at setting up transparent and accountable public tendering and bidding process, planned procedural reforms, concrete measures etc.
- Private sector views on the current situation

**Questions and answers**

**13:00 – 14:30      LUNCH BREAK**

**14:30 – 15:30      SESSION III: INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

**Moderator: OCEEA representative**

**Possible Speakers (representatives of e.g. public procurement agencies):**

- Government official (EU/non-EU)
- Government official (EU/non-EU)

**Selected topics:**

- Public tender procedures in the EU and beyond, Government perspectives and policies
- Using control and monitoring mechanisms to ensure full transparency, introducing a detection and whistleblower-system

**Questions and answers**

**15:30 – 16:00      COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 – 17:00      SESSION IV: INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

**Moderator: OCEEA Representative**

**Possible speakers:**

- Business representative (EU/non-EU)
- Business representative (EU/non-EU)

**Selected topics:**

- Public tender procedures, private sector perspectives and policies

**Questions and Answers**

**17:00 – 17:30      SESSION V: PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Facilitator: OCEEA Representative(s)**

- Discussion with participants based on the sessions of the first day
- Identification of preliminary recommendations and priorities for future work

**18:00                  RECEPTION**

## **FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER**

### **09:30 – 10:30      SESSION VI: BASED ON INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXISTING LEGAL INSTRUMENTS, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS? IDENTIFICATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Moderator: OCEEA Representative**

**Possible speakers:**

- Representatives of Transparency International (TA) and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Representative(s) of the private sector

**Selected topics:**

- Reformulating existing policy frameworks through removing ambiguities and developing risk sharing arrangements
- Adapting current legal and regulatory regimes
- Streamlining administrative procedures
- Stepping up capacity building efforts for the public and private sectors

**Questions and Answers**

### **10:30 – 11:00      COFFEE BREAK**

### **12:00 – 13:00      SESSION VII – CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Facilitator: OCEEA Representative**

- Discussion with participants based on a prepared list of questions/topics
- Discussion on the ‘policy recommendations’ put forward in Session VI and identification of priorities for future work and possible follow-up, among others in the framework of the 2010 OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum process

### **13:00 – 13:30      CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

- Representative of the Government of Georgia / Local authorities of Adjara
- Representative of the OCEEA

### **13:30 – 14:30      LUNCH**

### **14:30 – 17:00      STUDY VISIT HOSTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA/AUTHORITIES OF ADJARA (TBC)**