

## **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*Courtyard by Marriott  
Ballroom  
October 23, 2009*

*The goal of the forum is to promote dialogue between government, civil society, professional associations and business sector representatives on the process of the European Integration in Georgia*

9:30-10:00 **Coffee and Registration**

### **OPPORTUNITIES THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP BRINGS TO THE PARTNER COUNTRIES**

10:00-10:05 **Opening remarks**

*Ms. Ketevan Vashakidze, Country Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation*

10:05-10:25 **EU and Member States Perspective:**

*H.E. Mr. Per Eklund, Head of the European Commission Delegation to Georgia*

*Mr. Andreas Tuvevsson, Charge d' Affairs, Office of the Kingdom of Sweden*

10:25-10:45 **Government of Georgia Perspective:**

*Ms. Tamar Beruchashvili, Deputy State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration*

*Ms. Tamar Kovziridze, Head, the Advisors' Group (Office) of the Prime Minister of Georgia for Foreign Affairs*

10:45-11:15 **Civil Society Perspective:**

*Mr. Ivane Chkhikvadze, Analyst, European Stability Initiative (Moderator of the session)*

*Ms. Iris Kempe, Director, Heinrich Boell Foundation*

*Mr. Mikheil Kechakmadze, Project Manager, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED)*

11:15-11:45 **Business Sector/Professional Associations Perspectives:**

*Mr. Irakli Petriashvili, President, Georgian Trade Union Confederation*

*Mr. Elguja Meladze, President, Employers' Association of Georgia*

*Mr. Revaz Sakevarishvili, Expert, Economic Policy Research Centre (Moderator of the session)*

11:45 – 12:15 **Discussions**

12:15- 12:30 **Coffee Break**

## **STAKEHOLDERS COOPERATION TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION GOALS**

12:30 –12:45 **Knowledge and Attitudes toward the EU Integration in Georgia: presentation of the results of the survey.**

*Mr. Nikoloz Jashi, European Integration Program Manager, EPF*

*Mr. Koba Turmanidze, Country Director of Caucasus Research Resource Center*

12:45–13:45 **Discussion: Expectations, Opportunities and Mechanisms for Cooperation.**

*Facilitated by Ms. Ketevan Vashakidze Country Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation*

13:45 – 14:00 **Wrap up**