

# First National Conference on Drug Related Harm

21-22 May, 2007

Hotel Varazi, Tbilisi

## Conference Agenda

### Monday, May 21, 2007

9:00 – 10:00      **Registration**

10:00 – 10:10      Opening of the conference – **Dr. David Otiashvili**, Chairman of Board, Union „Alternative Georgia”

10:10 – 10:30      Welcoming remarks:

- **Dr. Vladimir Chipashvili** (or **Dr. Irakli Giorgobiani**), Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs (MOLHSA)
- **Ms. Sandra Elisabeth Roelofs** the First Lady of Georgia, Chair of the Country Coordination Mechanism for Projects of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), Director of SOCO-Foundation
- **Dr. Gigi Tsereteli**, Head of the Healthcare and Social Issues Committee, Parliament of Georgia
- **Dr. Akaki Lochoshvili**, GFATM Projects Manager, Georgia Health and Social Project Implementation Center
- **Mr. David Darchiashvili**, Executive Director, Open Society Georgia Foundation

### *Session 1: Harm reduction in Georgia: achievements and barriers*

10:30-10:40      **Dr. Akaki Lochoshvili**, GFATM Projects Manager, Georgia Health and Social Project Implementation Center

10:40-10:50      **Mr. Lasha Zaalishvili**, Director of the Public Health Programme, Open Society Georgia Foundation;

10:50-11:00      **Dr. Zurab Sukharulidze**, Chairman of Board, Center of Medical, Socio-economic and Cultural Issues “Uranti”

11:00-11:10      **Ms. Dali Usharidze**, Director, Psychosocial Information and Consultation Center “New Way”

11:10-11:20      **Mr. Alex Shoshikelashvili**, Center for protection of Constitutional Rights - *Human Rights of drug users in Georgia: Accordance with International Standards.*

11:20-11:30      **Dr. Lasha Ninoshvili**, Doctor-Narcologists, Union „Step to Future” (Gori) - *Harm Reduction Programmes in Shida Kartli*

11:30-11:50      Q&A, Discussion

11:50-12:20      **Coffee Break**

### *Session 2: International and local perspectives*

12:20-12:30	<b>Ms. Jana Ataints, Program Officer, IHRD, OSI NY - <i>HR Global movement/International Tendencies</i></b>
12:30-12:40	<b>Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze, Country Programme Coordinator, STIs/HIV/AIDS Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe - <i>WHO Policy on HIV/AIDS in Europe and Georgia</i></b>
12:40-12:50	<b>Dr. Akaki Gamkrelidze, Deputy Director of the Public Health Department of the MOLHSA - <i>Development of harm reduction programmes in Georgia and perspectives</i></b>
12:50-13:00	<b>Dr. Maia Tsintsadze, Infectious Pathology, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Scientific/Practical Center - <i>HIV/AIDS in Georgia.</i></b>
13:00-13:10	<b>Dr. Zurab Danelia, Victim Persons' Union After Abkhazia's Conflict "Tanadgoma" - <i>Situation analysis with regard to injecting drug use in Abkhazia and elaboration of measures for reducing its medical and social consequences</i></b>
13:10-13:30	Q&A, Discussion

13:30-14:30 **Lunch**

### ***Session 3: Substitution Treatment***

14:30-14:40	<b>Dr. Khatuna Todadze, Scientific Director of the Georgian Research Institute on Addiction (GRIA) - <i>GFATM funded Methadone Substitution Therapy (MST) Programs development in Georgia</i></b>
14:40-14:50	<b>Dr. Nika Gambashidze, Center of Medical, Socio-economic and Cultural Issues "Uranti";</b>
14:50-15:00	<b>Dr. Lia Jincharadze, LTD „Narcology Center”, Khelvachauri - <i>Third Center of MST: Primary experience and main problems</i></b>
15:00-15:10	<b>Dr. Leonid Vlasenko, IHRD technical adviser - <i>Ukrainian experience;</i></b>
15:10-15:20	<b>Ms. Marina Chavchanidze, Union „Alternative Georgia” - <i>Problematic issues of ST</i></b>
15:20-15:40	Q&A, Discussion

15:40-16:10 **Coffee break**

### ***Session 4: Needle exchange and VCT***

16:10-16:20	<b>Ms. Dali Usharidze, Psycho-social Information and Consultation Center "New Way"</b>
16:20-16:30	<b>Ms Nino Janashia, Young Doctors and Psychologists Association „Xenon" (Zugdidi) - <i>Drug related situation and harm reduction in Zugdid;</i></b>
16:30-16:40	<b>Dr. Ketevan Bidzinashvili, Union „Step to Future" (Gori) - <i>Discussion over syringe exchange programmes in Gori: problems and successes</i></b>
16:40-16:50	<b>Dr. Zoria Tsurtsulia, Union „Imedi" (Batumi) – <i>Syringe exchange programme in Batumi</i></b>
16:50-17:00	<b>Dr. Nino Gongliashvili, VCT Center, GRIA</b>
17:00-17:20	Q&A, Discussion

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

**Session 5: Drug Policy development/Human Rights**

10:00-10:10	<b>Dr. David Otiashvili</b> , Chairman of Board, Union „Alternative Georgia”, <i>Need for evidence based Drug Policy</i>
10:10-10:20	<b>Dr. Tamar Sirbiladze</b> , Chair, Advisory Council on Drug Policy, MOLHSA
10:20-10:30	<b>Mr. Vladimir Sanikidze</b> , Center for Protection of Constitutional Rights - <i>Practical usage of Georgian Legislation</i>
10:30-10:45	<b>Mr. Richard Pearshouse</b> , Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network - <i>Drug and HIV Legislation/Model Laws</i>
10:45-11:00	<b>Ms. Leah Utiasheva</b> , Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network - <i>Drug use and Human Rights</i>
11:30-11:40	A <b>Mr. Andrey Tolopilo</b> , IHRD technical adviser - <i>Integrating harm reduction and legal aid services for marginalized groups in Ukraine</i>
11:40-12:00	Q&A, Discussion
12:00-12:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:30-12:40	<b>Mr. Koka Labartkava</b> , NGO „New Vector” - <i>Lessons learned and future perspectives</i>
12:40-12:50	<b>Ms. Galina Kaminskaia</b> , IHRD technical adviser – <i>Young Democratic Countries and Harm Reduction</i>
12:50-13:00	<b>Dr. Giorgi Lomidze</b> , Center for Information and Medico-Psychological Counseling „Tanadgoma” - <i>Prevalence of blood- borne infectious diseases in Georgian prisons (2004-2006)</i>
13:00-13:10	<b>Dr. Vazha Kasrelashvili</b> , Center for Information and Medico- Psychological Counseling „Tanadgoma” - Risk behavior and supporting factors in harm reduction perspective
13:10-13:20	<b>Ms. Marina Asatiani</b> , Psycho-social Information and Consultation Center “New Way” - <i>Role of media</i>
13:20-14:00	Q&A, Discussion

**Lunch**

**Session 6: Drug free treatment/Rehabilitation**

15:00-15:10	<b>Ms. Manana Sologashvili</b> , Women’s Club “Peoni” - <i>Psycho-social rehabilitation with the help of ‘12 steps’ method</i>
15:10-15:20	<b>Mr Malkhaz Chugoshvili</b> , St. Bishop Gabriel (Kikodze) Psychological Aid Centre;
15:20-15:30	<b>Dr. Irma Kirtadze</b> , Union „Alternative Georgia” - <i>Couples’ therapy in treating drug users</i>
15:30-15:50	Q&A, Discussion

**Coffee break**

16:20-17:00	Discussion of issues raised during the conference
17:00-17:30	Adoption of the conference resolution
17:30	Conference closing