

Environmental and climate change stakeholders mapping

Georgia

Introduction

The Environmental and Climate Change Stakeholders Mapping document aims to identify the list of stakeholders with a role in the Environment and Climate change fields through desk research.

Stakeholders in this document include Government Institutions, Local, Regional, and International NGOs, Foundations and Think Tanks, Academia (scientists, researchers), Activist groups or Grassroots initiatives, and business-related companies or associations.

All stakeholders are described using the following basic information:

- A) Institution/organization/company name in the original language, name in English;
- B) Stakeholders type (NGO, academia, etc.) and level (International/Regional/Local);
- C) Short description of their activities and working fields;
- D) Contact information: website address, or links to the social media pages.

In the case of the absence of an internet presence, the document provides the physical addresses or phone numbers of the organizations and institutions.

This document will be practical for Georgian Journalists, who are new in the field of climate change and environmental reporting. The list of stakeholders will be useful data for international journalists or researchers interested in the Georgian environmental and Climate Change landscape.

A short description of the stakeholder's working fields is based on public information, provided by the organizations or institutions on their websites or information provided in legislative documents.

Note: These groups of stakeholders often have very different positions and values that may be difficult to reconcile with each other.



Government Institutions

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

საქართველოს გარემოს დაცვისა და სოფლის მეურნეობის სამინისტრო

The Ministry's sphere of governance includes the management and development of the fields of environment, climate change, agriculture, and rural development.

Website: <https://mepa.gov.ge/>

LEPL National Environmental Agency

სსიპ გარემოს ეროვნული სააგენტო

The goals and main objectives of the Agency are to establish systems for monitoring ongoing meteorological, hydrological, geological processes and environmental (ambient air, surface, and underground waters, sea, soil) quality status on the territory of Georgia and ensure their proper functioning;

Website: <https://nea.gov.ge/>

LEPL National Agency for sustainable land management and land use monitoring

სსიპ მიწის მდგრადი მართვისა და მიწათსარგებლობის მონიტორინგის ეროვნული სააგენტო

The functions of the Agency are to draw up a balance sheet for land; register agricultural land resources and create an integrated database; carry out state monitoring of land use and ensure the availability of relevant information.

Website: <https://land.gov.ge/>

LEPL National Forestry Agency

სსიპ ეროვნული სატყეო სააგენტო

The Agency's main goals are forest maintenance and reforestation; Sustainable use of components of biological diversity in the forest.

Website: <https://forestry.gov.ge/>

LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

სსიპ დაცული ტერიტორიების სააგენტო

The Agency's primary responsibility is to manage Georgia's strict nature reserves, national parks, natural monuments, managed reserves, protected landscapes, biosphere reserves, world heritage sites, and wetland sites of international importance.

Website: <https://apa.gov.ge/>

LEPL Rural Development Agency

სსიპ სოფლის განვითარების სააგენტო

The agency aims to create prosperity in rural areas. Their task is to build a strong bridge between the village and the city.

Website: <https://rda.gov.ge/>

LEPL Agency of Wildlife

სსიპ ველური ბუნების დაცვის სააგენტო

The Agency's primary responsibility is the management of Wildlife, Monitoring of species and habitats.

Website: <http://wla.gov.ge/>

LEPL Agency of Nuclear and Radiation Safety

სსიპ ბირთვული და რადიაციული უსაფრთხოების სააგენტო

The goal of the agency is to protect human health and the environment from ionizing radiation.

Website: <http://anrs.gov.ge/>

LEPL National Food Agency

სსიპ სურსათის ეროვნული სააგენტო

National Food Agency provides food/feed safety and quality assurance, as well as, carries out state control over the fulfillment of hygiene, veterinary-sanitary, and phytosanitary rules and requirements.

Website: <https://nfa.gov.ge/>

LEPL National Wine Agency

სსიპ ღვინის ეროვნული სააგენტო

The Agency's primary responsibility is the control and certification of wine production quality; Georgian wine promotion and progress of awareness.

Website: <https://wine.gov.ge/>

LEPL State Laboratory of Agriculture of Georgia

სსიპ სოფლის მეურნეობის სახელმწიფო ლაბორატორია

Laboratory field activity includes a single cycle of diagnostics, laboratory research on animals and plants, and food safety expertise.

Website: <http://sla.gov.ge/>

LEPL Scientific-Research Center of Agriculture

სსიპ სოფლის მეურნეობის სამეცნიერო - კვლევითი ცენტრი

The Agency supports agricultural development and food production, Promotes new technologies research, and implementation.

Website: <https://srca.gov.ge/>

LEPL Environmental Information and Education Centre

სსიპ გარემოსდაცვითი ინფორმაციისა და განათლების ცენტრი

The Center promotes environmental and agricultural education in Georgian society, supports public participation in decision-making, and ensures accessibility to environmental and agricultural information.

Website: <https://eiec.gov.ge/>

LTD Agricultural Logistic and Service Company

შპს სოფლის მეურნეობის ლოჯისტიკის და სერვისების კომპანია

The core directions of the LTD are: To serve Agricultural techniques, inform and consult producers of agricultural products and farmers, Implementation of modern technologies in producing agricultural products, and preparation of soil sowing and further works.

Website: <http://www.alsc.ge/>

The State Sub-Agency Department of Environmental Supervision

სსდ გარემოსდაცვითი ზედამხედველობის დეპარტამენტი

The Department of Environmental Supervision ensures the implementation of state control in the field of environmental protection and the use of natural resources.

Website: <https://des.gov.ge/>

LTD Georgian Amelioration

შპს საქართველოს მელიორაცია

“Georgian Amelioration” ltd under the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia carries out rehabilitation works on those items of amelioration infrastructure where works have not been carried out for several decades. The company is the sole provider of irrigation and drainage services in the country.

Website: <https://ag.ge>

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

საქართველოს ეკონომიკის და მდგრადი განვითარების სამინისტრო

The Ministry's sphere of governance includes economic policy, analysis of economic growth, sustainable development, trade, and investments, state policy, and strategy in the field of energy, tourism, transport, construction policies, and urban planning.

Website: <http://economy.ge/>

LEPL Technical and Construction Supervision Agency

სსიპ ტექნიკური და სამშენებლო ზედამხედველობის სააგენტო

The agency controls and supervises State buildings with increased technical danger and is responsible for building permits for Particularly Important Buildings on the territory of Georgia. (Including radiation /nuclear power structures/stations)

Website: <http://tacs.gov.ge/>

LEPL Georgian National Tourism Administration

სსიპ საქართველოს ტურიზმის ეროვნული ადმინისტრაცია

The goals and objectives of the administration are to ensure sustainable tourism development and increase awareness of Georgia, as a unique tourist destination, on the international market.

Website: <https://gnta.ge/>

LTD Mountain Tracks Agency mta

შპს მთის ტრასების სააგენტო

Ltd Mountain Trails Agency is a state company managing and developing ski areas in Georgia.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MountainTrailsAgency>

LEPL Land Transport Agency

სსიპ სახმელეთო ტრანსპორტის სააგენტო

The Agency ensures the implementation of the delegated functions in the field of land transport. Land Transport Agency drafts technical regulations in the field of Road Transport and is responsible to control and supervise technical requirements of the regulations within its authority.

Website: <http://lta.gov.ge/>

LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology

სსიპ საქართველოს სტანდარტებისა და მეტროლოგიის ეროვნული სააგენტო

The Agency is responsible to organize the activity of national standardization and metrology through the elaboration of legislative and normative documents in these fields; elaborates mandatory methodological regulations in the fields of standardization and metrology.

Website: <https://geostm.ge/>

LEPL Maritime Transport agency MTA

სსიპ საქართველოს საზღვაო ტრანსპორტის სააგენტო

MTA under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia represents the National Maritime Authority, responsible for the effective implementation of organizational and legal instruments in the maritime field derived from national and international requirements.

Website: <http://mta.gov.ge/>

LEPL The National Agency of Mines

სსიპ მინერალური რესურსების ეროვნული სააგენტო

NAM manages requirements and obligations related to the management of minerals and regulation fees. Furthermore, NAM deals with requirements and obligations connected with Mineral Exploitation Licenses as well as fulfillment of licensing conditions connected with the use of mineral rights.

Website: <https://nam.gov.ge/>

LEPL State Hydrographic Service of Georgia SHSG

სსიპ საქართველოს სახელმწიფო ჰიდროგრაფიული სამსახური

The State Hydrographic Service of Georgia is the national coordinator of navigational warnings in Georgia. SHSG comprises aid to navigation systems located on the coast of Georgia, flashing and nonflashing marks, and cardinal and lateral floating marks providing safe navigation.

Website: <http://hydrography.ge/>

LEPL STATE AGENCY OF OIL AND GAS

სსიპ ნავთობის და გაზის სააგენტო

The State Agency for Oil and Gas is responsible for the regulation of oil and gas operations, oil refining, gas processing, and/or transportation activities in Georgia.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StateAgencyofOilandGas/>

JSC "Georgian Energy Development Fund"

სს საქართველოს ენერჯეტიკის განვითარების ფონდი

The fund is a joint-stock company founded by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. The main goals of the Fund are to search for perspective projects of renewable energy sources and promotion of their development.

Website: <https://gedf.com.ge/>

Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

საქართველოს რეგიონული განვითარებისა და ინფრასტრუქტურის სამინისტრო

The Ministry's sphere of governance includes regional development, water supply management, solid waste, and landfill management. Furthermore, The Ministry is responsible for the development of the Interstate Highway Systems of Georgia.

Website: <https://mrdi.gov.ge>

LTD United Water Supply Company of Georgia (UWSCG)

შ.პ.ს. საქართველოს გაერთიანებული წყალმომარაგების კომპანია (UWSCG)

UWSCG is a state-owned limited liability company. The direct activities of the Company include the following: water extraction, treatment, and supply to customers; design, construction, operation, and maintenance of water supply and sewerage systems.

Website: <http://water.gov.ge/>

LTD solid waste management company of Georgia

შ.პ.ს. საქართველოს მყარი ნარჩენების მართვის კომპანია

Solid Waste Management Company's tasks are: to clean up and rehabilitate old dumpsites and landfills, close landfills where necessary, create transfer stations, construct new regional landfills and gradually build up a new, modern waste management system.

Website: <http://waste.gov.ge/ka/>

LEPL The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF)

სსიპ საქართველოს მუნიციპალური განვითარების ფონდი

MDF implements significant infrastructural projects such as the urban renovation of the cities, arrangement of infrastructure at tourist and cultural heritage monuments, improvement of infrastructure aimed at preventing natural disasters, and creation of a sustainable economic base for IDPs.

Website: <http://mdf.org.ge/>

JSC Partnership Fund

სს საპარტნიორო ფონდი

JSC Partnership Fund (PF) is a state-owned investment fund. PF was created based on consolidating the ownership of the largest Georgian state-owned enterprises operating in the transportation, energy, and infrastructure sectors.

Website: <https://www.fund.ge/>

JSC Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation

სს საქართველოს ნავთობისა და გაზის კორპორაცია

JSC Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation (GOGC) is a diversified company with business activities in various segments of energy. It has the status of the National Oil Company and protects state interests in the Production Sharing Agreements signed with investors.

Website: <https://www.gogc.ge/>

JSC Georgian Railway

სს საქართველოს რკინიგზა

JSC Georgian Railway is a company of strategic importance to the country. The Georgian Partnership Fund owns 100% of its shares. The company consists of three business units: infrastructure, cargo, and passenger transportation.

Website: <https://railway.ge/>

Tbilisi City Hall

თბილისის მერია

The Tbilisi City Hall (Tbilisi Mayor, the Government of Tbilisi, structural units of the Tbilisi City Hall, and Gamgeobas of Tbilisi districts) constitutes the system of the executive bodies of Tbilisi and ensures the exercise of executive and administrative functions of Tbilisi.

Website: <https://tbilisi.gov.ge/>

Municipal Department of Environment Protection

თბილისის მერიის გარემოს დაცვის საქალაქო სამსახური

The Department operates with four structural units: Forest Policy Division, Permits and Monitoring Division, Environmental Management Division, and Green Landscape Planning Division.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MunicipalServiceforEnvironmentalProtection/>

Municipal Department for Infrastructure Development

ინფრასტრუქტურის განვითარების საქალაქო სამსახური

The Department is responsible for developing the city's infrastructure and rehabilitation.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tbilisi.municipal.improvements.service/>

LEPL Transport Development Agency

სსიპ ტრანსპორტისა და ურბანული განვითარების სააგენტო

The mission of the Transport Development Agency is to participate in the implementation of the capital's transport policy, conduct relevant transport research and analytical activities, and manage public transport processes within the administrative-territorial boundaries of Tbilisi.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TbilisiTransportandUrbanDevelopmentAgency/>

Tbilisi City Municipal Assembly

თბილისის საკრებულო

The Tbilisi Sakrebulo is a representative body in the city government of Tbilisi.

Website: <http://tbsakrebulo.gov.ge/>

The Government of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara

აჭარის ავტონომიური რესპუბლიკის მთავრობა

The Government is the supreme executive branch of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara, which manage and ensure the exercise of the executive power of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara.

Website: <http://adjara.gov.ge/>

Ajara Water Alliance (AWA)

სს აჭარის წყლის ალიანსი

AWA is a Joint Stock Company, owned by all Ajara Municipalities and the Government of Ajara. The AWA is assisted by two consulting teams, one focusing on investments in the Semi-Urban areas and another consultant focusing on investments in the villages – outside the Semi-Urban areas and also providing training assistance to the AWA, the Ajara municipalities, and the village user groups.

Website: <https://awa.ge/>

Batumi City Hall

ქალაქ ბათუმის მერია

The City Hall is responsible for the development of city policies, program strategies, and supervision of their implementation.

Website: <https://batumi.ge/>

LEPL Batumi Boulevard

სსიპ ბათუმის ბულვარი

Batumi Boulevard manages and maintains property under its jurisdiction, implements necessary and required infrastructure improvements creates recreation facilities for visitors and a favorable environment for tourism; performs green plant maintenance, restoration, and refurbishment works in the Boulevard area.

Website: <https://boulevard.gov.ge/>

LTD Black Sea Flora and Fauna Educational Scientific-Research Center

შპს შავი ზღვის ფლორისა და ფაუნის შემსწავლელი სამეცნიერო-კვლევითი ცენტრი

The main goal of the research center is to get an important place in an educational environment. This includes investigations of black sea flora and fauna, improving the study-research base for students, and assisting specialists in capacity building.

Website: <https://dolphinarium.ge/>

LTD Batumi Water

შპს ბათუმის წყალი

Water supply and sewerage services in Batumi.

Website: <http://web.bats.ge/>

Batumi Botanical Garden

აიპ ბათუმის ბოტანიკური ბაღი

The mission of the Batumi Botanical Garden is to support the significant collection of plants in the Garden and support their documentation and application in science, education, and training. The Garden also practices conservation, protection, and preservation of endangered species to secure them for future generations.

Website: <http://bbg.ge/>

Batumi Municipality City Council

ბათუმის საკრებულო

City Council carries out self-governance in the city, as well as within the legal framework controls the activities of the executive authority of Batumi.

Website: <http://batumicc.ge/>

Municipality of the Poti City

ქალაქ ფოთის მუნიციპალიტეტი

A municipality's powers are management and disposal of property, also local natural resources, including water, forest, and land resources owned by the municipality, waste management, and issuance of construction permits.

Website: <https://poti.gov.ge/> | Poti City Hall Facebook: <https://ka-ge.facebook.com/poti.gov.ge/>

Municipality of the Kutaisi City

ქალაქ ქუთაისის მუნიციპალიტეტი

A municipality's powers are management and disposal of property, also local natural resources, including water, forest, and land resources owned by the municipality, waste management, and issuance of construction permits.

Website: <http://kutaisi.gov.ge/> | Kutaisi City Hall Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CityHallofKutaisi/>

Municipality of Rustavi City

ქალაქ რუსთავის მუნიციპალიტეტი

A municipality's powers are management and disposal of property, also local natural resources, including water, forest, and land resources owned by the municipality, waste management, and issuance of construction permits.

Website: <https://rustavi.gov.ge/> | Rustavi City Hall Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RustaviCityHall/>

Local NGOs and Think Tanks

Green Alternative

მწვანე ალტერნატივა

Green Alternative is a Georgian non-governmental organization. Thematic priority areas include energy – extractive industry – climate change; transport sector and environment; privatization and environment; biodiversity conservation; waste management; water management. Crosscutting priority areas include environmental governance; public access to information, decision-making, and justice; instruments for environmental management and sustainable development; monitoring of the lending of the international financial institutions, and international financial flow in Georgia.

Website: <https://greenalt.org/>

Social Justice Center

სოციალური სამართლიანობის ცენტრი

Social Justice Center is a Left-wing organization working on human rights and social justice. The organization works on the issues of social and equality policies, judicial matters, and democracy.

Website: <https://socialjustice.org.ge/>

Sabuko Society for Nature Conservation

საბუკო

SABUKO (Society for Nature Conservation) is a nature conservation NGO based in Georgia, The Mission of the organization is to protect, conserve and restore wildlife and their habitats in Georgia. SABUKO is monitoring the species and ecosystems, taking conservation measures, and carrying out awareness-raising campaigns.

Website: <https://sabuko.org/>

World Experience for Georgia (WEG)

მსოფლიო გამოცდილება საქართველოსთვის

World Experience for Georgia is a not-for-profit think tank working in the field of Georgia's energy security and economic sustainability. The organization's activities include Research, Analysis and Reviews, Education, and Consulting.

Website: <http://weg.ge/>

Climate Basics

ქლიმათ ბეიზიქსი

NNLE Climate Basics is a non-profit analytical organization, which carries out the following activities in the fields of climate change and sustainable development policy, law, and analysis: Research, Education and Awareness Raising, Regional and International Cooperation, and informational platform.

Website: <https://en.climatebasics.info/>

Sustainable Development Center "Remissia"

მდგრადი განვითარების ცენტრი რემისია

Remissia is a non-profit analytical organization with a focus on climate change and climate modelling. Remissia participates in the definition of policies, preparation and implementation of strategies and action plans for different sectors of economy, regions and municipalities.

Website: <https://remissia.ge/>

The Green Movement of Georgia-Friends of the Earth-Georgia

საქართველოს მწვანეთა მოძრაობა/დედამიწის მეგობრები-საქართველო

The Greens Movement of Georgia/Friends of the Earth- Georgia" is a self-governmental social organization aiming to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

Website: <https://greens.ge/>

GEO - Georgia's Environmental Outlook

Georgia's Environmental Outlook (GEO) is a Non-Profit Legal Entity aiming at promoting effective environmental governance and inclusive sustainable development, as well as fostering the introduction of best practices as a response to emerging environmental challenges in Georgia.

Website: <https://geo.org.ge/>

Rural Community Development Agency (RCDA)

სოფლად თემთა განვითარების სააგენტო

The purpose of the Rural Community Development Agency is to strengthen civil groups in rural areas and to support IDPs, eco migrants, internally displaced persons, local governments, the private sector, and other non-governmental/community-based organizations through advocacy, participation, and educational activities.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rcda.ge/>

Eco Center

ეკო ცენტრი

Eco Centre is an environmental civil society organization. The organization's current activities are focused on the Air Pollution problems of Rustavi, Georgia.

Website: <https://ecocentre.ge/>

Guria Civic Center

გურიის სათემო ცენტრი

Guria Civic Center is a public organization that works in the field of environmental protection, urban development, protection and development of public spaces, and accountability and transparency of local self-government.

Website: <http://civicguria.ge/>

Salam Platform

Salam Platform is an NGO established by ethnic/religious minorities of Georgia. The organization helps communities organize and advocate for their needs.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SalamPlatform/>

Union for Sustainable Development ECOVISION

კავშირი მდგრადი განვითარებისათვის – ეკოხედვა

EcoVision is a non-profit non-governmental organization. ECOVISION has accomplished more than 100 projects, funded by international donor organizations, in the fields of environmental protection, energy, nature conservation, environmental education, and sustainable development.

Website: <https://ecovision.ge/>

The Imertei Science Union Spectri

იმერეთის მხარის მეცნიერთა კავშირი სპექტრი

The Imertei Science Union Spectri is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization Fields of work: Education and Science, Environment, Waste Management, Energy Efficiency, Social and Health Care, and Development of Small Businesses.

Website: <https://spectri.org.ge/>

Tkibuli District Development Fund TDD

ტყიბულის რაიონის განვითარების ფონდი

Tkibuli District Development Fund (TDDF) is an NGO that services the town of Tkibuli and surrounding villages. TDDF aims to improve the social inclusion of its inhabitants.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TDDFund/>

The Greens

მწვანეები

The Greens are left-center, Green, Queer, and Feminist Party.

Website: <https://mtsvaneebi.ge/>

Trade Union

The Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC)

საქართველოს პროფესიული კავშირების გაერთიანება

The Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC) is a non-profit legal entity, that unites 21 sectoral trade unions and 150,000 members.

Website: <https://gtuc.ge/>

Labor

ლაბორ

The professional union of employees in agriculture, trade and industry of Georgia is an independent public organization that protects and represent the labor-legal and socio-economic rights and interests of the members and employees of the trade union.

Website: <http://www.lbr.ge/>

Solidarity Network

სოლიდარობის ქსელი

Trade Union of Healthcare and Service Sectors - Solidarity Network.

Website: <http://solnet.ge/>

Grassroots Movements and Initiatives

Gavigudet

გავიგუდეთ

Gavigudet (We are suffocating) is a grassroots movement, working to reduce air pollution in Rustavi, Georgia.

Website: <https://gavigudet.org/>

The Rioni Valley movement

რიონის ხეობის გადარჩენისთვის

Save the Rioni valley is a local grassroots movement and a major mass movement in Georgia. The movement started against the construction of a large dam on the Rioni River, Namakhvani HPP Cascade Project.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rioniskheobisgadarchenistvis>

Dighomi Meadows

დიღმის ტალღები

The Dighomi Meadows is a Neighborhood Initiative, working to save, restore and protect the landscape and biodiversity of the unique riparian forest of Tbilisi.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Dighomimeadows/>

Save the Rivers of Guria

გადავარჩინოთ გურიის მდინარეები

The grassroots initiative “Save the Rivers of Guria” protects the rivers of Guria and defends the rights of local communities.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070206336044>

Chiatura of the Future

მომავლის ჭიათურა

Public Movement Chiatura of the Future organizes various media campaigns and protest rallies concerning the problems of Chiatura.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/momavlischiatura>

Eco Club Chiatura

ჭიათურის ეკოლოგიური კლუბი

Eco Club Chiatura is a grassroots-based educational and environmental platform in Chiatura, Georgia.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EcoClubChiatura/>

Hippodrome-Concrete Free Zone

იპოდრომი - უბეტონო მხარე

Hippodrome – Concrete Free Zone is a local movement that began after Tbilisi City Hall presented the Tbilisi Central Park project. The initiative group protests against the current project and demands an alternative.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hippodromecommunity>

Protect Batumi Boulevard

დაიცავი ბათუმის ბულვარი

“Protect Batumi Boulevard” society protested against a plan of “Ambassador Batumi” Ltd to build a 16-story hotel on the old boulevard.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064515467159>

Fair Energy Politics Collective

სამართლიანი ენერგოპოლიტიკისთვის

Grassroots community fighting for an energy policy focused on public and not private interests.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/samartlianienergopolitikistvis>

Academia / Scientific-Research Organizations and Institutions

The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia

შოთა რუსთაველის საქართველოს ეროვნული სამეცნიერო ფონდი

The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG) is a Legal Entity of Public Law under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, which supports the development of the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) system in Georgia.

Website: <https://rustaveli.org.ge/>

Georgian National Academy of Science

საქართველოს მეცნიერებათა აკადემია

The Academy of Sciences is subject has the status of “scientific advisor of the government of Georgia”. The Academy carries out an expert assessment of the scientific activities of scientific structural units under different subordination. Since its foundation, 14 research institutions have been united in the system of the Academy.

Website: <http://science.org.ge/>

T. Mirskhulava Water Management Institute of the Georgian Technical University

ც. მირცხულავას სახელობის წყალთა მუერნეობის ინსტიტუტი

The Water Management Institute of Georgia is a Scientific-Research organization that works in the field of Water Management and Irrigation. The Natural Disaster Department of the Institute is intended to provide stable development of an environment in the agricultural ecosystem, to predict floods and high water, and to develop measures preventing debris-flow processes.

Website: <http://www.wmi.ge/>

Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region

The Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region (SNC-mt) is an open network of researchers and other stakeholders interested in disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary research on the Caucasus region and academic collaboration.

Website: <https://www.caucasus-mt.net/>

Institute of Earth Sciences

დედამიწის შემსწავლელ მეცნიერებათა ინსტიტუტი

The prime purpose of the Institute of Earth Sciences is to develop earth sciences in the country, implement modern research methods in this direction, as well as create and introduce the most sophisticated scientific technologies and equipment. Multiple fields of the natural environment that are directly connected to Georgia's sustainable development are dependent on earth sciences.

Website: <https://ies.iliauni.edu.ge/>

A. Janelidze Institute of Geology

ა. ჯანელიძის სახელობის გეოლოგიის ინსტიტუტი

Research in the Institute of Geology is carried out in almost all directions of geological science, mainly based on the modern geological theory of Plate Tectonics.

Website: <https://ajig.ge/ka>

The Institute of Hydrometeorology

საქართველოს ტექნიკური უნივერსიტეტის ჰიდრომეტეოროლოგიის ინსტიტუტი

The Institute conducts fundamental and applied research in the field of meteorology (atmospheric physics), agrometeorology, hydrology (hydrosphere physics), climate and its change, environmental pollution, renewable energy sources, and resources, the study of dangerous and catastrophic hydrometeorological events and elaborate mitigation/prevention measures.

Website: <http://www.ecohydmet.ge/>

M. Nodia Institute of Geophysics

მ. ნოდია სახელობის გეოფიზიკის ინსტიტუტი

The Institute of Geophysics, throughout Georgia, regularly conducts important expeditions to address engineering archeological and ecological issues.

Website: <http://ig-geophysics.ge/>

The Institute for Social and Cultural Research (ISCR)

ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტის სოციალური და კულტურის კვლევების ინსტიტუტი

Research at the ISCR spans a broad swath of Georgian and Caucasian history, encompassing political, cultural, and social phenomena from the medieval period to today. Most research projects at ISCR are grouped under four core research areas: (1) Political Theology in Georgia; (2) Imperial Paradigms; (3) Republics of Georgia, and (4) Infrastructures and Ecologies.

Website: <https://soccult.iliauni.edu.ge/>

Business Support Organisations

Georgian Tourism Association (GTA)

საქართველოს ტურიზმის ასოციაცია

Georgian Tourism Association (GTA) is an organization of Private Tourism Companies, Hotels, and Wine Companies in Georgia. The association promotes cooperation between the tourism companies in Georgia, also promotes cooperation between the private and public sectors, and, sustainable tourism development in Georgia.

Website: <https://www.tourism-association.ge/>

The Georgian Farmers' Association (GFA)

საქართველოს ფერმერთა ასოციაცია

The Georgian Farmers' Association (GFA) was founded in 2012 and is a non-commercial, not-for-profit legal entity. Currently, the organization unites about 4,000 farmers across Georgia. The Association acts as a facilitator between the government and farmers.

Website: <https://gfa.org.ge/>

Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association - GSMEA

საქართველოს მცირე და საშუალო სანარმოთა ასოციაცია

The association aims to protect the interests of small and medium businesses, promote the creation of healthy competitive conditions in the country, as well as to establish active communications between SMEs and public agencies, financial institutions, and international organizations.

Website: <http://gsmea.ge/>

Business Association of Georgia

საქართველოს ბიზნეს ასოციაცია

Business Association of Georgia unites more than 600 large and medium businesses. The association's mission is to improve Georgia's business environment by uniting member companies, and close cooperation with the government, and international and national partners.

Website: <https://bag.ge/>

European Economic Cooperation Platform in Georgia

ევროპული ეკონომიკური თანამშრომლობის პლატფორმა

European Economic Cooperation Platform in Georgia (EECP) was created within the EU-funded project "Promoting European Business and Economic Interests in Georgia" to facilitate a dialogue between representatives of the business sector, European diplomatic community, and policymakers to develop a favorable social-economic climate and non-discriminatory, transparent business environment, which would be attractive for investment.

Website: <https://eecp.ge/>

European Business Association (EBA)

ევროპული ბიზნეს ასოციაცია

European Business Association (EBA) is a Member- Driven organization, The EBA has more than 100 members, including large companies from different sectors such as Banking, Audit, Insurance, Tourism, Hospitality, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Manufacturing, Medical, etc.

Website: <https://eba.ge/>

Georgian Producers' Federation

საქართველოს მწარმოებელთა ფედერაცია

Georgian Producers Federation is a union of entities, which represent almost the entire Georgian industrial sector. The Organization takes part in elaborating law drafts concerning the development of the SME sector and other sectors at relevant committees of the National Parliament and Government of Georgia.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gpf.ge/>

The Women Business Council in Georgia (WBCG)

მენარმე ქალთა საბჭო საქართველოში

The Women Business Council in Georgia (WBCG) is a membership-based nonprofit organization founded in 2015. The mission of the Council is to bring together women entrepreneurs/startups and provide opportunities to grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and advocacy.

Website: <http://wbcg.ge/>

Infrastructure Construction Companies Association/ICCA

ინფრასტრუქტურის მშენებელთა ასოციაცია

Construction companies operating in the construction market found ICCA. Furthermore, ICCA's members are manufacturers and importers of construction hardware, dealers of construction equipment, and suppliers of supervisory and designing services.

Website: <https://icca.ge/>

The Biological Farming Association Elkana

ბიოლოგიურ მეურნეობათა ასოციაცია „ელკანა“

The Biological Farming Association Elkana is a nongovernmental organization aimed at improvement of the socioeconomic conditions of the Georgian population and environmental protection through fostering the development of sustainable organic farming and increasing self-reliance of the rural population.

Website: <https://elkana.org.ge/>

National Association of Energy and Environment

ენერჯეტიკისა და გარემოს ეროვნული ასოციაცია

The National Association of Energy and Environment is a non-profit national association that aims to promote clean and affordable energies.

Website: <http://energyplatform.ge/>

Georgian Ecotourism Association GEA

საქართველოს ეკოტურიზმის ასოციაცია

GEA is a membership-based non-profit organization with the mission to promote ecotourism, as a key element of sustainable tourism development.

Website: <https://ecotourism.ge/>

Regional Development Association (RDA)

რეგიონული განვითარების ასოციაცია

Regional Development Association (RDA) is a non-profit organization. RDA has been operating through a total staff of about 40 full-time people, from a head office in Tbilisi and field offices in Akhaltsikhe (Samtskhe-Javakheti), Marneuli and Tsalka (Kvemo Kartli).

Website: <https://www.rda.org.ge/>

Regional Organizations

Caucasus Environmental NGO Network CENN

კავკასიის გარემოსდაცვითი არასამთავრობო ორგანიზაციების ქსელი

CENN is a regional development organization working to protect the environment by fostering sustainable development and green growth throughout the South Caucasus. CENN specializes in several areas including combating climate change, sustainable management of resources, promoting inclusive economic development, and fostering democracy and good governance.

Website: <http://cenn.org/>

The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus)

კავკასიის რეგიონული გარემოსდაცვითი ცენტრი

REC Caucasus is an independent, non-for-profit organisation, established to assist in solving environmental problems as well as development of the civic society in the countries of the South Caucasus. They implement several projects financed by different donor organisations.

Website: <https://rec-caucasus.org/>

The Caucasus Network for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions (Sustainable Caucasus)

მდგრადი კავკასია

Sustainable Caucasus facilitates cooperation and coordination among different interested parties for the purpose of sustainable development of the Caucasus mountain regions. The network works with local and central authorities and scientific circles concerned with the sustainable development of the Caucasus mountain regions.

Website: <https://sd-caucasus.com/>

Caucasus Nature Fund CNF

კავკასიის ბუნების ფონდი

Caucasus Nature Fund is a conservation trust fund created to safeguard the Caucasus ecoregion. CNF provides matching grants and management assistance to the protected areas of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

Website: <http://caucasus-naturefund.org>

Centre for Biodiversity Conservation & Research NACRES

სახეობათა კონსერვაციის სამეცნიერო-კვლევითი ცენტრი "ნაკრესი"

NACRES' mission is to safeguard the biodiversity of Georgia and the South Caucasus through national and local conservation activities, based on sound science, sustainability principles, and local participation.

Website: <http://nacres.org/>

International Organizations in Georgia

The United Nations in Georgia

გაეროს საქართველოს ოფისი

The UN in Georgia works closely with the government of Georgia, civil society, and other national and international partners. UN's support covers a diverse range of areas, including economic well-being, health, human rights, education, agriculture, industry, environmental protection, gender equality, effective governance, and the rule of law.

Website: <https://georgia.un.org/>

UNDP in Georgia

გაეროს განვითარების პროგრამა საქართველოში

UNDP assists Georgia to achieve its national Sustainable Development Goals. UNDP supports Democratic Governance, Economic Development, and Gender Equality. UNDP's Environment & Energy Programme assists Georgia to expand access to green solutions.

Website: <https://undp.org/ka/georgia>

Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

ევროპის საბჭოს ოფისი საქართველოში

The EU has over 160 active projects with a total value of almost €500 million in Georgia. A wide range of partners including civil society, international organizations, private companies, the Georgian government, and EU member state governments implement these projects.

Website: <https://eu4georgia.eu/ka/>

USAID in Georgia

აშშ-ის საერთაშორისო განვითარების სააგენტო საქართველოში

USAID is strategically partnering with Georgia to advance sustainable development, empowering Georgia to advance its Euro-Atlantic integration and strengthen its resilience to malign influence.

Website: <https://usaid.gov/georgia>

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Georgia (FAO)

FAO-ს წარმომადგენლობა საქართველოში

FAO's mandate in Georgia is to support national efforts to promote food security and sustainable development. FAO assists the Government in creating and implementing an institutional, legal, and regulatory environment.

Website: <https://fao.org/georgia/>

Heinrich Boell Foundation Tbilisi Office - South Caucasus Region

ჰაინრიჰ ბიოლის ფონდის თბილისის ოფისი - სამხრეთ კავკასიის რეგიონი

The Heinrich Boell Stiftung/Foundation (hbs) is a Green think-tank and an international policy network that promotes gender equality, democracy and human rights, and social and environmental justice.

Website: <https://ge.boell.org/>

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

გერმანიის საერთაშორისო თანამშრომლობის საზოგადოება (GIZ)

GIZ's country office in Tbilisi manages regional programmes that are being implemented in Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan in the following priority areas: Sustainable economic development, Democracy, civil society and public administration, Environmental policy, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources.

Website: <https://giz.de/en/worldwide/359.html>

Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)

ფონდი ღია საზოგადოება - საქართველო

The Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) works to build a vibrant and vocal civil society capable of holding the government accountable to its citizens. The Foundation drives forward important policy debates and reforms.

Website: <https://osgf.ge/>

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)

ვესტმინსტერის დემოკრატიის ფონდი

WFD is the sole implementer of the UK-government-funded Advancing Environmental Democracy in Georgia programme, which aims to generate the sustained political will necessary to address environmental and climate issues.

Website: <https://wfd.org/where-we-work/georgia>

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

WWF is a conservation organization that unites people across the globe to develop and deliver innovative solutions that protect communities, wildlife, and the places in which they live. The Georgian office in Tbilisi is an official regional WWF-Caucasus office, covering WWF's work in all three countries and facilitating regional and transboundary cooperation at the Eco regional level.

Website: <https://wwfcaucasus.org>

Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

In Georgia, the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) aims at supporting national economic development and democratization. ADA has declared agriculture and forestry as well as governance as priority sectors in Georgia.

Website: <https://entwicklung.at/en/countries/south-caucasus/georgia>

Global Intergovernmental Organisations and Treaties

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

გაეროს კლიმატის ცვლილების ჩარჩო კონვენცია (UNFCCC)

The UN organization is responsible for the UN climate convention and its associated agreements, eg Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement. With a Secretariat based in Bonn, Germany, and with virtually every country as a member, the UNFCCC organizes the annual climate summits (Conferences of the Parties, or COPs) and many other less visible sets of negotiations. The website includes records of decisions made at each COP, ongoing processes, upcoming meetings, and much more. Like all UN entities, the UNFCCC is ultimately governed by its member states, not the Secretariat.

Website: <https://unfccc.int/>

Each government has a designated Focal Point (responsible for liaison). In Georgia, that is Ms. Nino Tkhilava at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture. [The list of Focal Points with contact details is here.](#)

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

კლიმატის ცვლილების მთავრობათაშორისი პანელი

The IPCC commissions the world's most important reports on the science and economics of climate change. Every six/seven years it publishes an Assessment Report summarizing the state of knowledge, in four volumes: 1) Physical Science, 2) Impacts, Vulnerability, and Adaptation, 3) Mitigation, and 4) Synthesis. In between, it publishes reports on specific topics, as decided by the governments that make up the IPCC. Scientists, economists, and other experts selected to write the report come from various countries.

Website: <https://www.ipcc.ch/>

The IPCC Focal Point in Georgia is Ramaz Chitanava at the Department of Hydrometeorology, National Environment Agency, and Ministry of Environmental Protection

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

The WMO is the United Nations agency that improves international cooperation on weather and climate change, particularly on scientific observation and capacity-building for developing countries. Produces an annual report on the global temperature.

Website: <https://public.wmo.int/en>

United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Like the UN climate convention, the biodiversity convention was agreed upon at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Virtually every country is a member, though the United States is not, and COPs are held every two years and coordinated by the Secretariat based in Montreal, Canada. The convention's key aim is "the conservation of biological diversity. The sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources."

Website: <https://www.cbd.int/>

Like the climate convention, there are important agreements attached to the biodiversity convention, such as the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya Protocol on Access, Benefit-sharing and the main agreement from the 2022 COP, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity [Framework](#).

The CBD Focal Point in Georgia is Ms. Nona Khelaia in the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture - [contact details for all focal points here](#).

International Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Often described as 'the IPCC for biodiversity,' IPBES was established in 2012 to provide evidence-based assessments of the state of nature globally, and threats and risks, and options for restoring the integrity of nature.

Website: <https://ipbes.net/>

Like the IPCC, the member governments of IPBES commission major assessments: [the first was in 2019](#).

Ms Nona Khelaia (see CBD, above) is also the Georgian government's Focal Point for IPBES

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP, also known as UN Environment)

United Nations agency with overall responsibility for the environment within the UN system. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, UNEP's activities and budget are set by member governments through the two-yearly UN Environment Assembly. Produces a number of landmark reports, including the Emissions Gap, Production Gap (focussing mainly on fossil fuels), and Global Environment Outlook.

Website: <https://www.unep.org/>

[UNEP](#) acts as the Secretariat for a number of global and regional environment treaties on issues such as pollution, nature, and radiation.

Georgia's representative on the UN Environment Assembly is the Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (currently Mr Otar Shamugia) and the Focal Point, as for the IPCC, is Ms. Nino Tkhilava - [details](#).

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations agency charged with promoting sustainable development globally. It is heavily involved with the Sustainable Development Goals, and its work touches on climate change wherever climate impacts affect development, for example in water supplies, pollution and health, and food security.

Website: <https://undp.org/>

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

IUCN is an organization whose membership comes from both governments and civil society. It is older than the United Nations but is not part of the UN system. It is best known for producing the Red List of Threatened Species. It works in many countries, including with governments, to conserve nature and to improve human livelihoods and economic development. Its headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland. Every four years its World Conservation Congress is a feast of stories on the state of nature, conservation, and why they matter to people. In Georgia, SABUKO is a member.

Website: <https://iucn.org/>

Aarhus Convention

Formally called the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, the Aarhus Convention came into force in 1998 with a mainly European membership. The Convention establishes the right to a healthy environment as a human right. It also places member government's obligations in terms of open access to environmental information.

Website: <https://unece.org/environment-policy/public-participation/aarhus-convention/introduction>

The Georgian government's Focal Point is Ms. Nino Gokhelashvili in the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture - [contact details](#).

Bucharest Convention

Adopted in 1992 with the six Black Sea states as members, this convention's original aim was to protect the region against pollution. However, it has subsequently acquired a larger mandate including conserving species of interest.

Website: https://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/international-cooperation/regional-sea-conventions/bucharest/index_en.htm

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

This convention marks its 50th anniversary in 2023. As the name indicates, it regulates international trade in species at risk of extinction. Virtually every country is a member. Imports and exports of such species require permits, and countries can face bans if they fail to implement measures to prevent trade in endangered species.

Website: <https://cites.org/eng>

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Bern Convention

An international convention centered on Europe, parties to the Bern Convention take on an obligation to "take all appropriate measures to ensure the conservation of the habitats of wild flora and fauna species" at risk of extinction.

Website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/presentation>

Ramsar Convention

A global convention aiming to protect wetlands, as sites of particular importance for wildlife. Since the convention came into force in 1994 science has shown clearly that wetlands are also important stores for carbon, making preserving them an essential climate change strategy.

Website: <https://ramsar.org/>

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The Asian development bank (ADB)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) envisions a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty in the region.

Website: <https://adb.org/>

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The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

The EBRD is owned by 71 countries and the European Union.

Website: <https://ebrd.com/>

The World Bank

With 189 member countries, staff from more than 170 countries and offices in over 130 locations, the World Bank Group is a unique global partnership: five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.

Website: <https://worldbank.org/en/home>

Global Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Climate Action Network (CAN-International)

CAN is a global network that counts hundreds of global, regional, national, and local NGOs among its membership. It coordinates campaign activity around the UN climate negotiations and other international processes. There is a global secretariat, and regional secretariats - the 'Regional Node' for Georgia is CAN-EECCA (Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia). Its website contains briefings and position papers on international climate-related issues.

Website: <https://climatenetwork.org/>

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

WBCSD is a global alliance of companies at the forefront of business sustainability. Based in Switzerland and with a major presence in Asia, it aims to persuade and help all businesses to become more sustainable including by reducing their carbon emissions and protecting nature. Their website contains briefings on relevant aspects of climate action, e.g. decarbonizing offices and industrial facilities.

Website: <https://wbcsd.org/>

World Economic Forum (WEF)

Best known for the annual January meetings at Davos, Switzerland, WEF aims to build bridges between the private and public sectors in pursuit of socially desirable goals - among them, conserving the environment and tackling climate change. As with WBCSD, the website contains briefings on business-relevant aspects of environmental change and environmental action.

Website: <https://weforum.org/>

WWF International

WWF International is one of the biggest global environmental NGOs, focusing on all aspects of environmental decline and solutions to it. These span nature and biodiversity, climate change, management of natural resources such as fish and forests, pollution, and many more. WWF engages extensively in in-country activities, including on-the-ground conservation initiatives and capacity building.

Website: <https://wwf.panda.org/>

Greenpeace International

Another leading global NGO, with a more campaigning style than WWF. Climate work is largely focused on targeting fossil fuels. Maintains regional offices, including in Russia and Eastern Europe.

Website: <https://greenpeace.org/international/>

Friends of the Earth International

FoE International is a network of local, national, and regional grassroots NGOs working for environmental protection and sustainability. The affiliate in Georgia is the [Greens Movement](#).

Website: <https://foei.org/>

International Rivers Network

An international campaign group focused on social and environmental problems caused by over-exploitation of rivers. Has supported many campaigns by people affected by large hydroelectric dams in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Website: <https://internationalrivers.org/>