

International Anti-Corruption Conference 2018 in Copenhagen

National anticorruption statement

(Georgia)

1. Preamble: The present state of the fight against corruption in Georgia

Georgia has moved to a new stage of fight against corruption and the main target for Georgia now is to achieve a high level of transparency and accountability, to further increase access to public information and to enhance involvement of citizens, to further improve corruption prevention mechanisms and take advantage of new technologies and innovative approaches in the public governance.

Georgia is on its path towards the European integration. By **signing and ratifying the European Union-Georgia Association Agreement**, Georgia, *inter alia*, committed itself to carrying out the public administration reform and building an accountable, efficient, effective, transparent and professional civil service. One of the major steps in terms of civil service reform aiming creating effective, transparent, quality-oriented and professional standard-based public service in Georgia was adoption of the **new Law on Civil Service** in October, 2015.

Georgia had privilege to serve as the **lead Co-Chair of Open Government Partnership (OGP) in 2017-2018**. During its chairmanship, one of the commitments of the Government of Georgia was to implement the **Sustainable Development Goals in domestic agenda**. Government of Georgia intends to set the best results in implementing UN SDG 16 that serves to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Georgia has been committed to strengthen civil society in general and ensure people's opportunity in order to influence government decisions that affect their daily lives. **Civil Society is effectively engaged** into the development as well as revision and monitoring process of the Anti-Corruption Policy in Georgia.

Simplified, bureaucracy-free public services are available in Georgia through development of one-stop-shop principle in various state agencies, creating new services and creating innovatory projects - **Public Service Hall** and **Community Centers**.

Further steps were taken towards improving the **public procurement standards** in Georgia. The transparency of **state procurement process** was dramatically increased through the electronic procurement system.

For better prevention and detection of corruption in civil service Government of Georgia enhanced the **system of protection of whistle-blowers** and established the **monitoring system of asset declaration of public officials**.

2. Statement of anticorruption commitments

Georgia will continue working towards effective implementation of the principles of the Open Contracting Data Standard.

Georgia will continue working towards increasing transparency and accountability of the State owned enterprises by publishing the necessary information.

Georgia is committed to further increase access to public information.

Georgia will take steps to ensure that civil society is effectively engaged in the supervision of expenditure of public finances.

Georgia will continue working with others countries, civil society, international organisations to support implementation of the voluntary provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

For better identification of the corruption risk factors Georgia is willing to implement Corruption Risk Assessments and carry out comprehensive analyses of the possible corruption risks especially in corruption prone sectors.

Georgia is committed to continue introduction of innovative solutions in the property management system through piloting a blockchain solution to validate property transactions that is meant to protect landowners from corruption risks.

Georgia is willing to establish the SDG Tracker that will enable effective and transparent monitoring of the implementation of the UN SDGs.

Georgia is planning to further improve public service delivery to remove any obstacles for the persons with disabilities.

Georgia is willing to work together with partner countries to and continue close cooperation with International Organizations for sharing best practices on established tools for prevention and combating corruption.