

Georgia Defence Security & Conference | GDSC Batumi 2013

Conference Agenda¹ June 27-29, 2013

June 27, Thursday

Entire Day Arrival at Tbilisi or Batumi International Airports

21:00 **Reception at the Sheraton Batumi Hotel hosted by the Minister of Defence of Georgia**
Welcome speech by **Mr. Irakli Alasania**, Minister of Defence of Georgia,
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June 28, Friday

0630-0855 **Breakfast**

0900-0915 **Opening of the Conference**
Welcoming Remarks by **Mr. Irakli Alasania**, Minister of Defence of Georgia
Key-note speech by **Mr. Bidzina Ivanishvili**, Prime Minister of Georgia

0915-1040 **Panel I: Managing Euro-Atlantic security agenda: policies and trends**, followed by discussion
Moderator: **Dr. Alexander Rondeli**, President of the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies
Panelists: **Ms. Maia Phanjikidze**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
Dr. Andrew Murrison, MP, Minister for International Security Strategy, UK
Ambassador Stephen Sestanovich, Council on Foreign Relations, USA
Senator Bogdan Klich, Former Minister of Defence of Poland

1045-1115 **Coffee break**

1115-1240 **Panel II: NATO enlargement - trends and perspectives**, followed by discussion
Moderator: **Ambassador Grigol Mgaloblishvili**, Permanent Representative of Georgia to NATO
Panelists: **Ambassador Lauri Lepik**, Permanent Representative of Estonia to NATO
Ambassador Kestutis Jankauskas, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to NATO

¹ Conference will be streamed live on: <http://mod.gov.ge/gdsc/>

Ambassador Maris Riekstins, Permanent Representative of Latvia to NATO
Talat Xhaferi, Minister of Defence of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

1245-1430 Working lunch: “Contemporary Military Trends Shaping Euro-Atlantic Defence Policy”

Speakers: **COL Vladimer Chachibaia**, Deputy Chief of Defence of Georgia
LTG Raimonds Graube, Chief of Defence of Latvia
BRG Meelis Kiili, Commander of Estonian Defence League

1430-1600 Panel III: Georgia's defence policy and perspectives - transparency, capabilities, NATO interoperability, followed by discussion

Moderator: **Ambassador Mamuka Kudava**, Georgian Council of Foreign Relations
Panelists: **Mr. Irakli Alasania**, Minister of Defence of Georgia
Ambassador Vasil Sikharulidze, Chairman, Atlantic Council of Georgia
Mr. Frank Boland, Head of Planning Directorate, DPPD, NATO IS
Dr. Evelyn Farkas, United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence (Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia)

1600-1845 Free time

2000-2030 Transportation to Gonio Castle

2030-2230 Dinner at Gonio Castle

Address by **Mr. George Margvelashvili**, Vice-Prime Minister
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June 29, Saturday

0630-0900 Breakfast

0900-1030 Panel IV: NATO ISAF - measuring progress and shared vision beyond 2014, followed by discussion

Moderator: **Ambassador Batu Kutelia**, Deputy Secretary of National Security Council of Georgia
Panelists: **GEN Joseph F. Dunford**, Commander of ISAF
BRG Vakhtang Kapanadze, Deputy Chief of Joint Staff of Georgian Armed Forces
Mr. Hekmat Karzai, Director, Center for Conflict and Peace Studies Afghanistan
Ambassador Tomas Valasek, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to NATO

1030-1100 Coffee break

- 1100-1230** **Panel V: Wider black sea region: strategic imperative for the European partnership and Euro-Atlantic security and stability**, followed by discussion
Moderator: **Mr. Irakli Menagharishvili**, Strategic Research Center of Georgia
Panelists: **Ambassador Sorin Ducaru**, Permanent Representative of Romania to NATO
 Mr. Sergi Kapanadze, Georgia's Reforms Associates
 Dr. Eugene Kogan, Center for International and European Studies, Turkey
 GEN Sir Richard Shirreff, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe
- 1230-1330** **Working lunch: ISAF Reverse-Transit**
Speakers: **Ambassador Batu Kutelia**, Deputy Secretary of National Security Council of Georgia
 Ambassador Khazar Ibrahim, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to NATO
 Ambassador Levent Murat Burhan, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Georgia
- 1330-1500** **Panel VI: Georgia's democratic agenda: advancing Euro-Atlantic integration**, followed by discussion
Moderator: **Ambassador Richard Norland**, Ambassador of the USA to Georgia
Panelists: **Mr. Aleks Petriashvili**, State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
 Mr. Giorgi Baramidze, Deputy Chairman of Parliament of Georgia
 Dr. Lincoln Mitchell, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
 Dr. George Welton, Executive Director, Geowel Research
- 1500-1505** **Closing of conference**
 Mr. Irakli Alasania, Minister of Defence of Georgia
- 1510-1830** **Free time**
- 1830-1900** **Transportation to Restaurant "Megrul-Lazuri"**
- 1900-2100** **Informal dinner at Restaurant "Megrul-Lazuri" hosted by the Minister of Defence of Georgia**
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