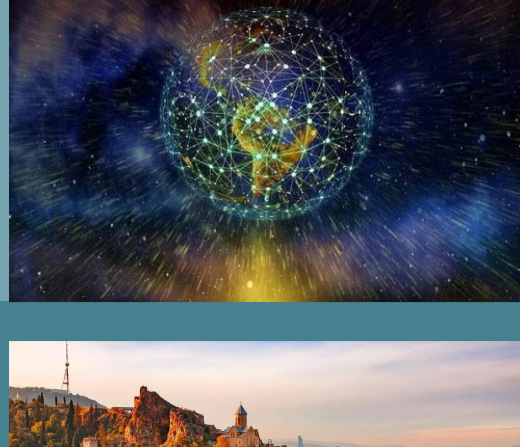


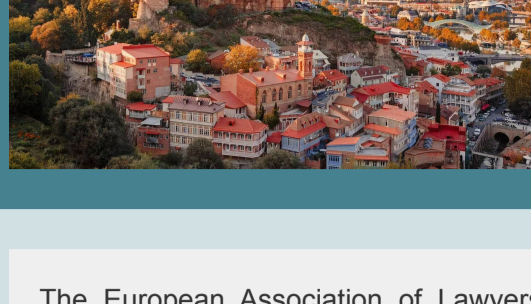


Conference on Business and Human Rights



Date:
November
10, 2023

Time:
10:00 - 17:00 Time
in Tbilisi (GMT+4)



Location:
Sheraton Grand Metechi Palace

Address:
20 Telavi St, Tbilisi, Georgia

The European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) in partnership with the Georgian Bar Association (GBA) is thrilled to announce the Conference on Business and Human Rights. The Conference is supported by the UN Global Compact Network Georgia, UN OHCHR, Council of Europe and USAID.

The Conference will take place on November 10, 2023 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Mark your calendars for this enlightening event, where we will delve into the critical issues at the intersection of business practices and human rights.

The conference will serve as a valuable platform to promote the issue of business and human rights among legal professionals and to raise their knowledge in (a) international and regional legal frameworks; (b) legal mechanisms on how to prevent or remedy the human rights violations by businesses; (c) best practices of different States.

The conference will also serve as an excellent occasion to promote of professional values, rule of law and human rights.

Join us for insightful discussions, expert panels and networking opportunities in order to explore ways to ensure that businesses operate ethically and respect human rights on a local and global scale.

Program Outline

During the last two decades, the issue of business and human rights has gained significant importance. Since the initiation of the United Nations Global Compact with the objective to "give a human face to the global market", a number of significant developments have taken place in this regard, including the endorsement of UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by the UN Human Rights Council, EU Parliament's increased interest in human rights due diligence legislation, adoption of relevant standards and regulations by a number of States on a national level, development of important case law addressing human rights violations by businesses, etc.

Despite the above-mentioned steps forward, many challenges and obstacles still exist. Although businesses can bring important benefits to the society, such as employment or technological advances, their actions can also have serious adverse effects on human rights and the environment. Therefore, the issue of the respect of human rights by businesses and their accountability has been a topic of debate in recent years. It is of no doubt that legal professionals – as human rights actors – can play a significant role in upholding the respect of human rights by the companies. If business and human rights actors understood better how they could support each other, positive developments in this area would be more feasible.

Therefore, the conference will serve as a valuable platform to promote the issue of business and human rights among legal professionals and to raise their knowledge in the field. The conference will include around 150 lawyers from different countries and will be divided into several sessions:

- The first session will be dedicated to an international and regional framework concerning business and human rights, namely – standards, mechanisms, issues of corporate responsibility, emerging case law, etc.
- The second panel will be dedicated to the regulatory aspects concerning ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) issues; namely, the topics presented and discussed will include the evolving regulatory landscapes and best practices of public policies related to ESG.
- The third session will be dedicated to social issues, in particular – labor rights; it will cover international standards but would mostly be focused on sharing country experiences.
- The fourth session will be dedicated to the Council of Europe HELP Platform overview and introduction to the HELP Business and Human Rights course.

The conference program includes a reception/gala dinner for the program participants in order to build friendships and professional connections in a more informal environment. Detailed program and agenda will be shared with participants shortly after the registration.

REGISTRATION

Participation in the Conference is **free of charge;**
However, participants would need to **cover their own expenses related to travel, accommodation, etc.**



Register ▶

To register for the Conference please fill out and submit the following registration form

<https://forms.gle/UzNHdGghhaJxLVgdy6>

We kindly request your participation confirmation by responding to this email no later than **October 19, 2023**

Hotel Information



In and near the Conference venue:

Sheraton Grand Metechi Palace Tbilisi
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tbssi-sheraton-grand-tbilisi-metechi-palace/overview/>

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In the City Centre (10-15 minutes driving distance)

Rooms Hotel Tbilisi
<https://rooms-hotels.com/hotel/tbilisi/>

Radisson Blue Iveria Tbilisi
<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-tbilisi>

ibis Styles Tbilisi Center
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/A413/index.en.shtml>

IOTA Hotel Tbilisi
<http://iota-hotels.com/En>

Airport Information



1. Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport
2. Kutaisi International Airport
3. Alexander Kartveli Batumi International Airport

Airport Transfer

From: Kutaisi-Tbilisi-Kutaisi
From: Batumi-Tbilisi-Batumi



Omnibus Express
<https://omnibusexpress.ge/>

Georgian Bus
<https://georgianbus.com/en/>

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Local Transportation

Transportation in Tbilisi

For commuting in Tbilisi the following options (Bus, Subway, Taxi) are available:



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iPhone & Android apps) http://transfereen.ttc.com.ge/?setl_ng=en <https://www.metrolinemap.com/metro/tbilisi/ge/cities/tbilisi/>

Useful Information

Georgian Cuisine

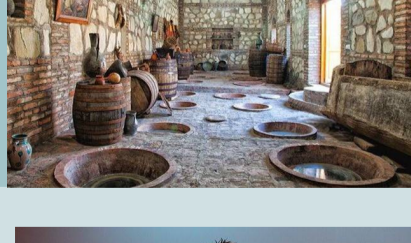
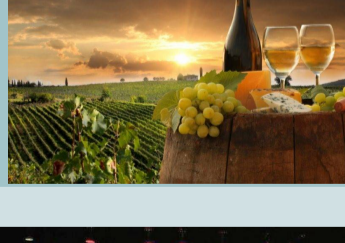


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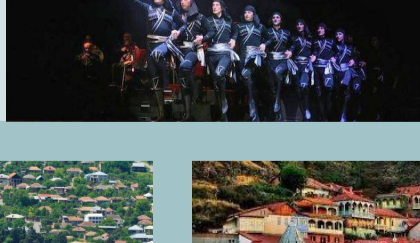
- [Keto And Kote](#)
- [Alubali](#)
- [Rigi Gastrodougan](#)
- [Daphna](#)
- [Zala Restaurant](#)
- [Olsy](#)
- [Ninia's Garden](#)



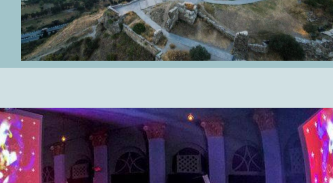
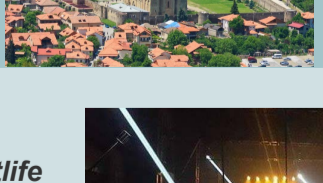
Georgian Wine



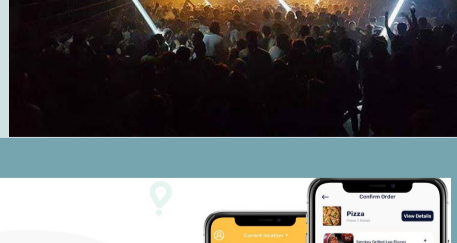
Georgian Folklore



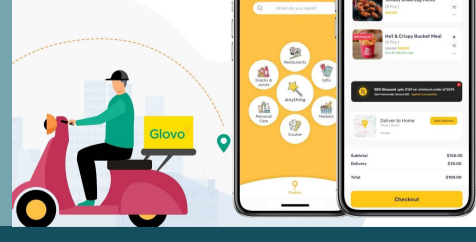
Georgian Architecture



Georgian Nightlife



Food Delivery



112 is the Emergency number, available free of charge, 24/7. Citizens can dial 112 to reach the emergency services, including the police, emergency medical services and the fire brigade.



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