

International Anti-Money Laundering Conference
Transnational Crime & Corruption Center (TraCCC)

June 29-30, 2004

Tbilisi. Georgia

Agenda

Day 1

June 29, Tuesday
Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

09:30 – 10:00 – Registration

10:00 – 11:00 - Opening Session

Welcome:

- Dr. Shalva Machavariani, Director, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Prof. Louise Shelley, Director, TraCCC
- Hon. Richard Miles, Ambassador of the USA in Georgia
- George Papuashvili, Minister of Justice of Georgia
- Kakha Bendukidze, Minister of Economy of Georgia
- Roman Gotsiridze, Chair of the Financial-Budgetary Committee of the Parliament of Georgia

Welcoming Speech:

- Hon. Zurab Zhvania, Prime-Minister of Georgia

11:00 – 11:45 – Keynote Speaker

- Hon. Kenneth Yalowitz – *Reflections of Corruption and Georgia*
- Chair: Erik Scott, TraCCC

11:45 – 12:00 – Questions and answers

12:00 – 12:15 – Coffee break

12:15 – 12:50 - Keynote Speaker:

- Michael Levi, Professor of Criminology, University of Wales, Cardiff - *Tracing and Confiscating the Proceeds of Economic Crime*
- Chair: Londa Esadze, Coordinator, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC

12:50 – 13:05 - Questions and answers

13:05 – 13:30 - Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 - Panel Session: International and National Strategies for Fighting Money Laundering

14:30 – 14:35 – Welcoming Address:

- Levan Bezhashvili, MP, Chair of the Legal Committee of the Parliament of Georgia

14:35 – 14:55 - Keynote Speaker:

- Prof. Louise Shelley, Director, TraCCC - *Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing*

Panelists:

14:55 – 15:10

Londa Esadze, Coordinator, TraCCC Money Laundering Project -
– *Transnational Character of Money Laundering and its Extent in Georgia*

15:10 – 15:25

Zurab Garakanidze, TraCCC Money Laundering Project - *Laundering “black” money as a threat for the financial security of the country*

15:25 – 15:40

Imeda Dvalidze, TraCCC Money Laundering Project – *Updates in the Anti-Corruption Legislation of Georgia*

Invited Discussants:

15:40 – 15:50

Vazha Jankarashvili, Head of the Special Service of Criminal Prosecution for Illegal Income Legalization, General Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia – *Institutional Regulation of Money Laundering: Problems and Solutions*

15:50 – 15:55

Peter Strasser, Resident Legal Advisor, US Embassy in Georgia – *Investigating Anti-corruption Cases in the US*

15:55 – 16:05

Paliko Kublashili, Ministry of National Security of Georgia – *Anti-corruption Strategy of the Government of Georgia*

16:05 – 16:20

Questions and answers

16:20 – 16:30 – Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 - Panel Session: Economic and Financial Policies against Money Laundering and Economic Crime

16:30 – 16:40 – Welcoming Address:

- Nicholas Gegucahdze, Head of the Financial Monitoring Bureau, National Bank of Georgia - – *Anti-money Laundering Strategies of the Financial Monitoring Bureau*

Panelists:

16:40 – 16:55

Dr. Shalva Machavariani, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- *The Necessity of System Changes in Public Service of Georgia, as the Active Means for Overcoming Economic Crime*

16:55 – 17:10

George Gaganidze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- *Money Laundering and Economic Crime in Foreign Trade*

17:10 – 17:20

Paata Khotenashvili, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- *Money Laundering and Investments from Off-shore Companies (Banking and Financial Sector, Real Estate Operations)*

17:20 – 17:30

David Chelidze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- *Legislative Deficiencies, as Factors Facilitating Economic Crime (Customs Legislation of Georgia)*

17:30 – 17:40

Questions & Answers

17:40 - 18:00

Discussion; Closing of the 1st day.

Day 2
June 30, Wednesday
Tbilisi “SIMPATIA” Hotel

09:30 – 10:00 – Registration

10:00 – 11:20 - Workshop A: Money Laundering and Economic Crime in the Energy Sector

Chair: Prof. George Turkia, TraCCC

Panelists:

10:00 – 10:20

Prof. Malkhaz Kipshidze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Economic Crime in the Electric-Energy Sector

10:20– 10:35

Nino Zuriashvili, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Money Laundering in Georgian Gas Industry

10:35 – 10:50

Roman Bokeria, Elene Kharabadze, TraCCC grantees – *Tax Code and Regulatory Norms Establishing a Favorable Environment for Corruption in the Georgian Energy Sector*

10:50 – 11:20

Questions & Answers

Discussion

11:20 – 11:30 - Coffee Break

11:30 -13:30 – Workshop B: Money Laundering and Economic Crime in a Sphere of Communications, Construction and Insurance Industries

Chair: Prof. Shalva Machavariani, TraCCC

Panelists:

11:30 – 11:50

Prof. Guram Lezhava, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Problems and Negative Tendencies in a Sphere of Communications in Georgia and the Ways for their Regulation

11:50 – 12:10

Zurab Shengelia, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Economic Crime in the Transport Sector

12:10 – 12:25

Vazha Lomidze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Money Laundering in the Construction Industry

12:25 –12:40

Gela Grigolashvili, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC
- Money Laundering in the Insurance Industry of Georgia

12:40 – 13:30

Questions & Answers

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 - Lunch

14:30 -15:20 – Workshop C: Export-Import, Smuggling, Flour and Wheat Industry

Chair: David Chelidze, TraCCC

Panelists:

14:30 – 14:50

Buba Lezhava, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC

- *Economic Crime and Money Laundering in the Flour and Baking Industry: Solutions for Overcoming these Problems*

14:50 – 15:05

Alexander Kukhianidze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC

- *Smuggling in Georgia: Abkhazia, Tskhinvali Region and Adjara*

15:05 – 15:20

Questions & Answers

Discussion

15:20 – 15:30 - Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:20 – Workshop D: Transparency and Accountability

Chair: Londa Esadze, TraCCC

Panelists:

15:30 – 15:40

Dimitri Tikaradze, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC

- *Debt Factoring as a Mechanism for Money Laundering in Georgia*

15:40 – 15:55

David Basiashvili, Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC

- *Transparency in the Selection and Financing of the State Target Programs*

15:55 – 16:05

Koba Chekurishvili - Georgia Money Laundering Project, TraCCC -

Casinos and other Gambling Businesses as one of the most Effective Mechanisms for Laundering Illegally Received Proceeds

16:05 – 16:20

Questions & Answers

Discussion

16:20 – 16:30 – Closing of the Conference

- Prof. Louise Shelley, TraCCC

- Dr. Shalva Machavariani, TraCCC

- Erik Scott, TraCCC