

EBRD Civil Society Programme at the Annual Meeting 2015

Agenda



Thursday, 14 May

08.00 - 09.00

Networking Area
Youth Palace

Networking breakfast

Hosted by Alan Rousso, Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD

Closed sessions - Open only to civil society participants

09.00 - 09.30

Meeting Room 1
Youth Palace

Induction to the Civil Society Programme

Welcoming remarks by Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

This will be an opportunity for participants to meet the members of the EBRD Civil Society Engagement Unit and learn how to participate in the interactive sessions of the Civil Society Programme.

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EBRD Strategic Directions and Policy Dialogue Initiatives

By Philippe Le Houerou, Vice President, Policy and Partnerships, EBRD

Policy dialogue between the EBRD, authorities and the private sector clients is an essential element of the Bank's mandate to promote transition towards inclusive and sustainable market economies. The EBRD uses policy dialogue to support 'top-down' policy-making, namely the implementation of policies which create an enabling environment for businesses. The Bank also supports 'bottom-up' evidence-based policy-making, where experience from projects is fed back to governments and the investor community to help remove barriers to inclusive private sector development. The session will provide an overview of the EBRD policy dialogue initiatives in the context of the Bank's medium term strategic directions, including the role of our engagement with civil society.

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Meeting Room 2 – Open to all participants of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum

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From Dialogue to Partnership: Innovative Approaches to CSO Engagement

Moderator: Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Stephen M. Haykin, Mission Director of the USAID/Caucasus, Georgia
- Natia Natsvlishvili, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, Georgia
- Stephen Stork, Deputy Head of Operations Section, EU Delegation, Georgia
- Nino Metreveli, Social Development Specialist, World Bank, Georgia

Engagement with civil society by International Organisations and International Financial Institutions ranges from information disclosure, dialogue and formal consultations to contracting CSOs to deliver services and awarding grant-based projects to civil society stakeholders. In most cases, such engagement is designed as a way of promoting the mandates of international donors. In this session, participants will exchange their experiences and explore opportunities and challenges in the design and implementation of innovative and effective tools for enhancing cooperation and achieving genuine partnership between international donors and local civil society.

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EBRD Projects in Power & Energy Utilities

Moderator: Olga Filippova, Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Riccardo Puliti, Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources, EBRD
- Nandita Parshad, Director, Power and Energy, EBRD
- Aida Sitdikova, Director, Energy and Natural Resources, Russia and Central Asia
- Terry McCallion, Director, Energy Efficiency, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Project Appraisal, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD

This interactive session is primarily dedicated to the discussion of the EBRD's specific investment projects in the Power and Energy Utilities sector. The participants are also welcome to raise any other policy relevant issues related to the sector.

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**
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Between Private and Third Sector: Enabling and Financing Social Enterprises

Moderator: Charlotte Ruhe, Director, Small Business Support Team, EBRD

- Dario Vins, Social Business Adviser, Mozaik Foundation- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Nino Masurashvili, Deputy CEO, Retail and SME Banking
- Viktor Baramia, Senior Program Manager, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Discussant: Luisa Balbi, Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

Social enterprises combine the public interest rationale of not-for-profit organisations with the commercial model of for-profit businesses, whereby entrepreneurial behaviour is combined with the desire to use the market for meeting societal needs. The roundtable will look at how support for MSMEs could represent a role model in overcoming barriers to the development of social entrepreneurship. The session will also reflect upon how civil society organisations, such as NGOs and community-based groups, could integrate social entrepreneurship aspects into their core mandates as a way of diversifying their funding to reduce donor dependency and move closer to achieving financial sustainability.

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EBRD Projects in Natural Resources

Moderator: Olga Filippova, Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Riccardo Puliti, Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources, EBRD
- Eric Rasmussen, Director, Natural Resources, EBRD
- Aida Sitdikova, Director, Energy and Natural Resources, Russia and Central Asia
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Project Appraisal, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD

This interactive session is primarily dedicated to the discussion of the EBRD's specific investment projects in the Natural Resources sector. The participants are also welcome to raise any other policy relevant issues related to the sector.

13.00 – 14.00

Georgian National
Museum, Gallery
Areas

Networking Lunch

All guests of the EBRD Annual Meeting, Business Forum and Civil Society Programme are invited to the Networking Lunch.

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Climate Change in the Global Development Agenda

Moderator: Mandeep Bains, Head, External Policy Coordination, EBRD

- Teimuraz Murgulia, Deputy Minister for Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- Nana Janashia, Executive Director, Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN), Georgia
- Terry McCallion, Director, Energy Efficiency, EBRD
- Ekaterine Nakashidze, National Project Officer, Environment and Security Initiative, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe

The roundtable discussion will provide both EBRD and regional perspectives on how addressing climate change issues can contribute to development. Speakers from the EBRD, public and civil society sectors will discuss the ways of advancing the climate change agenda in the Caucasus region.

The discussion will also reflect upon ongoing global climate change negotiations and a broader Sustainable Development Goals debate.

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EBRD Projects in Transport and Agribusiness

Moderator: Cristina Buzasu, Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Sue Barrett, Director, Transport, EBRD
- Victoria Zinchuk, Senior Banker, Regional Head, Agribusiness, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Project Appraisal, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD

This interactive session is primarily dedicated to the discussion of the EBRD specific investment projects in the sector of Transport and Agribusiness. The participants are also welcome to raise any other policy relevant issues related to the sectors.

15.00 – 15.45
Meeting Room 2
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Drop-in Session with the Environment and Sustainability Department

- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Project Appraisal, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD

This drop-in session is dedicated to the discussion about environmental and social issues related to EBRD projects and the implementation of the Environmental and Social Policy that may have not been already addressed in other sessions.

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15.45 – 17.15
Parliament building
First Republic Room

Discussion panel **Youth Employment: 'Lost in translation' between Skills and Employers' Needs**

Growing youth unemployment in many parts of the EBRD region is reaching alarming levels. It is mainly caused by the mismatch between the needs of employers, particularly in the private sector, and the skills of high number of young people coming out of the education system and seeking to enter the workforce. What are the key barriers to translating the employers' requirements into improvements in the education system? How can employers begin to play a more active part in shaping training and education programmes in their sectors and foster soft skills development of young recruits? What steps could be taken to raise the profile and value added of work-based learning programmes such as apprenticeships or traineeships in partnership with training institutions and civil society organisations? The discussion will pay particular attention to the ways in which EBRD can harness its close engagement with private sector employers and civil society to promote employment and economic inclusion for youth.

Moderator

- Anastasia Fetsi, Head of Operations, European Training Foundation, Italy

Speakers

- Barbara Rambousek, Senior Inclusion Specialist, Office of the Chief Economist, EBRD, United Kingdom
- Damir Ibrisimovic, CEO, AtlantBH, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Jochem Theis, Country Component Manager Georgia, Private Sector Development Program South Caucasus, GIZ, Georgia
- Salvatore Nigro, CEO Europe, Education For Employment (EuropEFE), Spain

Discussant

- Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head of Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD, United Kingdom

19.30 – Onwards
Mtatsminda Park

Main Reception for all guests of the EBRD Annual Meeting, Business Forum and Civil Society Programme

Hosted by the Government of Georgia, the Reception for all participants promises a journey through Georgian hospitality and traditions. Guests will have the opportunity to experience a traditional Georgian cultural programme and Georgian food whilst enjoying views of Tbilisi from Mtatsminda mountain.

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Networking breakfast

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Civil Society Involvement in Evaluation of EBRD Projects and Programmes

Moderator: Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Joe Eichenberg, Chief Evaluator, Evaluation Department, EBRD
- Karin Becker, Communication Advisor, Evaluation Department, EBRD

The EBRD Chief Evaluator will discuss the EBRD's Evaluation Policy; how and when operations, programmes, policies and special topics are selected for independent evaluation and how evaluation recommendations and lessons inform the Bank's policies, strategies and future project design and implementation. The discussion will reflect upon the ways civil society can contribute to EBRD evaluations. The upcoming evaluation work programme and approach papers, available at www.ebrd.com/evaluation will also be discussed.

Annual Evaluation Review and latest EBRD evaluation report

The second part of the session will be dedicated to an interactive dialogue about the findings of the 2014 Annual Evaluation Review, latest EBRD evaluation reports and evaluations of other projects of interest to CSO participants.

09.00 – 10.30

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Political Aspects of the EBRD Mandate: Challenges in the Bank's Region

Moderator: Alan Rousso, Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD

- Oleg Levitin, Lead Political Counsellor (for Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia), EBRD
- Mahir Babayev, Senior Political Counsellor (for Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), EBRD
- Oksana Antonenko, Senior Political Counsellor (for Armenia, Hungary, Russia, Slovak Republic, Turkey), EBRD
- Tarek Osman, Senior Political Counsellor (for Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia), EBRD
- Oleksandr Pavlyuk, Senior Political Counsellor (for Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Ukraine), EBRD

The session will provide an overview of the political aspect of the EBRD mandate which recognises the critical link between the path towards democracy and development of market based economies. It will also provide an opportunity for dialogue with the EBRD Political Counsellors about main political, socio-economic and security developments across the EBRD region.

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Meeting with EBRD Chief Compliance Officer and Project Complaint Mechanism Office

Moderator: Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Lisa Rosen, Chief Compliance Officer, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD
- Anna Soloveva, Associate Manager, Project Complaint Mechanism, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD

The session will provide an opportunity to meet with the new EBRD Chief Compliance Officer, who will provide an overview of her team's work plan aimed at ensuring the highest standards of integrity and accountability at the Bank. The EBRD Project Complaint Mechanism Office will present the functioning of and access to the independent accountability mechanism of the Bank and answer questions from the audience in relation to the status of ongoing complaints.

Meeting Room 1 - Open to all participants

11.30 - 13.00

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Effective Local Stakeholder Partnerships to Improve Road Safety

Roundtable discussion organised by Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport (EASST)

Moderator: Dmitry Sambuk, Director for Development and Education, EASST

- Irakli Leqvinadze, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi
- Gela Kvashilava, Chairman, Partnership for Road Safety (PFRS), Georgia
- Poghos Shahinyan, Executive Director, National Road Safety Council NGO (NRSC), Armenia
- Vusal Rajabli, President, HAYAT NGO, Azerbaijan
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Project Appraisal, EBRD

Improving road safety represents a major challenge in the Caucasus region, where alarming casualty rates suggest the need for better awareness raising and capacity building of local stakeholders. What are the roles of local transport ministries, CSOs, police, schools, media and other stakeholders in road safety? How could effective cross-border sharing of best practices be implemented in the region? The roundtable discussion will look into main challenges to road safety in the Caucasus region and explore how these could be best tackled through effective multi-stakeholder partnerships.

Meeting Room 2 - Closed sessions - open only to civil society

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Drop-in Session with the Project Complaint Mechanism Office

- Lisa Rosen, Chief Compliance Officer, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD
- Anna Soloveva, Associate Manager, Project Complaint Mechanism, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD

The session is dedicated to bilateral meetings dedicated to confidential discussion with current and/or potential complainants.

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13.00 – 14.00

Georgian National
Museum, Gallery Areas

Networking lunch

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Meeting with EBRD Board of Directors

This will be an opportunity to interact with [EBRD Board Directors](#) and discuss issues of interest and concern regarding the Bank's policies and major investment projects. The EBRD Board Directors are representatives of the Bank's shareholders responsible for the EBRD's strategic direction.

15.30 – 16.00

Networking area

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

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Townhall with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti

A traditional sum-up meeting with the [EBRD President](#) will provide an opportunity for CSOs discuss the Bank's strategic priorities, major policies and operations. President will be accompanied in this meeting by Philippe Le Houerou, Vice President, Policy and Partnerships, and other members of the Bank's senior management.