

Civil Society Programme at the Annual Meeting 2015



From Dialogue to Partnership: Innovative Approaches to CSO Engagement

Thursday, 14 May 10.00 - 11.00
Youth Palace, 6 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi, Georgia

Engagement with civil society by International Organisations and International Financial Institutions includes a broad range of approaches such as information disclosure, dialogue and formal consultations, contracting CSOs to deliver services and awarding grant-based projects to civil society stakeholders. In most cases, such engagement is not civil society driven but designed as a way of promoting the mandates of international donors.

What impact have different mandates of international actors had on the way they traditionally work with civil society across their regions of operations? Has the engagement been in any way different in the Caucasus?

In this session, speakers from World Bank, UNDP, EU, USAID and EBRD will exchange their experiences with CSO participants and explore opportunities and challenges in the design and implementation of innovative and effective tools to enhance mutual cooperation. The roundtable discussion will provide examples of how international organisations are stepping out of their 'comfort zones' and cooperating with CSOs with the aim of achieving genuine partnership.

The roundtable will be open to all participants of the Annual Meeting & Business Forum.

Moderator

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

Speakers

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

