



Leading organizations team-up for promoting Corporate Social Responsibility in Georgia

TBILISI. 6 March 2009 – Twelve international and Georgian organizations are joining efforts to promote the concept and practice of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Georgia.

The signatory organizations will co-operate to foster inclusive economic development, multi-stakeholder dialogue, ethical principles, and progressive management and governance standards. Through promoting CSR policies, they will encourage the harmonization of business practices in Georgia with those accepted in the West.

The group will officially announce their collaboration on Monday, 9 March, with the following organizations signing a letter of intent:

1. **American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia** – Amy Denman, Executive Director
2. **British Georgian Chamber of Commerce (BGCC)** – Mako Abashidze, Director
3. **Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia** – Lela Khoferia, CSR Program Coordinator
4. **Eurasia Partnership Foundation** – Ketevan Vashakidze, Country Director
5. **French Business Council-Georgia** – Camille Marquette, Director
6. **Georgia Employers Association** – Elguja Meladze, President
7. **Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** – Shota Makatsaria, First Vice President
8. **International Chamber of Commerce–Georgia** – Gilbert Hie, First Vice Chair
9. **Open Society Georgia Foundation** – Ketevan Khutsishvili, Executive Director
10. **The British Council** – Paul Doubleday, Director South Caucasus
11. **UN Global Compact** – Heidi Eterovic, Global Compact Project Manager
12. **United Nations Development Programme** – Sophie Kemkhadze, Deputy Resident Representative a.i.

Media is invited to attend the event on Monday, 9 March 2009, 12:00 pm, Tbilisi Marriott Hotel, King Mirian room

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