



Network Georgia

PROGRESS REPORT 2022



The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact



HUMAN RIGHTS

- 1 Business should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and
- 2 make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.



LABOUR

- 3 Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- 4 the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor;
- 5 the effective abolition of child labour; and
- 6 the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.



ENVIRONMENT

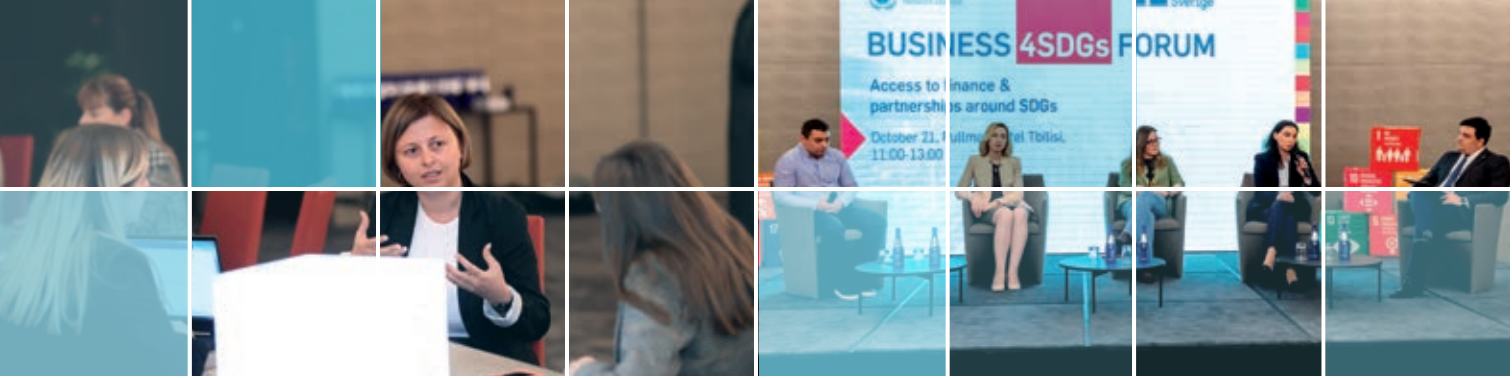
- 7 Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- 8 undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- 9 encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.



ANTI-CORRUPTION

- 10 Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms including extortion and bribery





WHO ARE WE?

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

WHAT DO WE DO?



For over two decades, the United Nations Global Compact has been at the forefront of creating a global movement for sustainable companies and stakeholders. As we find ourselves at the midpoint of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is evident that progress has been plodding. Still, the pace and scale of change remain insufficient. The world has faced an onslaught of crises, from climate change to a devastating global pandemic, social and economic inequality, unchecked corruption, and the tragic consequences of the war in Ukraine. These events have brought unprecedented disruption and transformation to our world.

The silver lining in these turbulent times is that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 is still possible. However, this demands urgent, scalable, and collaborative action involving all stakeholders. We must show unwavering commitment and bold leadership to reshape business models and economies, ensuring they become more equitable and inclusive, leaving no one behind.

In these challenging times, the role of the UN Global Compact has become increasingly vital. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine, affecting civilians, infrastructure, and global food security, underscores the need for concerted efforts. Record temperature rises and forest fires are grim reminders of the urgency to mobilize businesses to combat climate change.

The UN Global Compact Local Networks play a crucial role in advancing the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the local business sector, fostering partnerships among various stakeholders, and facilitating discussions centered on Agenda 2030.

In 2022, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia achieved several noteworthy milestones through its local initiatives. These include a substantial increase in the number of participants from Georgia, the successful establishment of new partnerships with government, academia, and media, and the effective implementation of global accelerator programs tailored for local companies.

Looking forward, what is needed is strong and visionary leadership from companies, government bodies, civil society, and all relevant stakeholders. It's essential for these entities to come together, unify their efforts, and establish ambitious targets to hasten progress in SDG implementation.

And we are here to assist businesses in their sustainability journey towards Agenda 2030.



Salome Zurabishvili

Executive Director
*UN Global Compact
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WHO ARE WE?



The United Nations (UN) Global Compact is a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General. It is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, promoting a sustainable and inclusive global economy for societies and marketplaces alike.

UN Global Compact Network Georgia (UNGCNG) helps businesses and other stakeholders to:

- **Conduct business responsibly** by aligning their strategies and operations with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact on human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption;
- **Take strategic actions** in pursuit of broader societal objectives, such as the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UN Global Compact currently unites 23,804 participants and 62 local networks from 166 countries.

The UNGCNG works closely with the Global Compact Office (GCO) to advance the UN Global Compact and its principles at the country level, helping the initiative to take root within different national, cultural, and linguistic contexts.

The mission of the UNGCNG is to enable a progressive future by stimulating sustainable approaches and engaging businesses.

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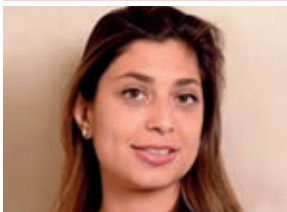
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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2022

- The number of members of the UN Global Compact Georgia Network (UN GCGN) increased to 147;
- The Executive Director of the UNGCNG, Salome Zurabishvili, was re-elected as the Chair of the Regional Network Council for Eastern Europe and Central Asia;
- The UNGCNG became a member of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), which unites more than 500 organizations from over 70 countries;
- The UNGCNG was registered as a legal entity in Georgia;
- The new board of the UNGCNG was elected;
- A total of 34 events were organized by the UNGCNG and held in Georgia, attended by 1,085 participants altogether;
- "Business for SDGs" – a Corporate Sustainability Award Competition - was held for the fifth time, in which representatives of the private sector and diplomatic corps showed a keen interest, while the number of applicants competing for awards increased;

- Communication regarding the projects initiated by more than 75 civil society organizations (CSOs) was established with 190 companies;
- More than 95 meetings were held, while in excess of 35 partnership projects between the private sector and CSOs were either implemented or are expected to be implemented shortly;
- With the support of the Swedish government and in cooperation with the Georgian TV company Formula, as part of the "Business Formula" program, two video features covering the UNGCNG's activities were broadcast: "SDG Ambassadors" and "way2SUSTAINABILITY."
- The UNGCNG started to implement a Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) project in the Parliament of Georgia;
- The UNGCNG participated in several international events, including the Stockholm +50 international meeting; the Leaders Summit; 3rd UN Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia - "Responsible Business in Times of Crisis"; and the United Nations Private Sector Forum;
- Cooperation with the private sector, the diplomatic corps accredited in Georgia, as well as international and local organizations was strengthened;
- A memorandum of cooperation was signed with the Business and Technology University, Ilia State University, and Caucasus University, according to which corporate sustainability training courses were held at the universities;
- Three UN Global Compact acceleration programs were implemented, namely SDG Ambition, Target Gender Equality, and Climate Ambition, attracting the participation of 130 representatives from 70 organizations; and
- 40 representatives of different companies completed a 60-hour course at the Corporate Sustainability Academy of the UNGCNG.



WHAT DO WE OFFER?



CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE FOR BUSINESS

INCREASING BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY

There are growing expectations among customers, employees, investors, and other stakeholders for businesses to behave responsibly. Accordingly, the private sector must play a leading role in creating a more sustainable and just world. But how can such a process begin?

BRINGING BUSINESSES TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

The UN Global Compact is a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General. Mandated by the UN General Assembly, it ensures enhanced business engagement at a global level in pursuit of the UN's SDGs.

The UN Global Compact comprises more than 60 local networks and operates in the majority of countries.

WE SUPPORT BUSINESSES...

To become a signatory of the UN standards

in the direction of corporate sustainability and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) aspects.

To set goals correctly

designed to achieve a specific result, in accordance with internationally recognized standards, aligning with ESG frameworks.

To establish partnerships

with representatives of various industries and sectors from numerous countries.

To report

in accordance with globally recognized standards.

THE MAIN AREAS COVERED BY OUR ACTIVITIES

TO ACHIEVE ITS SET MISSION, THE UN GCNG'S ACTIVITIES COMPRISE VARIOUS DIRECTIONS, EACH OF WHICH IS OUTLINED BELOW

Promote Education and Raise Awareness on Sustainability

UNGCNG enables organizations to advance their knowledge and expertise on sustainability, set sustainability targets, and make continuous progress by raising ambition. UNGCNG offers quality education to various stakeholders through Accelerator Programmes, Peer learning groups, workshops, conferences, and Professional Certificate Programmes.

Facilitate Partnerships

UNGCNG facilitates multi-stakeholder partnerships towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. It links businesses to civil society organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders and provides peer-to-peer networking opportunities on the local and global levels.

Promote Corporate Sustainability on the National Policy Level

UNGCNG engages in policy dialogue with the government to support its work in the field of corporate sustainability. The organization assists the government in adopting relevant policy mechanisms, tools, and guidance that promote responsible business conduct in Georgia in line with the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, the UN Agenda 2030, and other international framework documents. UNGCNG promotes the participatory implementation of Agenda 2030, strengthening state agencies' capacity. UNGCNG further facilitates public-private dialogues in the process of policy-making and implementation.

Provide in-Depth Support to Participant Organizations on Corporate Sustainability

UNGCNG supports participant organizations on corporate sustainability in line with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact. UNGCNG provides guidance on sustainability benchmarking, gaps identification, and corporate governance. It supports participants in developing and submitting a Communication on Progress (COP) report. UNGCNG helps companies integrate sustainability best practices into business policies, plans, and everyday operations.

Recognize Leadership in Sustainability

UNGCNG incentivizes responsible business conduct through various recognition schemes while highlighting corporate achievements and encouraging sustainable action.

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS

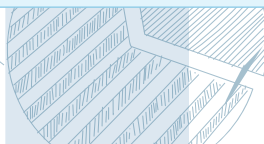
1. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

Practical Guide and Tools	World-class E-Library of the United Nations Global Compact
	Guidance tools tailored to the local context and regulations
	Electronic database of local best practices
	More than 95,000 non-financial reports prepared by companies from numerous different countries
	International tools for self-assessment of corporate sustainability
Capacity Building via International Programs and Platforms	United Nations Global Compact Academy E-Platform
	International events (e.g., the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit, the UN Private Sector Forum, and the UN Global Compact Uniting Business regional events)
	Acceleration programs implemented in cooperation with the New York office of the UN Global Compact and local networks including: Business and Human Rights; SDG Innovation; Target Gender Equality; Climate Ambition; and SDG Ambition
Capacity Building via Local Programs and Platforms	UNGCNG Corporate Sustainability Academy
	Specialized Masterclasses Hosted by International Experts
	Peer Learning Groups
	UNGCNG General Assembly
	Thematic Conferences
	Training and Workshops

2. WORKING WITH STATE AGENCIES AND GETTING INVOLVED IN THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS

State Policy	Providing up-to-date Information on Corporate Sustainability (ESG) Standards, Relevant European Directives, and Legislative Regulations at the National Level.
Thematic Working Groups	Participation in the Consideration of Draft Laws and Involvement in the Promotion of Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)
Public-Private Cooperation	Ensuring that projects implemented by member companies/organizations in accordance with the 2030 Agenda are presented in state reports prepared for international organizations

67.7%





3. PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS	
Multisectoral Partnerships	Offering the opportunity to establish new partnerships with representatives of various industries and sectors of local and international networks
	Presenting openings at which to share experience with local and international partners
	Supporting the development and implementation of partnership projects
Action Platforms	Participating in the international initiatives of the UN Global Compact
	Opportunity to engage in local events or platforms
4. CONSULTING AND INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT	
Support	Individual technical support on the topic of sustainability and preparation of the COP annual report
	Providing individual mentoring on corporate sustainability standards and techniques.
	Having an opportunity to establish connections with the local networks of over 60 countries worldwide and their respective member companies.
5. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE ORGANIZATION	
Media Coverage	Ensuring the presentation of the organization's successful sustainable projects in the media
	Showcasing the organization's activities in the only magazine published on corporate sustainability in Georgia, namely "SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT"
	Media support – a set of communication tools to promote the organization's sustainability initiatives in the media (Media Toolkit)
Corporate Sustainability Award Competiton – "Business for Sustainable Development"	Offering an opportunity to participate in the annual Corporate Sustainability Competition - "Business for Sustainable Development"
Recognition of the Organization and its Employee	Providing employees of the organization with the opportunity for global recognition (SDG Pioneer)
	Acknowledging the organization's young, innovative employees at the global level
International Reputation	Granting the status of UN Global Compact signatory to relevant parties and making them participants of one of the most reputable organizations in the world
	Presented on the local and international markets
	A distinctive profile created on the UN Global Compact website
	Option to use the UN Global Compact Supporter logo

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

COMPANY INCOME	
< 25 million USD	650 USD
25-50 million USD	950 USD
50-250 million USD	2500 USD
250-500 million USD	5000 USD
500 million - 1 billion USD	7500 USD
Local Representation of a Multinational Company	1000 USD

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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY
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Award Ceremony
CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY
BUSINESS

WHAT DO WE DO?



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THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK GEORGIA

PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

The UNGCNG enables organizations to improve their knowledge and experience with regard to sustainability, to develop goals in line with sustainability standards, and ultimately to achieve progress. Moreover, the UNGCNG offers educational programs, opportunities to participate in international events, as well as UN Global Compact acceleration programs, experience-sharing workshops, conferences, and professional certificate programs to various stakeholders.



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ACADEMY



During the reporting period, in terms of capacity building, the UNGCNG closely supported its members through the following acceleration programs in collaboration with the UN Global Compact's New York office and local networks:

SDG AMBITION

The SDG Ambition program is an accelerator initiative of the UN Global Compact, which in 2022 was implemented by the UNGCNG for the third year. This year, the initiative was carried out with the UN Global Compact Network Netherlands. The program provides a new system for pursuing the SDGs, which aims to provide businesses with the most comprehensive information about the SDGs and the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact.

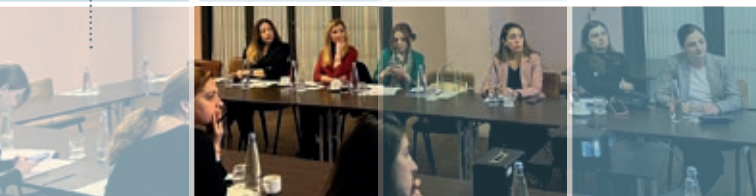
With the program's help, companies have been able to integrate the SDGs into their activities, thus contributing to the fulfillment of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The SDG Ambition accelerator lasts for six months. In 2021-2022, 35 participants from 18 UNGCNG member companies participated in six sessions delivered under the program.

In the 2022-2023 stream, 16 participants from 10 UNGCNG companies are involved.

TARGET GENDER EQUALITY

Target Gender Equality is an accelerator program for member companies participating in the UN Global Compact. It aims to support companies to implement the Women's Empowerment Principles and to strengthen their contribution to SDG 5, which calls for women's full participation and equal leadership opportunities.



Courtesy of the program's help, companies have defined goals to increase women's representation and leadership, developed action plans, and analyzed information on the current situation regarding gender equality.

The program lasts for nine months. Meanwhile, 26 participants from 13 member organizations of the UNGCNG took part in the 2021-2022 stream.

Under Target Gender Equality, organized by the UNGCNG, multisectoral dialogue was held on the topic "Women's Leadership in Decision-Making: Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling." The event was held with the support of the Swedish government as part of the USAID / EWMI civil society engagement program.

In the 2022-2023 stream, 16 member companies of the UNGCNG, amassing a total of 27 participants, are involved.



CLIMATE AMBITION

The Climate Ambition accelerator is a six-month program designed to equip participating UN Global Compact companies with the knowledge and skills to accelerate their progress toward achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

The program is led by the UN Global Compact with the support of Patrons Ørsted and Natura & Co and is sponsored by En+ Group.

The Climate Ambition accelerator builds on the UN Global Compact's work to develop and promote the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), its net-zero standards, and the Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign. It will contribute to other initiatives, such as the Race to Zero campaign.

The Climate Ambition accelerator program for 2022 was held with the UN Global Compact Network Croatia and the UN Global Compact Network Serbia. In total, 26 participants from 13 member companies of the UNGCNG were involved in the initiative.

THE UNGCNG HAS BEEN BUILDING CAPACITIES OF ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH LOCAL PROGRAMS AND PLATFORMS

CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY

The UNGCNG launched the "Corporate Sustainability Academy" in 2020 in partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and with support from the Swedish government. Courtesy of the assistance and direct involvement of international partners, the Academy's core course curricula were developed, and study materials were prepared. Each course at the Academy is designed to introduce and expand on the principles of corporate sustainability, and fully complies with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and other internationally recognized guidelines. The courses are tailored to the needs of the business, public, and non-governmental sectors in Georgia.

In 2022, a total of 42 participants, including representatives of Rich Metals Group (RMG), companies from the "Retail Association," and various other sectors, completed the Academy's 60-hour certificate course of the Academy.

In addition, on September 5-9, the UNGCNG hosted the Corporate Sustainability Academy Summer School in Chakvi, Adjara in which 20 students from accredited universities in Georgia participated.

During the summer school, participants gained theoretical knowledge in relation to the role of the private sector in implementing the SDGs. Moreover, they were taught the best private sector practices not only in Georgia but across the world. Along with acquiring theoretical knowledge, students were given the valuable opportunity to perform practical exercises and develop professional skills, which will be of immense benefit to their career development.

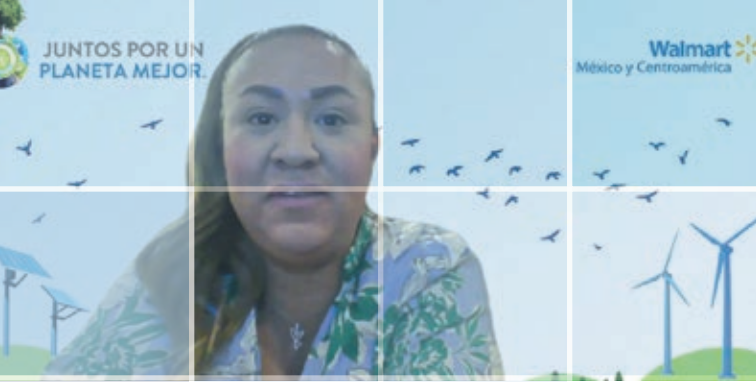




CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY CERTIFICATE COURSE

- **The 60-hour Corporate Sustainability Academy** course was successfully completed by top management representatives of the UNGCNG's member company, RMG. The course covered business responsibility, as well as social, governance, environmental, and anti-corruption issues;
- **Representatives of "Retail Association"** member companies such as "Goodwill," "Carrefour," "Spar," "Magniti," "Zgapari" and "Daily" all successfully completed the course; and
- **A further 21 other participants** from various sectors also successfully completed the course.
- **The activity was delivered** with the support of the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and the Solidarity Center's joint project "Engaging Workers and Civil Society to Strengthen Labor Law Enforcement" in cooperation with the Swedish government.
- **Funding was provided** by the United States Department of Labor under Cooperative Agreement - IL-32531-18-75 K, under the Solidarity Center subcontract.





MASTER CLASS AT THE CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY

On April 27, an online master class was held at the Corporate Sustainability Academy, led by Viridiana Hernandez Toria, Senior Manager of Environmental, Social, and Governance Affairs and Sustainability at Walmart. As part of the master class, member companies of the UNGCNG were presented with the opportunity to learn about the innovative approaches and corporate sustainability policies deployed by Walmart.

COOPERATION WITH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS)

Under a bilateral cooperation arrangement, two higher education institutions in Georgia, namely Ilia State University and the Business and Technology University, have already introduced a corporate sustainability course at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

COOPERATION WITH ILIAUNI BUSINESS SCHOOL

In the spring of 2022, a corporate sustainability training course led by UNGCNG Executive Director, Salome Zurabishvili, was introduced for students of the Iliauni Business School's PR master's program.



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WITH THE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

In accordance with a memorandum of cooperation signed between the UNGCNG and the Business and Technology University, in the spring semester of 2022, a training course on corporate sustainability developed by the UNGCNG was introduced at the university, in its undergraduate and postgraduate programs. In addition, again under the conditions of the memorandum, several related events were held during the year.

STUDY VISITS TO IRELAND AND ENGLAND

On the subject of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the UNGCNG conducted a study visit to Ireland and England, with the support of the Swedish government and in cooperation with the USAID Rule of Law Program. Among those partaking in the visit were representatives of the Association of Mediators of Georgia, the Association of Arbitrators of Georgia, and the business sector, as well as judges.

The purpose of the study visit was to increase the awareness and popularity of ADR mechanisms in Georgia in accordance with international business and human rights frameworks and instruments.



COLLABORATION WITH THE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, STRATEGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM (BISC PARTNERS)

In 2022, the UNGCNG started cooperation with BISC Partners, which conducted behavioral insights research to encourage cooperation between the private sector and CSOs.

The purposes of the research were to reveal the behavioral barriers and challenges that obstruct or prevent cooperation between the private sector and CSOs, and to identify opportunities for deepening such collaboration.

Having interpreted the research results, which were based on in-depth behavioral analysis and desk research, BISC Partners harmoniously integrated its findings into current trends and experiences. This helped the company to find practical solutions to bring private companies and civil society closer together, and to start making such partnerships a societal norm.

Interviewed CSOs: Georgian Farmers' Association; Transparency International Georgia; the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information; the Georgian Young Lawyers Association; the Women's Information Center; Safari; Atinati; the Innovations and Reforms Center; Caritas Czech Republic; World Vision; CARE Caucasus; the Kakheti Regional Development Fund; Elkana MAC Georgia; and Democracy Lab (DemLab).

Companies: Bank of Georgia; TBC Bank; M2; Coca-Cola; Liberty Bank; Tegeta; Wissol; APM Terminals; Georgian Railway; Efes Georgia; BP; Heidelberg Cement; Polivim; Palitra Media; Hilton Batumi; Crystal; Element Construction; Adjara Group; and Aldag.

The research was carried out by the UNGCNG under the USAID/EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program with support from the Swedish government.



EXPLORING KEY BEHAVIORS OF PRIVATE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THAT CREATE BARRIERS OR LEAD TO PARTNERSHIPS IN GEORGIA

STUDY - "POTENTIAL FOR SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR OF GEORGIA"

Commissioned by the UNGCNG, CIVITTA Group conducted a study titled "Potential for Sustainable Innovations in the Business Sector of Georgia."

The study is based on data obtained from publicly available materials, experience gleaned from similar projects implemented in Georgia and other countries, as well as interviews with local stakeholders , including business sector representatives.

BOARD GAMES

To raise awareness among local companies and society about the SDGs and corporate sustainability, the UNGCNG created two board games - **Surviland** and **SDGPedia**.

Surviland revolves around a futuristic story about global challenges, natural disasters, and resource use, and it can be played by 3-6 people.

SDGPedia deals with terms, relevant issues, and interpretations of the SDGs, and it can be played by 4-16 people.

The UNGCNG plans to mass produce the games and distribute them to member companies and the general public.



QUIZZES ON ONLINE PORTAL ON.GE

To raise public awareness of the SDGs in 2022, the UNGCNG prepared informative tests (quizzes) on the goals themselves, as well as pertinent topics such as gender equality, environmental protection, labor rights, and anti-corruption.

The tests (quizzes) were placed on the online portal on.ge.



WORKING MEETINGS ON ROAD SAFETY TO ENCOURAGE MULTISECTORAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

On March 10, a working meeting was organized by the UNGCNG, and a discussion was held to encourage the establishment of multisectoral partnership projects on road safety.

The workshop was held within the USAID/EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program.



WORKSHOP FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

On July 2-3, the UNGCNG staged a workshop for national and regional media representatives in Bakuriani titled "Media for Responsible Business." The meeting focused on environmental, social, and gender issues. In particular, media representatives learned about international sustainability standards, terminology, and local legislation. Meanwhile, the role of the media in the accurate coverage of the mentioned topics was also emphasized.

The workshop was delivered with the support of the Swedish Government and was part of the USAID/EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program.

GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK GEORGIA

On February 25, the UNGCNG convened a meeting of its members, where the main topics discussed were the war that had just broken out in Ukraine the previous day and the mobilization of Georgian businesses to help the Ukrainian people. More than 50 member companies of the UNGCNG were represented at the meeting.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JULY 2022

On July 7, at the Pullman Tbilisi Axis Towers, the UNGCNG held a General Assembly of its members. Here, a summary of the last year's work was presented, and future plans were introduced to the attendees.

Representatives of 147 member companies and organizations attended the General Assembly.





YEAR IN REVIEW

At the second General Assembly of the year, held on December 16, the UN GNGC summarized the activities of 2022 as a whole as well as the progress made by its members with respect to achieving the SDGs.

At the 2nd General Assembly, as part of an initiative supporting Ukraine, in partnership with the information platform "Dopomoga Ukraini," member companies of the UNGCG transferred money to the "Nino Katamadze Foundation" to support the Ukrainian people.

Representatives of the diplomatic corps, international partner organizations, and Georgian companies attended the event.



DURING 2022, THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK GEORGIA ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS LOCAL EVENTS

CONFERENCE - "WAYS OF DEVELOPMENT OF CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN GEORGIA"

Salome Zurabishvili, Executive Director of the UNGCNG, participated in the "Ways of Development of Corporate Responsibility in Georgia" conference in Batumi.

During the panel discussion, Salome Zurabishvili elaborated on the policy and strategy of the state to promote responsible business practices and answered the attendees' questions.



INTERNATIONAL FORUM - "TBILISI PR DAYS"

Salome Zurabishvili, Executive Director of the UNGCNG, partook in the "Tbilisi PR Days" international forum.

Here, she spoke about the corporate responsibility strategies of Georgian companies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Tbilisi PR Days" was organized by the students of Ilia State University.





CEREMONY - FIABCI-GEORGIA PRIX D'EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

The Executive Director of the UNGCNG, Salome Zurabishvili, participated in the "FIABCI-Georgia Prix d'Excellence Awards 2022," the first awards ceremony in Georgia for real estate projects.

She served as a jury member under the "Sustainable Development" category, with gold awarded to "Green City on Lis" | LISI Green Town and silver to Meama.

EVENT - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

Salome Zurabishvili, Executive Director of the UNGCNG, participated in an event organized by the non-governmental organization "Sapari" to mark the International Day of the Girl Child.

Here, she addressed the attendees and talked about the empowerment of women, as well as the role of women in economic development and the importance of access to quality education.

The Executive Director of the UNGCNG also emphasized the need for support and solidarity among women.





SUMMARY EVENT - ASTRAZENECA UK LIMITED'S "TANADGOMA" PROJECT

The Georgian representative office of AstraZeneca UK Limited held a summary event for its "Tanadgoma" project as part of its corporate sustainability efforts.

Rati Zautashvili, Senior Manager of Business Relations at the UNGCNG, addressed the attendees and highlighted the importance of sustainable development.

YOUTHSPEAK FORUM 2022

Organized by AIESEC in Georgia, a large-scale event, "YouthSpeak Forum 2022" was held, where the Senior Manager of Business Relations at the UNGCNG, Rati Zautashvili, spoke about SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals.



DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE UNGCNG PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 1) "One Global Compact Week," held on March 27-31 on the territory of #EX-PO2020DUBAI, in the United Arab Emirates;
- 2) The UNECE Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, in which the session on the labor market was moderated by the Executive Director of UNGCNG, Salome Zurabishvili;
- 3) The Stockholm+50 international meeting, held in Sweden from May 31 to June 3;



- 4) Global Forum titled "SDG12 - Sustainable Consumption and Production," organized by #OnePlanetNetwork in the course of Stockholm+50;
- 5) A panel session held during Stockholm+50: "The Central Role of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the Successful Implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda," where Salome Zurabishvili spoke about the UNGCNG's member companies, and, in particular, the activities of SMEs in the introduction of eco-innovative approaches;
- 6) The UN Global Compact Leaders Summit, where Nino Kvernadze, CEO of Adjara Group, member of the UNGCNG, and a 2022 SDG pioneer, participated in the panel discussion "Women's Leadership in Decision-Making: Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling in Europe";
- 7) The World Justice Forum in Hague;
- 8) Roundtable of CEOs of the Asia-Pacific region organized by the UN Global Compact India Network and SAP - " Leveraging Technology to Achieve the Sustainable Development";
- 9) The 77th session of the UN General Assembly, held on 18-24 September 2022;
- 10) The UN Private Sector Forum, held in the course of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, the annual Concordia Summit, the SDG Investment Forum, the SDG Summit USA, the "HeforShe" Summit, and the Global Africa Business Initiative Forum;
- 11) A high-level forum held on 27 September 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in close cooperation with the local UN representation, titled "Championing Business Sustainability in Uzbekistan";
- 12) The UN Global Compact Regional Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, held on 4-6 October 2022; and
- 13) The 3rd UN Regional Forum held in Istanbul - "Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia - Responsible Business in Times of Crisis."



Local Actions towards Sustainable



PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS

UNGCNG facilitates multi-stakeholder partnerships aimed at achieving the 2030 Agenda. It connects businesses with civil society organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders, providing peer-to-peer networking opportunities at both local and global levels.

In 2022, 24 multi-sectoral projects were successfully implemented between the business and civil sectors. These projects focused on the protection and empowerment of women's rights, the inclusion of people with disabilities in society, environmental initiatives, the promotion of labor and human rights, and support for vulnerable children, among others.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Throughout 2022, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia continued to promote multi-sectoral partnership projects to achieve common goals involving the non-governmental sector, businesses, and other stakeholders. Multi-sector partnership projects are a form of cooperation between interested parties to address existing socio-economic and environmental challenges. These collaborations are beneficial for businesses and significantly contribute to corporate sustainability.





In 2022, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia conducted workshops as part of the Swedish Government-funded project - "Leadership for Sustainable Development in Georgia." The sessions focused on Extended Producer Responsibility in Georgia, facilitating a dialogue regarding this topic between the private and public sectors. They reviewed current legislation and policies while discussing challenges.

Additionally, a meeting on greenhouse gas emissions and sustainable reduction took place, where participants shared their experiences calculating greenhouse gas emissions and implementing sustainable reduction strategies. 20 participants attended the workshop.

On June 6, 2022, a working meeting on labor rights standards was organized by UNGCNG and "Georgian Lawyers for Independent Professions." During the meeting, various topics were discussed, including existing labor rights standards and termination practices of labor relations in Georgia.

In 2022, within the framework of the project - "Leadership for Sustainable Development in Georgia" and in partnership with Caucasus University, organized by the Georgian network and "Enterprise Georgia," 25 export managers from the private sector received training. The course aimed to boost the export of Georgian products and increase international sales. Representatives from small and medium-sized enterprises participated in the 81-hour training course.





WORKING MEETINGS

During the reporting period, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia organized thematic discussions within the following working groups:

Discussing Practical Examples of how to Prepare UN Global Compact Communication on Progress with Member Companies

On February 4, a meeting was held for member companies organized by the UN Global Compact Network Georgia. The session discussed practical examples and samples of UN Global Compact reporting (Communication on Progress (CoP) preparation). Representatives from 34 companies participated in the meeting.

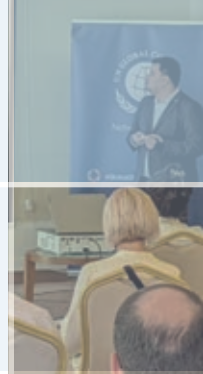
EXTERNAL MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

On March 17-18, in Borjomi, UNGCNG held an external working meeting with civil society organizations. The meeting discussed experiences and perspectives on partnership projects, multi-sector partnership opportunities, and priority areas of cooperation. Representatives from more than 20 leading non-governmental organizations attended the meeting. The workshop was held within the USAID/EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program.



WORKING MEETING WITHIN THE ACTION PLATFORM "BUSINESS FOR EQUALITY"

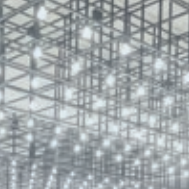
On May 25, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia held a working meeting within the framework of the "Business for Equality" Action Platform. The discussion focused on achieving equality in business, including the implementation of partnership projects between the private sector and civil society organizations. Discussions also touched on gender equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, issues related to persons with disabilities, ethnic and religious minorities, empowerment and capacity building of women farmers. The meeting was held within the USAID / EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program.



SDG ROADSHOW

In 2022, workshops were organized by the UNGCNG and NDI in five regions of Georgia - Ozurgeti, Poti, Batumi, Borjomi, and Telavi - "SDG Roadshow: Sustainable Development Goals in the Regions". The meetings, with participation from about 130 representatives of the local government, business, and civil sector, discussed the progress of the sustainable development agenda's implementation and the role of multisectoral partnerships in the process. A short presentation of the research on the needs of the local population conducted by NDI was also presented. The challenges at the local level, both in the private and civil sectors, and the perspectives of multisectoral cooperation in the regions were highlighted within the framework of the SDG Roadshow, aiming to collaboratively address specific problems at the local level.





FORUM "BUSINESS4SDGs -MULTI-SECTORAL PARTNERSHIP AND ACCESS TO FINANCE TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA"

On October 21, 2022, the forum "Business4SDGs - Multi-Sectoral Partnership and Access to Finance to Achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda" was organized by the UN Global Compact Network Georgia. Within the framework of the forum, Irakli Beridze, the head of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, United Nations, spoke about global digital transformation and artificial intelligence. After the presentation, a panel discussion was held, within which representatives of international institutions and donor organizations discussed the grant opportunities available to Georgian businesses. A panel discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of the Georgian banking sector, where the discussion touched on the issues of taking into account corporate sustainability in the process of evaluating the provision of financial resources, as well as internal governance of the organization and environmental protection. Representatives of donor organizations, international financial institutions, and the banking sector participated in the forum.





PARTNERSHIP FAIR 2022

On November 29, 2022, the Partnership Fair 2022 was held at the initiative of the UNGCNG and with the support of the USAID Civil Society Engagement Program. Five civil society organizations - "Orbeliani Georgia," "Charte," "Dopomoga Ukraini," "Supergmiri", and "Georgia Alliance for Safe Roads" presented presentations about their activities and implemented projects within the framework of the forum. According to the predetermined priority directions, the main partner companies of the event - Liberty Bank, BIM Cube, CSD Consulting, RMG, and Combined Ratio Solutions - individually listened to short presentations of civil society organizations' projects and selected the winners on the spot. "Liberty Bank" selected "Orbeliani Georgia," "Charte," "Komli," and "MAC Georgia"; CSD Consulting – Georgian Renewable Energy Development Association; BIM Cube - Women's Information Center; RMG - "First Step Georgia" and SOS Children's Villages Georgia; Combined Ratio Solutions - "Highlander Books" and "Supergmiri". The total value of the selected partnership projects was 31,000 GEL. Representatives of the private sector and more than 30 civil society organizations participated in the partnership forum. With this event, the UNGlobal Compact Network Georgia joined the global campaign of "Giving Tuesday."



PROMOTING CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY AT THE NATIONAL POLICY LEVEL

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia supports state agencies in codifying corporate sustainability standards in national legislation and strategic documents. It also helps the Georgian government to adopt relevant policy mechanisms, tools, and guidelines to promote responsible business behavior in Georgia in accordance with the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, the UN 2030 Agenda, and other international framework documents. The UNGCNG contributes to the realization of the 2030 Agenda by facilitating the increased participation of relevant parties. UNGCNG further facilitates public-private dialogues in the process of policy-making and implementation.

To achieve this particular mission, during the reporting period, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia carried out the following activities:



COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AGENCIES

- The Parliament of Georgia
- The Sustainable Development Goals Council
- The State Procurement Agency
- The Human Rights Secretariat
- The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Georgia`s Innovation and Technology Agency
- The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture
- The National Bank of Georgia
- Enterprise Georgia
- The Service for Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision



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Public-Private Dialogue
Platform in the Parliament
of Georgia



PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE (PPD) PLATFORM IN THE PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia, with the support of the USAID Economic Governance Program, continues to partake in the grant activity "Supporting the Sustainability and Capacity Building of the Public-Private Dialogue Platform in the Parliament of Georgia." The project contributes to improving dialogue between the Parliament of Georgia and the private sector regarding economic reforms and to creating a sustainable platform for public-private dialogue (PPD) in the Parliament, which, in turn, ensures the active and effective involvement of the private sector in the legislative process.

The project runs until the end of January 2024. Its goals include identifying seven areas for economic reform, creating parliamentary working groups, preparing stakeholder analysis, creating communication documents and advocacy manuals, conducting PPD, holding workshops/meetings, and forming working groups on key issues. In addition, a sustainable model of the PPD platform and a corresponding action plan will be developed.

During 2022, as part of the grant activity, the UNGCNG facilitated dialogue between the Parliament of Georgia and the private sector on the following issues:

- Water resource management reform;
- Public procurement reform;
- Electronic commerce reform;
- Draft law on securitization;
- Draft law on the holding of dematerialized securities;



The following three parliamentary committees were involved in the PPD platform activities:

- The Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee;
- The Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee;
- The Budget and Finance Committee.

Activities conducted on the mentioned reforms in the reporting period included:

- The holding of 10 workshops and PPDs (295 participants);
- The creation of five working groups consisting of members of the Parliament of Georgia (55 members);
- The development of five communication documents regarding the draft law;
- The production of five stakeholder analysis documents.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

UP to 7



● Economic policy reforms identified for the PPD Platform in the Parliament.

● Informal groups of MPs (an average of eight MPs per group) established to promote and monitor the adoption and implementation of the selected policy reforms.

● Policy papers prepared on selected reforms for MPs.

● Policy workshops and expert meetings held to raise MPs' awareness of selected reforms and familiarize them with policy papers.

● PPDs per each selected reform organized with MPs and private sector stakeholders.

A communication strategy and action plan for the PPD Platform in the Parliament developed.

A sustainability model and action plan for the transition of the PPD Platform in the Parliament to self-reliance developed.

IN 2022

Three reforms were selected for PPD, based on the Program's reform areas and consultations with five leading cross-sectoral business associations/chambers:

- Water Resource Management
- E-Commerce
- Public Procurement



Four Leading Committees engaged in the platform:

- Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee
- Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee
- Committee on European Integration
- Legal Issues Committee



Promote Capacity Building and Enhance Sustainability of the PPD Platform in the Parliament of Georgia

OCTOBER 2021 - JANUARY 2024



OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To develop a sustainable, self-reliant Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) Platform in the Parliament of Georgia that will facilitate effective and continuous dialogue between Parliament and the private sector actors on economic reforms and policy issues.



THE PPD PLATFORM IN THE PARLIAMENT WILL...

● Build the capacity of the established PPD through increasing awareness of MPs on ongoing economic policy reforms.

● Use outreach and advocacy to institutionalize public-private dialogue and achieve high-priority business environment reforms.

● Enable an environment for constructive policy exchange by using public-private dialogue to address development challenges.

COOPERATION WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS COUNCIL

Fruitful collaboration with the Sustainable Development Goals Council continued, with regular communication and close coordination. The UN Global Compact Network Georgia supports the Council and its members in implementing the SDGs via private sector engagement. Representatives of the Council participate in events organized by the network in both the capital city (Tbilisi) and the regions of Georgia.

COOPERATION WITH ENTERPRISE GEORGIA

On May 10, a memorandum of cooperation was signed between the UNGCNG and Enterprise Georgia, elevating their partnership to a new level. The memorandum promotes the introduction of corporate sustainability standards in SMEs, the increased availability of corporate sustainability education, and the development of basic skills in this direction for private sector representatives.

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia is a member of the “SME Development Strategy for 2021 - 2025 and the SME Development Strategy Action Plan” working group. As part of this collaboration, the UNGCNG's representatives attend regular meetings and provide up-to-date information for the progress report. The implementation of both the strategy and action plan helps not only in the development of SMEs but also encourages a more responsible business environment in Georgia.

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia's cooperation with Enterprise Georgia



entails implementing corporate sustainability standards in SMEs and strengthens the agency's institutional capacity.

Courtesy of this cooperation, in partnership with Caucasus University, a certificate course for export managers was provided for 25 representatives of various companies. The 81-hour course was held in the training center of Caucasus University, with

the aim of stimulating greater exports among Georgian SMEs and increasing their international sales. The participants, selected based on open competition, had the opportunity to improve their knowledge, develop relevant skills, establish connections with foreign companies, and introduce themselves to corporate sustainability standards, which are expected to increase their export opportunities significantly.



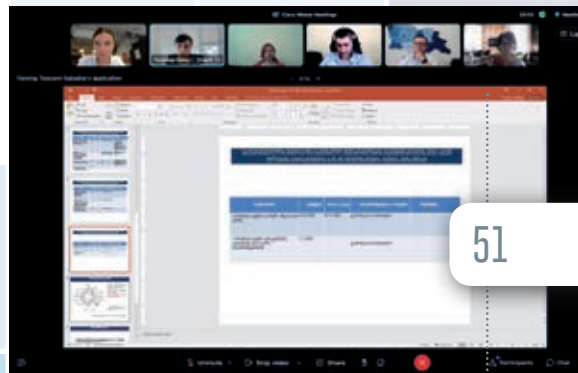
PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SME DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia supports implementing a strategy and action plan for the development of SMEs, which will contribute to the development of a responsible business environment in Georgia.

Accordingly, it continued its active cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia during the reporting period.

In this cooperation, the UNGCNG and Enterprise Georgia promote the establishment of corporate sustainability standards in SME companies and institutionally strengthen the agency in terms of corporate sustainability.

On July 1, through the relevant working group, a working meeting was held regarding the action plan for an SME development strategy.



COOPERATION WITH THE MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

In 2022, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia and the Mediators Association of Georgia continued their close cooperation for a second year.

A study visit to Ireland and England was arranged within their cooperation framework to enlighten participants about the best international practices in ADR. Among those on the productive visit were representatives of the Mediators Association of Georgia, the Association of Arbitrators of Georgia, the business sector, and judges.

The visit started with a meeting with the Mediators Institute of Ireland (MII), where the Georgian delegation became acquainted with the system of accreditation and membership of mediators and the mediation schemes operating in Ireland. The first working day ended with Ken McMillan's annual lecture, during which the delegation members met the former Chief Justice of Ireland, Frank Clarke.

During the study visit, the Georgian delegation learned about new dispute resolution mechanisms, whereby disputes are settled without court proceedings. Relatedly, meetings were also held with leading subject-matter professionals, lawyers, and ADR users. Study visit participants also received information about the best practices and tools that could bolster mediation and arbitration in Georgia.

The study visit aimed to enhance the popularity of ADR mechanisms in Georgia in accordance with international business and human rights frameworks and instruments.

The study visit was carried out by the UNGCNG, with the support of the Swedish government and in cooperation with the USAID Rule of Law Program.





WORKING MEETING FOR THE NATIONAL FORESTRY AGENCY (NFA)

In line with a memorandum of cooperation signed in 2020, the UNGCNG supported the development of the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategy of the National Forestry Agency (NFA), as evidenced by meetings and consultations with the Agency's leadership at various levels, as well as with stakeholders, including CSOs, donors, and other state agencies.

On July 28-29, as part of the close partnership between the UN Global Compact Network Georgia and the National Forestry Agency, a working meeting was held in Bakuriani for representatives of the Agency. Here, the Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and the central and regional management of the Agency participated.

The NFA's ESG strategy and sustainability principles were discussed, and outlined that its valuable partnership with the UNGCNG will continue in the future, particularly in developing an ESG action plan.



PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL

In July 2022, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia partook in the work of the Environmental Education Coordinating Council, created by the Environmental Information and Education Center.

The Council is a platform that helps organizations to share information about projects and planned events. The UNGCNG regularly attends the meetings and contributes to the efforts of the Council.



THE NATIONAL CLIMATE PLATFORM

The UN Global Compact Network Georgia, as a member of the National Climate Platform, regularly participated in the latter's meetings in 2022. The Platform, created with the support of the European Union, promotes effective engagement in participatory policy development and ensures constructive public participation in climate change policy preparation and implementation.





DEVELOPMENT OF "SUSTAINABLE FARMING STANDARDS" – A GUIDE FOR NUT GROWERS IN GEORGIA

The UNGCNG, in cooperation with the Georgian Hazelnut Growers Association and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, with the support of the Swedish government, prepared a guide for hazelnut growers in Georgia titled "Sustainable Farming Standards" - a Guide for Nut Growers in Georgia."

Crucially, developing sustainable farming standards is an important step towards promoting responsible and sustainable production in the country.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING STANDARDS



Guideline for Hazelnut
Growers in Georgia



SUPPORTING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY

PROMOTING ECO-INNOVATIVE APPROACH AMONG SMEs IN GEORGIA

As part of the EU-funded program, the "European Union for Environmental Protection," the UN Global Compact Network Georgia and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) promoted eco-innovative approaches for SMEs in Georgia.

The goal of eco-innovation is to reduce the social and environmental impacts of a business's activities while at the same time increasing its competitiveness.

As a result of the competition, eight SMEs were selected, which received consulting services to incorporate sustainability and product life-cycle considerations into their operations and value chains. Specifically, the existing business models in the companies "Udabno," "Manna," "GSG," "Teleti," "Bioshesha," "Prinveli," "Sevsamora," and "Gvinuka," were evaluated. Taking eco-innovative approaches into account, a new strategy, business model, and action plan were developed for each company. To support these companies, international exhibitions, foundations, and projects on the topic of eco-innovation were



RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AWARD 2022 - “BUSINESS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

On October 20, the Corporate Responsibility Award Ceremony “Business for SDGs” was held for the fifth time, organized by the UN Global Compact Network Georgia. In 2022, the number of applicants hit a record high of 128. Meanwhile, the following winners across various categories were announced at the event:

- SDG 4 (Quality Education):** Bank of Georgia - “Ideatheka” multifunctional library project;
- SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth):** Bank of Georgia – a Project Supporting Women Entrepreneurs;
- SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure):** Liberty Bank - MyDoc Teleclinic project;
- SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production):** “Polyvim” - Plastic Processing Enterprise;
- SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions):** TBC Bank - “For Ukraine” Project;
- SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)** - “QWERTY” and “Supergmiri” - “Supergmiri” Project.

The winners of the contest were awarded by the Ambassador of the United States of America - Kelly Degnan, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden - Ulrik Tideström, the Ambassador of Japan - Akira Imamura, the Regional Director of the European Bank



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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AWARD BUSINESS for SDGs 2022





for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Caucasus - Catarina Bjorlin Hansen, the Deputy Head of the Georgia Office of the Council of Europe - Stefan Sirbu, the First Secretary of the Embassy of Ukraine in Georgia - Oleksandr Shulha, and the Adviser to the President of the National Bank of Georgia - Giorgi Bakradze.

A further highlight of the event occurred when Nino Kvernadze, CEO of Adjara Group, was awarded the UNGCNG's SDG Pioneer Award.

For the third time, media representatives were also presented with awards. The "Media for Responsible Business" award was given to Mariam Vachnadze ("Business Partner") for the best television story prepared on the topic of corporate sustainability and to Aleksandre Gvindadze (Radio Liberty) for the best digital article.

Representatives of companies participating in the competition and members of the diplomatic corps, international organizations, various agencies, and media attended the event.







SDG PIONEER

This competition is held annually under the UN Global Compact. It identifies and awards a leading SDG pioneer - a professional who works in a company participating in the UN Global Compact and contributes to achieving the SDGs by integrating them into business activities.

Nino Kvernadze, CEO of Adjara Group, – was named the 2022 SDG Pioneer of the UN Global Compact Network Georgia. Nino Kvernadze participated in a number of events, including the Leaders Summit, holding meetings in the course of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, presenting her company's activities, and making connections with colleagues at the international level.

The SDG Pioneer competition has been held globally since 2016, with its Georgia edition starting in 2019 when it was won by Maia Kobalia, followed by Valeri Chekheria in 2020.

SDG COMPASS

SDG Compass has been launched on the website of the UNGCNG, providing detailed information about each SDG, offering users ways and strategies to achieve and implement them, as well as relevant tools, indicators, and information about the role of businesses in realizing the 2030 Agenda. In addition, the SDG Compass, which is updated constantly, includes projects, successful examples, and activities implemented in accordance with each of the SDGs.

MAGAZINE - SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

Since 2020, the UN Global Compact Network Georgia has been publishing SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT, the first magazine in Georgia devoted to corporate sustainability. The publication presents the visions, initiatives, and activities of businesses, international and local organizations, the diplomatic corps, and the government in terms of sustainability, as well as showcasing current events in the world regarding corporate responsibility. In 2022, the following three issues of the magazine were produced: "Award 2021: Actions that Inspire the Future,"; "The War in Ukraine and the Business Response"; and "Sweden's Path to Sustainability."

During 2022, a total of 97 articles were published, while 93 interviews were recorded.



THE SDG TALKS

In 2022, the UNGCNG prepared a series of podcasts called SDG Talks. The series focused on various SDGs and– the SDG Pioneer initiative. In particular, the podcast guests were:

- **Valeri Chekheria** - Rooms Hotels, Executive Director;
- **Maia Kobalia** - "Crystal," Head of the Environmental and Social (E&S) Department;
- **Sandro Liluashvili** - "Tene," Founder; and
- **Dimitri Tskitishvili** - "Progressive Forum of Georgia," Chair.

The podcast series is available on the YouTube channel of the network





TV FEATURE - PARTNERSHIPS4SUSTAINABILITY

From March 25 to June 10, every Friday, TV 1's "Business Morning" program aired a feature on **partnerships4SUSTAINABILITY**.

The weekly feature aimed to encourage cooperation between the business and non-governmental sectors and to introduce joint projects to the wider public.

In total, 10 such features were broadcast.

The UNGCNG prepared this series in the course of the USAID/EWMI Civil Society Engagement Program.





TV FEATURE - WAY2SUSTAINABILITY

From February 23, the “way2SUSTAINABILITY” feature started to be aired on the “Business Formula” program.

Every Wednesday, in the feature, Salome Zurabishvili, Executive Director of the network, talks to the guests about corporate sustainability practices in Georgia and abroad and the relevant trends in this direction.

The purpose of the features is for businesses to gain a better understanding of the importance and benefits of corporate sustainability, as well as to raise public awareness of the standards to be met under the international obligations of the country, the fulfillment of which will be necessary for Georgia’s Euro-Atlantic integration ambitions to be realized.

During 2022, a total of 33 such features prepared by the UNGCNG were broadcast.

This series is produced with the support of the Swedish government.

TV FEATURE - SDG AMBASSADORS

In 2022, the UNGCNG, with the support of the Swedish government, prepared the SDG Ambassadors television project as part of the "Business Formula" program.

The series was thematically based on the 17 SDGs with the same number of actual or so-called ambassadors chosen accordingly. The SDG ambassadors represent different fields and professions, are opinion leaders, and support the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Agenda in Georgia and abroad.

During the project, the SDG ambassadors shared their visions and experiences regarding fulfilling each goal.

The SDG Ambassadors were:

-  **SDG 1 (No Poverty):**
Regional Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Caucasus - *Catarina Bjorlin Hansen;*
-  **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger):**
Chair of the Georgian Farmers' Association - *Nino Zambakhidze;*
-  **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being)**
Assistant Coach of the Georgian National Basketball Team – *Anatoli Boisa;*
-  **SDG 4 (Quality Education):**
Writer - *Dato Turashvili;*
-  **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**
Captain of the Georgian National Rugby Team - *Merab Sharikadze;*
-  **SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)**
Ambassador of Israel to Georgia - *Hadas Meitzad;*
-  **SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy)**
Chair of the Supervisory Board of the Georgian Renewable Energy Development Association - *Giorgi Abramishvili;*
-  **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**
President of the National Bank of Georgia - *Koba Gvenetadze;*

SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) Co-founder of Pulsar.AI and Vice President of Impel - *Sopo Chkoidze*;

SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) Deputy Public Defender of Georgia - *Eka Skhiladze*;

SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) Ambassador of Japan to Georgia - *Akira Imamura*;

SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) Co-founder of Phubber - *Anano Dolaberidze*;

SDG 13 (Climate Action) Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia - *Ulrik Tideström*;

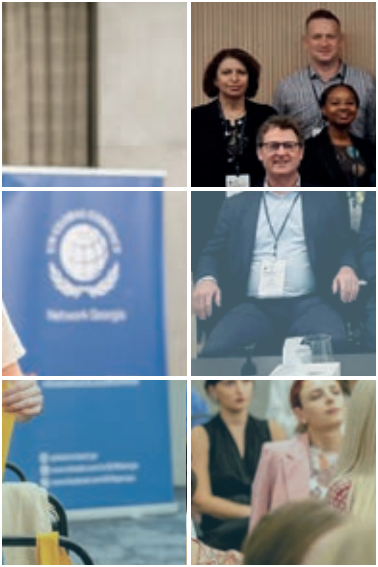
SDG 14 (Life Below Water) Director of Tbilisi Zoo - *Zurab Gurelidze*;

SDG 15 (Life on Land) Biologist, Founder of Seed Georgia - *Levan Butkhuzi*;

SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) Head of the Georgia Office of the Council of Europe - *Natalia Voutova*;

SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) USAID/Georgia`s Senior Private Sector Engagement Advisor - *Beverly Hoover*





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