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AGBC's 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**GEORGIA IN THE CAUCASUS:
A REGIONAL HUB WITH A DYNAMIC
ECONOMY**



 **Thursday, December 12,
10:00 Am**



December 11, 2024

18:00 – 19:30 *Buffet Dinner and Georgian Wine Reception Sponsored by BP*
80 M Street, SE, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20003

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1900 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

10:00 – 10:30 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

10:30 – 11:15 **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mamuka Tsereteli, President, AGBC

Ambassador (ret.) Philip Reeker, Albright Stonebridge Group

Joshua Huck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

11:15 – 12:30 Georgia in the Context of the Strategic Goeconomic Environment

Alejandro Hajdenberg, Mission Chief for Georgia, IMF

Preston Lindler, Director, Policy and Management Consulting Group

Moderator: **Kaush Arha**, President, Free and Open Connectivity

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Sponsored by Foresight Investment Group**

13:30 – 14:45 **The Dynamic Sectors of the Georgian Economy: High Tech Industry**

Ben Engber, CEO, Lineate,

Mathew Garver, CEO, HiQo Solutions

Volha Shalushkova, Vice President, Regional Head, Epam Systems

Moderator: **Tanner Johnson**, Acting Director, Office of Russia, Ukraine & Eurasia,
International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 17:00 **The Dynamic Sectors of the Georgian Economy**

Energy: Retail and Transit

Vano Nakaidze, CEO, Petrocas/Gulf

Transit Infrastructure

Luka Kervalishvili, Head of Commercial Department, Pacetrans/Pace Georgia

Real Estate

Housing Market Trends in Tbilisi, Georgia

By **Giorgi Natroshvili**, CFO, BK Holding

From Newcomer to Leader: White Square Journey in Real Estate

By **Tamta Medzmariashvili**, Head, Marketing and Branding, BK Holding

Retail Market

Giorgi Chkheidze, Founding Partner, Retail Chain Ori Nabiji

Financial Sector

The Rise of Foresight: Ushering in a New Era for Georgia's Financial Ecosystem

Rati Morchiladze, Head of Investments, Foresight Investment Group

Blockchain Technology in Wine Industry

Jonah Koch, Business Development, Proof of Origin

Moderator: **Randee Day**, CEO, Day & Partners/Director, AGBC

17:00 – 18:00 Roundtable Discussion: **Future of US-Georgia Business Partnership in the Context of Rising Tensions in Bilateral Relationships**

Moderator: **Larry Storch**, Director, America-Georgia Business Council

18:00 – 19:30 **Georgian Wine Reception**

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