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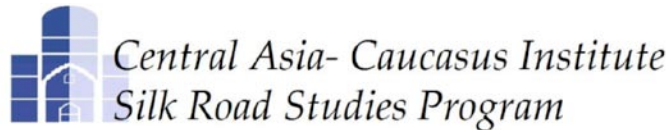
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DECEMBER 9

6:00 – 8:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Remarks by: John Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Co-hosted by Flora and Fauna International
Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC
Business Attire

DECEMBER 10

9:00 – 9:30

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION / COFFEE

9:30 – 9:35

WELCOMING REMARKS:

Enders Wimbush, President, AGBC/Hudson Institute
H.E. Vasil Sikharulidze, Georgian Ambassador to US

9:35 – 9:45

WELCOME ADDRESS

David Bakradze, Speaker of the Georgian Parliament

9:45 – 10:45

PANEL I: THE AVENUES FOR GROWTH IN GEORGIA

Moderator:

Frederick Starr, President, Central Asia Caucasus Institute

Speakers:

Hon. Robert Mosbacher, Jr. President and Chief
Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Hon. Ekaterina Sharashidze, Minister of Economic
Development, Georgia

Jyrki Koskelo, Vice President, Europe, Central Asia, and
Global Financial Markets, IFC

11:00 – 12:30

PANEL II: WHY GEORGIA MATTERS?

Moderator:

Larry Storch, Director, AGBC/Fulbright Jaworski

Speakers:

Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia to UN

Greg Saunders, Director, Government and International
Affairs, BP

Mauro De Lorenzo, Resident Fellow in Foreign and Defense
Policy, American Enterprise Institute

Mark Simakovski, Country Director, Georgia-Moldova,
Office of the Secretary of Defense, Europe-NATO Policy

12:30 – 1:30

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 2:00

KEYNOTE SPEECH By John Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of
Commerce

2:00 – 2:10	SIGNING CEREMONY OPIC PROJECTS IN GEORGIA
2:10 – 3:30	PANEL III: NEW FRONTIERS FOR U.S. – GEORGIA COOPERATION
<i>Moderator:</i>	Amanda Sloat , Professional Staff Member, House Foreign Relations Committee
<i>Speakers:</i>	Paul D. Burkhead , Director, European Trade Affairs, Office of US Trade Representative
	Ian Hague , CEO, Firebird Management
	Badri Japaridze , Vice Chairman, TBC Bank/GRDC
	Svante Cornell , Research Director, Central Asia Caucasus Institute
3:30 – 3:45	COFFEE BREAK
3:45- 5:30	PANEL IV: KEY GROWTH SECTORS OF THE GEORGIAN ECONOMY
<i>Moderator:</i>	Ted Jonas , Managing Partner, DLA Piper
<i>Speakers:</i>	Scott Wayne , President, SW Associates (Tourism)
	Mrs. Tamar Jarvelidze , Marketing Executive, Rakeen Georgia (Real Estate, Business Development, Poti Free Economic Zone)
	Nona Tordia , Chairman, Supervisory Board, Tbilisi Aviation Manufacturing (manufacturing and logistics)
	Michael Zigman , Technology Development, WR Hambrecht + Co (energy and technology)
	Laurent Guinand , President, Giramondo Wine Adventures (Wine industry)
	Kakha Gvelesiani , Chairman, Expo Georgia (commercial exhibitions)
5:30– 5:40	CLOSING REMARKS: Mamuka Tsereteli , Executive Director, AGBC
5:40 – 7:30	GEORGIAN WINE RECEPTION AND AUCTION OF RARE GEORGIAN WINES. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE GEORGIAN ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Registration

Please confirm your participation by e-mailing your name, title, company, telephone and fax to 11th.AGBCC@gmail.com. **A participation fee of \$95 and an RSVP is mandatory.** Payment should be made by check or via bank transfer: America-Georgia Business Council, United Bank, 2301 M Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20037, ABA #: 056004445, Account #: 0069644581. The deadline for registration is November 30, 2008. For more information please contact us by phone (202) 416-1606, e-mail at agbdc@agbdc.com, or fax to (202) 293-3083. We have secured special rates of \$209 plus tax at the Beacon Hotel. These rates apply only to December 9 and 10, 2008. To receive this lower rate, you must make reservations before November 10, 2008. For reservations, please call the Beacon Hotel at (202) 296-2100 or toll-free 800-821-4367. If you wish to make reservations online, please e-mail reservations@beaconhotelwdc.com. Please inform the reservation agent that you will be attending the America-Georgia Business Council conference.

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