

**8th Georgian International Oil, Gas, Energy and Infrastructure
Conference & Showcase**



2nd & 3rd April 2009
Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel
Tbilisi, Georgia

Conference Programme
Day One: Thursday 2nd April 2009

- 08:30 Registration and coffee
09:00 Start of conference: Chairman's opening remarks
- 09:15 Keynote Address: **Alexander Khetaguri, Minister of Energy, Georgia**
- 09:30 Session 1: **Recent developments in Georgia's oil, gas, and energy sectors**
- The role of Georgia as a critical transit country – a strategic crossroad for hydrocarbon transit
 - Political initiatives to develop the Georgian oil and gas sector
 - Reforms undertaken
 - Regulation and liberalisation
 - Ensuring energy security for Georgia

Speakers:

Mariam Valishvili, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Georgia
Zurab Janjgava, General Director, Georgian Oil & Gas Corporation

Invitations to:

GOGC
SOCAR

- 10:45 Morning Coffee
- 11:15 Session 2: **The White Stream gas transportation project**
- Can Caspian gas be delivered to the EU via Georgia and the Black Sea?
 - Meeting the growing European demand for Caspian gas
 - Route options
 - Technical features
 - Financing the project

Speakers:

Dr Giorgi Vashakmadze, Director, Corporate Development, GUEU White Stream
Ray Tomkins, Financial Director, GUEU White Stream
Dr Bratislav Ceperkovic, Chairman and CEO, Transnafta, Serbia

- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 British Georgia Chamber of Commerce: **Mako Abashidze, Director, BGCC**
- 14:10 Session 3: **Creating the ‘Corridor Concept’ to reduce perceived transportation risks and encourage upstream development and the pipeline across the Caspian Region**
- For governments
 - For investors
 - Developing parallel pipelines – security of demand
 - Sustaining exports to Europe and world markets over the long term to ensure financial viability of pipeline projects
- Invitations to:*
BP
Batumi Oil Terminal
StatoilHydro
- 15:30 Afternoon Tea
- 16:00 Session 4: **Diversifying the supply of Natural Gas to Western Europe**
- Is there potential for transporting Turkmen and Kazakh gas through Georgia?
 - The South Caucasus Pipeline as the principle source of supplying Europe with gas, through the Nabucco, Turkey-Greece and Greece-Italy pipelines
 - Development of the Trans-Caspian Gas Pipeline and connecting to Nabucco
- Invitations to:*
BOTAS
SOCAR
Turkmangas
- 17:20 Chairman’s closing remarks
- 17:30 End of day one
- 19:30 Evening reception

Day Two: Friday 3rd April 2009

- 08:30 Registration and coffee
- 09:00 Chairman’s opening remarks
- 09:05 Session 5: **Encouraging Western investment in the development of additional transport routes**
- The need for larger import volumes
 - The requirement for EU support for increased volumes
 - Diversifying the supply of natural gas to Western Europe
- Speakers:
Invited: Mr Irakli Gachechiladze, Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Georgia
Mr Gogita Gvenetadze, Chief Specialist, Transport Department, Ministry of Economic Development, Georgia
- Invitations to;*
EBRD

10:30 Morning Coffee

11:00 Session 6: **Exploiting Georgia's own oil and gas reserves**

- Issuing of licences for exploration & production
- Current production sharing contracts
- Prospects for new discoveries
- Evaluating the potential of the Black Sea shelf

Invitations to:

Giorgi Tatishvili, Acting Head, State Agency for Regulation of Oil & Gas Resources of Georgia

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Session 7: **Roundtable debate: Developing the Georgian energy sector**

- Current Government initiatives to stimulate the sector
- Sustainability of energy sources and routes
- Energy security

15:15 Chairman's closing remarks

15:30 End of conference