



3rd International Conference: “Incorporation of Child Rights into the Educational Programmes and Curricula of Universities”

With focus om Teaching the State Language and Education of Ethnic Minorities

20-21 September 2022

Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

Agenda

Venue : Samtskhe-Javakheti State University, Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

Address: 113 Rustaveli str. Akhaltsikhe

Moderation:

20 September, Plenaries: Natia Jokhadze, UNICEF

21 September, Plenaries: Nona Tsikhelashvili, UNICEF

20 September (Tuesday) – Day 1		
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>	
10:00-11:00	Opening of the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maka Beridze, Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University - Besik Amiranashvili, Governor of Samtskhe-Javakheti - Tamar Makharashvili, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (MoES) - David Sergeenko, Vice-speaker, Parliament of Georgia - Tea Akhvlediani, State Minister, Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality - Mikheil Sarjveladze, Chair, Committee of Human Rights and Civil Integration, Parliament of Georgia - George Amilakhvari, Chair, Committee of Education and Science, Parliament of Georgia - Philippe Cori, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director Europe and Central Asia - Ashot Smbatyan, Ambassador of Armenia - Vesselin Valkanov Ambassador of Bulgaria - Riina Kaljurand, Ambassador of Estonia - Maria Theodorou, Ambassador of Hellenic Republic - Enrico Valvo, Ambassador of Italy - Sabine Machl, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Georgia - Ghassan Khalil, Representative, UNICEF Georgia

11:00 – 12:00	Plenary session 1 Academia in Georgia: A New Advocate and Defender of Child Rights	Chair of the session: Marko Soldic , Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Norway Rectors of 7 State Universities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merab Khalvashi, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University - Giorgi Sosiashvili, Gori State University - Irma Shioshvili, Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University - Roland Kopaliani, Akaki Tsereteli State University - Maka Beridze, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University - Teona Khupenia, Shota meskhia State teaching University of Zugdidi - Zurab Khonelidze, Sokhumi State University - Ghassan Khalil, Representative, UNICEF Georgia <i>Panel discussions</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary session 2 Promoting Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Education System of Georgia (preschool education)	Chair of the session: Lali Kalandadze , Head, Department of Preschool and General Education Development, MoES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tamar Toloraia, Head, Preschool Education Division, MoES; <i>„Educational policy and initiatives for the protection of child's rights in Georgia“</i> - Tea Dzotsenidze, Project Lead, MoES “Strengthening Capacities of Municipalities in Implementation of the Law on Early and Preschool Development and Education and National Standards ” - Nino Gurgeniidze, Project Lead, MoES, “Implementation of State Standards in Ethnic Minority Pre-schools and Schools” - Masahiro Kato, Japan International Cooperation Agency – Early Childhood Education and Development Advisor for the MoES <i>Panel discussions</i>
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Plenary session 3 Promoting Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Education System of Georgia (general education)	Chair of the session: Lali Kalandadze , Head, Department of Preschool and General Education Development, MoES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ketevan Khutsishvili, Professor, Tbilisi State University; <i>“Individual approaches of the states towards teaching and learning of state language as a fundament for realization of rights of ethnic minorities”</i> - Christos Parthenis, Associate Professor of Intercultural Education, Educational Studies Department, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; <i>“Balancing unity and diversity in a European context: the case of Roma children in Greece”</i> - Delphine Guedat-Bittighoffer, Associate Professor in sciences of language, department of French as Foreign Language, University of Angers; <i>“The need for a learning with well treatment for a better acquisition of the language of schooling of the host country by allophone pupils”</i> - Tamar Jakeli, Coordinator of National Curriculum Implementation, MoES; <i>“Implementation of the National Curriculum through bi-lingual approaches - achievements and challenges”</i> - Ms. Nino Shatberashvili, Deputy Head of the Office of Resource Officers of Educational Institution; <i>“Establishing and implementing a new model of the National Inclusive Education Support System in Georgia.”</i> <i>Panel discussions</i>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

16:00-17:30	Work in thematic sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 1. Teaching and learning child rights at universities – preparation of future professionals - Section 2. Child rights and inclusive education in preschool and general education sectors - Section 3. Child-friendly society, strengthening child rights culture and child rights in law, justice, health, and child protection - Section 4. Teaching and learning state language and education of ethnic minority and refugee children - Section 5. ‘Parents’ ABC – behaviour insights driven tool for better parenting’ (16:30-17:00)
17:30 – 18:00	Closing of the day 1	Ghassan Khalil , Representative, UNICEF Georgia
18:30 – 20:00	<i>Welcome cocktail</i>	<i>Venue: Samtskhe-Javakheti State University, outdoor event</i>

21 September (Wednesday) – Day 2		
9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
09:30 - 10:00	Opening session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maka Beridze, Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University - Irakli Lazarashvili, Mayor of Akhaltsikhe - Maaïke Van Koldam, Ambassador of the Netherlands - Mariusz Maszkiewicz, Ambassador of Poland - Ulrik Tideström, Ambassador of Sweden - Heidi Grau, Ambassador of Switzerland - Ghassan Khalil, Representative, UNICEF Georgia
10:00 – 11:15	Plenary session 4 Child friendly Justice and Child Protection System	<p>Chair of the session: Teona Kuchava, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ton Liefwaard, Vice-Dean for Education of Leiden Law School, Full Professor of Children’s Rights, UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights at Leiden University, Leiden Law School, Netherlands; <i>“Child-friendly justice: how to make justice systems accessible for all children”</i> - Kiira Gornischeff, Head of Prevention Unit at the Estonian Social Insurance Board, Estonia; (PhD candidate in Social Work at the Tallinn University); <i>“Handle with care - what can teachers, lawyers and child protection professionals learn from children in secure care settings”</i> - Moris Baramia – Head of the Diversion and Mediation Department, The National Agency for Crime Prevention and Probation, Ministry of Justice; <i>“Restorative approaches and juvenile diversion programs in Georgia”</i> - Natia Aliashvili – Head of the Juvenile Referral Center, The National Agency for Crime Prevention and Probation, Ministry of Justice; <i>“Activities of the Juvenile Referral Center with Ethnic Minorities”</i> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	Plenary session 5 Child friendly Social Policy and Health Systems	<p>Chair of the Session: Nino Davitashvili, Social Policy Officer, UNICEF Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nino Davitashvili, Social Policy Officer, UNICEF Georgia; <i>“Situation of Children in Samtskhe-Javakheti: Results of MICS”</i> - Alexandre Taroiani and Nana Gudavadze family doctors from Akhaltsikhe; <i>“Accessibility of health services for ethnic minorities in Georgia”</i> - Nino Zurabishvili, expert at National Association of Local authorities of Georgia; <i>“Strengthening municipalities through Social Programming”</i> - Tamar Samsonidze, Specialist on child rights issues; Akhaltsikhe municipality; <i>“Public Health and Social Services unit Needs assessment of children and families with children”</i> <p><i>Panel discussions</i></p>
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15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	Plenary session 6 State language for accessible education for all (vocational and higher education)	<p>Chair of the session: Gela Lomiashvili, Team Leader for Research and Inclusive Development, Skills Agency Georgia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gela Lomiashvili, Team Leader for Research and Inclusive Development, Skills Agency Georgia; <i>“Vocational education and state language teaching-learning opportunities for ethnic minorities in Georgia”</i> - Maria Antonietta Zara, Professor Oberschulzentrum / Centro scolastico “J. Ph. Fallmerayer”, Bressanone – Italy; <i>“The teaching of the Italian language in schools in Alto Adige - Südtirol” Examples of training offer and inclusion</i> - Maka Beridze, Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University; <i>“Teaching of state language and Armenian population in Samtskhe-Javakheti”</i> - Merab Beridze, Vice-Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University; <i>“Teaching of State Language and Armenian population in Samtskhe-Javakheti”</i> - Kakha Gabunia, Professor, Tbilisi State University; <i>“Development of bilingual education model for BA programmes in preschool education at Georgian Universities”</i> <p><i>Panel discussions</i></p>
17:30 – 18:00	Awards’ Ceremony of participants of Professional Development Programme on Child Rights	Ghassan Khalil , Representative, UNICEF Georgia Maka Beridze , Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University Ambassadors
	Awards’ Ceremony of student authors for the Essays of Child Rights	Ghassan Khalil , Representative, UNICEF Georgia
	Awards’ Ceremony of School Projects on Child Rights	Ghassan Khalil , Representative, UNICEF Georgia Tea Dzotsenidze , MoES Nino Gurgenidze , MoES
18:00 – 18:30	Closing session of the Conference	Maka Beridze , Rector, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University Ghassan Khalil , Representative, UNICEF Georgia