

# Thirty Years of US-Georgian Partnership: Achievements and New Horizons

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**October 28**  
**Conference Program**  
***Marriott Tbilisi, Ball Room***

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

10:30 – 10:35 **WELCOMING REMARKS:**

**Mamuka Tsereteli**, President, AGBC

10:35 – 11:20 **OPENING ADDRESSES:**

**30 Years of the US-Georgian Partnership**

**Hon. Levan Davitashvili**, Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Georgia

**H.E. Kelly Degnan**, US Ambassador to Georgia

**Andrew M. Herscowitz**, Chief Development Officer  
U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

11:20 – 12:00 **The Framework for Financial Stability**

Conversation with:

**Koba Gvenetadze**, President  
National Bank of Georgia

*Moderated by:* **Anthony Kim**, Co-editor, Index of Economic  
Freedom/Heritage Foundation

12:00-13:00 **The Evolving Geopolitical Environment in the Black Sea Region**

Conversation with:

**James Carafano**, Vice President, Heritage Foundation

**Richard Kraemer**, Board President, US-EUROPE Alliance

*Moderated by:* **Mamuka Tsereteli**

13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH: KEYNOTE INTERVIEW WITH**

**Arkadyi Dobkin**, CEO, Epam Systems

Introduction of the New Member Companies:

**APR Energy**, presented by **Josef Skoldeberg**, Global Head, Corporate Affairs

**Lineate**, presented by **Giorgi Tsikolia**, Regional Director

**Foresight Investment Group**, presented by **Gia Morchiladze**, Executive Director

14:00 – 14:15 pm *Twenty-Five Years of America-Georgia Business Council*

14:15 – 15:30 pm **DRIVERS OF GROWTH IN GEORGIA:  
PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVE**

*Moderator:* **Erin Walsh**, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce

*Speakers:* **Jeffrey Liebert**, CEO, Gazelle Finance  
**Nugzar Kachukhashvili**, CEO, Rustavi Steele  
**Benjamin Engber**, CEO, Lineate  
**Benjamin Church**, CEO, APR Energy

15:30 – 16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 – 16:15 **US GOVERNMENT RESOURCES SUPPORTING PRIVATE SECTOR**  
**Andrew Glass**, Commercial Attaché, US Embassy in Ankara

16:15 – 18:00 **AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN GEORGIA: SUCCESS STORIES OF  
DFC/OPIC INVESTMENTS**

*Moderator:* **Kenneth Angell**, Managing Director, SME Financing, DFC

*Brief Presentations:* **George Tavadze**, CEO, GMT Group (Marriott Hotels, Sante GMT)  
**Michael Cowgill**, President, Georgian American University  
**Joseph Dolidze**, Principle, Pace Georgia  
**Nino Menteshashvili**, Managing Director, ICS Limited/Licensee of Fedex  
**Gregory Kuntz**, Managing Partner, American International Healthcare Group/American Hospital Tbilisi  
**Karlo Goginava**, Managing Partner, Wings & Freeman

18:00 *Signing Ceremony between the **US International Development Finance Corporation** and **Poti New Sea Port***

19:00 **Reception at Funicular Restaurant Reception Hall, HOSTED BY the  
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**