



## SOUTH CAUCASUS GREEN ENERGY FORUM

### • Georgia

**Dec 9, 2021**  
**8:30 – 11:35 EST**

(U.S. Eastern Standard Time)



**Georgia.** 80 percent of Georgia's electric energy is produced by hydro power plants, 19 percent by thermal, and around one percent by wind. The Government of Georgia has aggressively undertaken efforts to attract investments in the hydro power sector. Georgia has been a net importer of electricity since 2012 but still exports some electricity to Turkey. The government supports initiatives that relate to renewable energy to lessen dependence on fuel imports for thermal plants and to increase Georgia's electricity export potential. The U.S. government provides legal and regulatory advisory assistance to Georgia to establish a fully competitive electricity market and supports the development of wind and solar power generation projects. Development of the competitive electricity market and establishment of the renewable energy incentives should make wind, solar, and hydropower projects more attractive for investors, thus creating demand for U.S. equipment.

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**Virtual Platform:** Cisco Webex  
(You will receive a link to join upon registration)

**Cost:** free of charge

**Format:** Davos style (no presentations; discussion format)

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*You are cordially invited to join us for the South Caucasus Green Energy Forum with particular focus on the Green Energy Plans, Potential Project Development and Regional Cooperation*

*During this virtual event, green energy companies and government officials from the U.S. and counterparts in Georgia will discuss emerging and evolving opportunities for collaboration.*



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## **Opportunities in Georgia**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

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### **Welcome**

8:30–8:40 AM

- **Ms. Heather Byrnes, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs and**  
*Regional Senior Commercial Officer, Eurasia*
- **Ms. Nata Turnava, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, of Georgia (TBC)**

### **Opening Remarks**

8:40–9:15 AM

- **Ambassador Kelly C. Degan, U.S. Ambassador to Georgia**
- **Dr. Steven Burns, Acting Technical Support Office Director, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (TBC)**
- **Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy and Natural Resources, State Department (TBC)**

### **Keynote Remarks**

9:15–9:25 AM

**Mr. Don Graves, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce (TBC)**

### **Market Conditions, Opportunities, and the Regulatory Environment for Renewable Energy in Georgia**

9:25–10:30 AM

Mr. Davit Tvalabeishvili, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development responsible for energy (TBC)  
Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) (TBC)  
Georgian Energy Market Exchange (TBC)  
Georgian Energy Development Fund (TBC)  
Georgia State Electrosystem (TBC)  
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

### **U.S. Renewable Energy Firms: Success in Georgia and Globally**

10:30–11:30 PM

### **Closing Remarks**

11:30–11:35 PM

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