



## Bia Investment forum: Georgia - Land of Opportunities

We are happy to invite you to the annual Forum titled “Bia Investment Forum: Georgia - Land of Opportunities,” which will take place in May 15, 2018 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

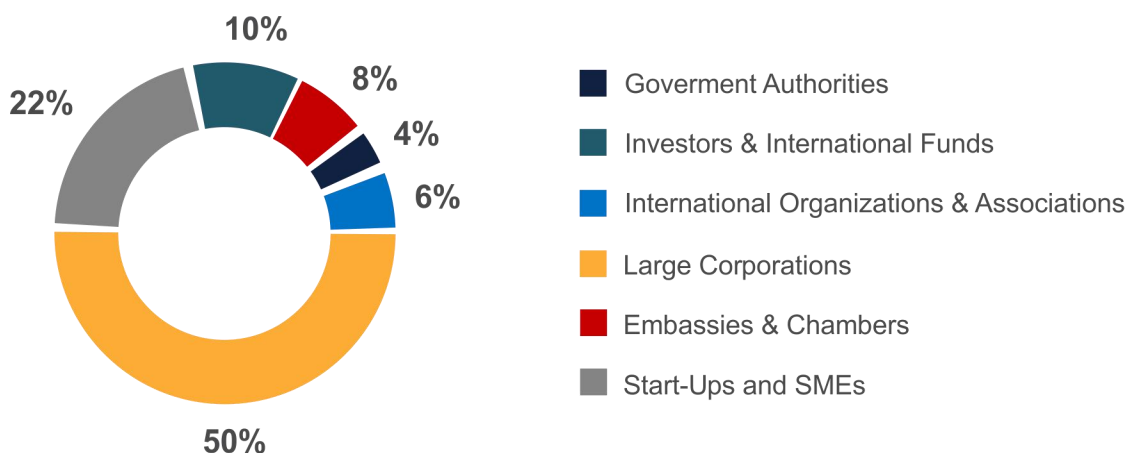
The purpose of the annual Forum is to bring together over 500 businessmen, investors, government representatives and international organizations interested in questions concerning Georgia’s economy and the region and to

Investors will have the opportunity to address questions to government and business representatives regarding different industries and projects and to arrange face-to-face meetings with projects’ representatives.

The Forum will host foreign investors, representatives of international rating agencies, investment banks, venture capital companies, and representatives of private equity

discuss the current and prospective opportunities and the challenges facing the national and regional economy. The Forum provides potential investors with the opportunity to hear about the country’s macroeconomic, legal and tax advantages from leading experts in government and business. Attendees will hear current and planned projects in infrastructure, energy, tourism, real estate, capital market development, private equity and venture capital funds.

Bia JSC has been a leading Georgian company for 15 years in providing domestic and foreign investors with business profiles, marketing lists and market sector analyses. Bia manages the largest information business database, with more than 40,000 active Georgian companies. Based on past Forums, here is a breakdown of expected attendees.



## Bia Investment Forum

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/May 15, 2018, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel/

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**08:30 - 09:20**

**Registration & Welcome Coffee**

**09:30 - 09:35**

**Opening Speech**

Mr. Aieti Kukava, CEO JSC Bia

**09:35 - 09:50**

**Welcome Speech**

Mr. Dimitri Kumsishvili, First Vice-Prime Minister,  
Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development

**09:50 - 10:00**

**Georgia - The Center of Financial Market in the Region**

Mr. Mamuka Bakhtadze  
Minister of Finance of Georgia

**10:05 - 10:55**

**Strategic Infrastructure Projects that can Stimulate the Economy**

Ms. Maia Tskitishvili, Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure (tbc)  
Mr. Davit Saganelidze, CEO, Partnership Fund  
Ms. Ketii Bochorishvili, CEO, Anaklia City  
Panel Session Moderator: Mr. Giorgi Isakadze, Editor-in-Chief Forbes Georgia

**11:00 - 11:40**

**Regional Economy Overview (South Caucasus, Central Asian Countries)**

Ms. Mercy Tembon, Regional Director for the South Caucasus, World Bank  
Mr. Bruno Balvanera, Director for Caucasus, Moldova and Belarus, EBRD  
Ms. Marion Hoenicke, Head of Division, EU Neighboring Countries, EIB  
Mr. Seyed Javad GhavamShahidi, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran in Georgia  
Moderator: Mr. David Lee, President of European Business Association

**11:45-12:10 COFFEE BREAK**

**12:15 - 13:15**

**Part I (20min)**

**The Importance of Credit Ratings for Effective Fundraising**

Ms. Julia Belskaya von Tell, Senior Director, Fitch Ratings  
Ms. Elena Eliseyenko, Branch Head, Russia/CIS, S&P Global Ratings

**Part II (40min)**

**The Role of Capital Market, Private Equity and Venture Capital in Emerging Markets Economy**

Mr. Recep Bildik, Director, Borsa Istanbul  
Mr. Davit Gigauri, Partner, Gryphon Emerging Markets  
Mr. Sean Hamilton, Founder & CEO, Agile Precis Ventures  
Ms. Olena Boytsun, Director/Investment Lead for CEE Region, Omidyar Network  
Moderator: Mr. Aieti Kukava, Chairman of Venture Capital Association  
Q/A

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13:20 - 13:55

**Attracting Funds to Develop Emerging Markets**

Mr. Anand Chandani, Regional Director EECA-MENA, responsAbility SAS  
Ms. Nana Mikashavidze, Investment Manager at Finance-in-Motion  
Ms. Nino Pataraiia, Associate Vice-President at BlueOrchard Finance  
Q/A

14:00-15:00 LUNCH

**Parallel Panel Sessions:**

15:00 - 16:30

**(Ball room I)**

**Investment Opportunities in Hospitality & Real Estate**

Mr. Jean Frederic Paulsen, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  
Ms. Csilla Mezosi, Secretary General, European Spas Association (ESPA)  
Mr. Beka Jakeli, Senior Officer of the Regional Programme for Europe (tbc)  
Moderator: H.E. Dr. Victoria Horvath, Ambassador of Hungary in Georgia  
Presentations of state and private projects for potential investors  
Q/A

15:00 - 15:45

**(Ball room II)**

**Investment Opportunities in Energy**

Mr. George Chikovani, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development (tbc)  
Mr. Tornike Rizhvadze, CEO, Georgian Energy Development Fund  
Mr. Azer Mammedov, CEO, SOCAR Georgia Gas  
Mr. Bjorn Brantsaeg, CEO & Founder, Clean Energy Group  
Moderator: Mr. Norberto Pignatti, Head of Energy and Environment Policy Research Center, ISET PI  
Q/A

15:50 - 16:40

**( Ball room II)**

**Investment Opportunities in Agriculture and prospects for Georgia's Exports**

Mr. Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Agriculture of Georgia (tbc)  
Mr. Zviad Kvlividze, acting CEO, Enterprise Georgia  
Moderator: Mr. Giorgi Kacharava, EUGBC Executive Director  
*Presentations of state and private projects for potential investors*  
Q/A