

# Georgian-Norwegian Collaborative in Public Health

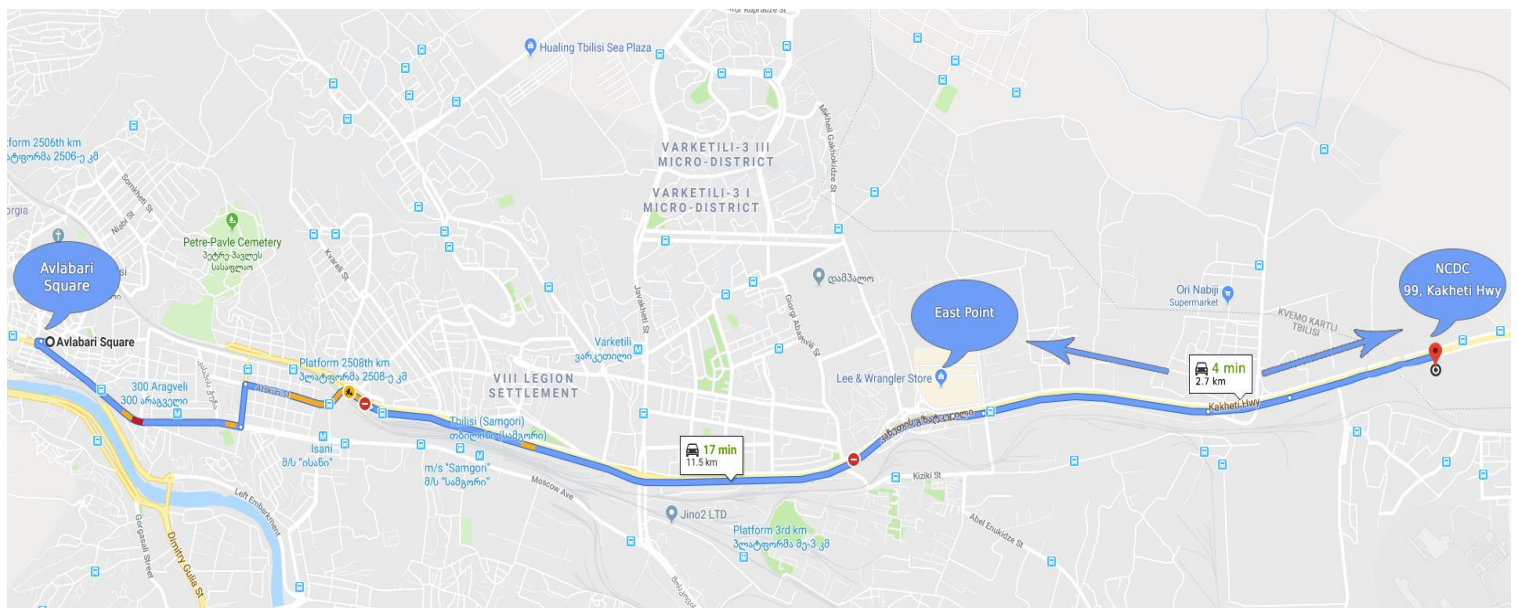
## Conference Agenda

*Event Date: October 21-22, 2019*

*Event Venue: National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, 99 Kakheti Highway, 0198, Tbilisi, Georgia*

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The Georgian-Norwegian relationship in healthcare spans almost 20 years. The solid foundation for mutual collaboration and relations come from the mid of 90's. In the frame of the Cooperation Program with Eurasia, Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (DIKU) funded project CPEA-2015/10057 Georgian-Norwegian Collaborative in Public Health (GeNoC-PH). The project living cycle is 2016-2021. Total amount allocated for the project is NOK 6 800 000. Participants are The Arctic University of Norway UiT, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), The University of Georgia (UG), National Center for Disease Control and Public Health of Georgia (NCDC), UNICEF Georgia and Consulting & IT Innovations organization (CiTi).

The overall goal of the project is to increase public health competence in Georgia and enhance knowledge-transfer between Norway and Georgia in terms of register-based epidemiology and public health

The project aims:

- To develop new and modern, Bologna standards according English language master programs in public health at participant Georgian HEIs
- To have short and long term exchange students and faculties exchange between two countries and three universities
- To support two PhD thesis in the field of reproductive health
- To ensure scientific research cooperation
- To create joint courses
- To develop registry epidemiology course and gaining experience in registry biased studies
- To develop population registries



October 21		
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Registration & Networking	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Opening and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</li> <li>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia</li> <li>Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway in Georgia</li> <li>Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU)</li> <li>The University of Georgia (UG)</li> <li>UNICEF Georgia</li> </ul>
11:30 - 12:00 AM	Norwegian-Georgian collaboration – historical overview Norwegian-Georgian collaboration in Public Health – Georgian and Norwegian perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway in Georgia</li> <li>Amiran Gamkrelidze, Professor, Director General, NCDC &amp; Toralf Hasvold, Professor Emeritus, UiT</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45 AM	The Arctic University of Norway UiT - introduction Project progress report: outputs, outcomes, expected impact Questions & Answers (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Husebekk, Professor, Rector, UiT</li> <li>Erik Eik Anda, UiT</li> <li>Erik Eik Anda, UiT</li> </ul>
12:45 - 13:15 PM	Coffee break	
13:15 - 14:15 PM	Maternal and Child welfare – Global challenges and achievements, from MDGs to SDGs Maternal and Children health in Georgia  Georgian Birth Registry Questions & Answers (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tako Ugulava, UNICEF Georgia</li> <li>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia - TBC</li> <li>National Center for Disease Control and Public Health Erik Eik Anda, UiT</li> </ul>
14:15 - 15:15 PM	Lunch & Networking	
15:15 – 16:30 PM	Maternal mortality in Georgia Perinatal mortality in Georgia Caesarean sections tendencies in Georgia Questions & Answers (15 minutes) Wrap up – Global health and evidence based research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natia Skhvitaridze, PhD candidate, UiT</li> <li>Tinatin Manjavidze, PhD candidate, UiT</li> <li>Ingvild Nedberg, PhD candidate, UiT</li> <li>Facilitator - Erik Eik Anda, Project Coordinator, UiT</li> <li>Mary Taylor, Professor, UiT</li> </ul>
19:00 – 22:30	Conference dinner	
	Venue: Restaurant “Old Metekhi” 3 Metekhi slope <a href="http://oldmetekhi.info-tbilisi.com/">http://oldmetekhi.info-tbilisi.com/</a>	

October 22		
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Introduction to educational cooperation and exchange	Tormod Brenn, Professor, UiT
10:30 – 12:00 AM	Higher Education and Internationalization in Georgia Internalization of Georgia’s science through strengthening international collaboration in research TSU project achievements UG project achievements Georgian student perception on the project  Questions & Answers (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Erasmus + Office, Georgia</li><li>Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia - TBC</li><li>Nino Chikhladze, Professor, TSU</li><li>Tamar Lobzhanidze, Dear School of Health Sciences, UGMA and PhD Students from UG and TSU</li><li>Facilitators – Natia Skhvitaridze, Tinatin Manjavidze, Ingvild Nedberg</li></ul>
12:00 – 12:20 PM	Coffee break	
12:20 - 13:20 PM	Future educational and exchange activities, possibilities and ex-challenges between universities  Future scientific possibilities and applications  Public health in Georgia – the future	Anne Husebekk, Professor, Rector, UiT  Erik Eik Anda, UiT  Amiran Gamkrelidze, Professor, Director General, NCDC
13:20 – 14:00 PM	Summary/Closing/General discussions/assembly	
14:00 – 15:00 PM	Lunch and networking	
Closing		