

**29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACEEEO**  
**TBILISI, GEORGIA**  
**8-10 September 2020**  
**(Time zone: Tbilisi)**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**8 September 2020 (Tuesday)**

15.00 – 16.00	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> (for Executive Board members)
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	<b>ACEEEO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING</b> (for ACEEEO members)

**9 September 2020 (Wednesday)**

16.00 – 16.20	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION</b> <b>Tamar Zhvania</b> , President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Georgia <b>Zsolt Szolnoki</b> , Secretary General of ACEEEO
16.20 – 16.40	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE CEC GEORGIA</b> <b>Tamar Zhvania</b> , President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Georgia

16.40 – 17.45	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION I.</b></p> <p><b>EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS – VOTERS, CITIZENS – ‘HOW TO KEEP TRUST IN ELECTIONS – CHANNELS OF REACHING OUT TO VOTERS’</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Arnis Cimdars</b>, President of the Latvian Election Expert Association, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Hassan K. Sesay</b>, Senior Electoral/Political Affairs Officer, Electoral Assistance Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations</p> <p><b>Corneliu Pasat</b>, Deputy Head of Communication, Public Relations and Media Department of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova</p>
17.45– 18.00	Coffee break, partially online group photography and partially online visiting the exhibition
18.00 – 19.00	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION II.</b></p> <p><b>EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS – ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN ELECTORAL COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Laura Matjošaitytė</b>, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Dr. Gábor Polyák</b>, Professor at the University of Pécs</p> <p><b>Ingrid Bicu</b>, National Expert at International IDEA</p> <p><b>Fosco Riani</b>, Public Policy Associate Manager for elections in Europe, Middle East and Africa, Facebook (Gold Sponsor of the Conference)</p>
19.00 –	Online cultural program

10 September 2020 (Thursday)

16.00 – 17.00	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION III.</b></p> <p><b>INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS – SPREADING INFORMATION WITHIN THE EMB SYSTEM – COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER STATE BODIES AND STAKEHOLDERS</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Zsombor Vajda</b>, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Paul DeGregorio</b>, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p><b>Pierre Garrone</b>, Head of Elections and Political Parties Division, the Venice Commission of Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Nermin Nisic</b>, Senior Electoral Expert, IFES</p>
17.00 – 18.00	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IV.</b></p> <p><b>DEALING WITH DISINFORMATION DURING ELECTIONS: LESSONS LEARNED</b></p> <p><b>Moderation provided by the Delian Project</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Erik Brattberg</b>, Europe Program Director, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</p> <p><b>Dr. Lorenzo Córdoba Vianello</b>, Councilor President of the Nacional Electoral Institute (INE) of Mexico</p> <p><b>Thomas Hicks</b>, Commissioner, U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC)</p>
18.00 – 18.15	Coffee break, online visiting the exhibition
18.15 – 19.15	<p><b>LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ELECTIONS HELD DURING THE PANDEMIC</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Richard W. Soudriette</b>, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Damir Kontrec</b>, Vice-President of the State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia</p> <p><b>Laura Matjošaitytė</b>, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania</p>

**Enver Saljihi**, Member of State Election Commission of North Macedonia

**Krzysztof Lorentz**, Head of the Department, National Electoral Office of Poland

19.15 – 20.00

**RECAPITULATION SPEECHES, CONFERENCE FINDINGS. OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE**

Chair:

**Zsolt Szolnoki**, Secretary General of ACEEEO

Speakers:

**Arnis Cimdars**, President of the Latvian Election Expert Association, Honorary Member of ACEEEO

**Laura Matjošaitytė**, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania

**Zsombor Vajda**, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

**Representative** of the the Delian Project

**Richard W. Soudriette**, Honorary Member of ACEEEO

**William J. Hybl**, Board Member, Board of Directors, IFES

**Tamar Zhvania**, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Georgia

20.00 –

Online Cultural program