

**U.S. - GEORGIA BUSINESS SUMMIT:
PROMOTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN GEORGIA**



**SUMMIT AGENDA
OCTOBER 27, 2008
MARRIOTT COURTYARD, TBILISI, GEORGIA**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

WELCOME:

*David Lee, President of American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia
Charge U.S. Embassy, Kent Logsdon*

KEYNOTES:

*Deputy Secretary of Commerce, John Sullivan
Prime Minister Gurgenedze*

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION: THE BUSINESS CLIMATE OF GEORGIA,
FOLLOWED BY Q&A**

MODERATOR: Larry Walther, President, USTDA

PANELISTS:

- Business Climate Olin McGill, Director, Business Climate Reform, USAID
- Legal issues Ted Jonas, Partner, DLA Piper
- Tax Issues Matt Tallarovic, Partner, PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Case Study Alan Middleton (tbc), Director, Poti Port/FIZ

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *PRESIDENT SAAKASHVILI***

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES W/ Q&A**

MODERATOR: Robert Mosbacher, Jr., President, OPIC

PANELISTS:

- Ex-Im Bank Programs Export-Import Bank (tbd)
- OPIC Programs Ken Angell, Vice President

- TDA Programs Dan Stein, Regional Director (tbc)
- USAID Programs John Hansen, Director
- European Bank for Rec. & Dev. Michael Davey, Regional Director (tbc)
- World Bank Roy Southworth, Country Manager (tbc)

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK
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3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS
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PRESENTATIONS BY REGIONAL BUSINESS EXECUTIVES DISCUSSING TRADE AND INVESTMENT NEEDS BY SECTOR:

- Manufacturing
- Infrastructure/transportation
- Telecommunications/information services
- Food processing/agribusiness
- Renewable energy

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	CLOSING SESSION
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Closing remarks by Deputy Secretary of Commerce, John Sullivan
Closing remarks by Minister of Economic Development Sharashidze

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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