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Tbilisi, Georgia

INNOVATIVE AND BLOCKCHAIN PLATFORMS FOR FUNDING 2030 AGENDA

HOW TO MOVE FROM “BILLIONS TO TRILLIONS AGENDA” FOR FUNDING SDGs?

HOW TO BOOST AND UNLOCK NEW INNOVATIVE FINANCING?

CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND BLOCKCHAIN: GAME-CHANGERS IN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING?

TIME FOR GLOBAL SOLIDARITY TAXES?

HOW TO BETTER COORDINATE INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR SDGs?

TISIFF 2018 AT-A-GLANCE

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 14	12:00 – 13:30	WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEADING GROUP AND MEETING WITH TISIFF 2018 SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA CONFERENCE ROOM 307 BUILDING A	8 Rustaveli Avenue Tbilisi Palace Parliament of Georgia
DECEMBER 15	10:00 – 11:30	HIGH LEVEL OPENING SESSION OF TISIFF 2018	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA PLENARY HALL	
	11:30 – 12:00	PRESS CONFERENCE	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA MEDIA CENTER	
	12:00 – 13:00	HIGH LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA TBC	
	14:00 – 18:00	TISIFF 2018 PLENARY SESSIONS – DAY 1	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA PLENARY HALL	
DECEMBER 16	10:00 – 15:00	TISIFF 2018 PARALLEL SESSIONS – DAY 2	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA CONFERENCE ROOMS 307 AND 309, ILIA CHAVCHAVADZE AND FIRST REPUBLIC HALLS	
	15:00 – 16:00	CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF TISIFF 2018	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA PLENARY HALL	
	16:00 – 19:00	BILATERAL MEETINGS (UPON INQUIRY)	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA TBC	

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 14	14:00 – 19:00	“GEORGIA – CRADLE OF WINE” (OPTIONAL)	VISIT TO GREMI CASTLE AND WINE TOUR	Kakheti, East Georgia
DECEMBER 15	20:00 – 22:00	RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF THE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT	PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA RUSTAVELI HALL	8 Rustaveli Avenue Tbilisi Palace Parliament of Georgia
DECEMBER 16	16:00 – 19:00	MUSEUM VISITS (OPTIONAL)	NATIONAL MUSEUM OF GEORGIA, MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS	5/7 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi
	20:00 – 22:00	RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF THE TBILISI CITY MAYOR AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TBILISI CITY COUNCIL	TBILISI CITY COUNCIL MAIN HALL	Freedom Square, Tbilisi

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2030 Agenda structured around 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets envisages a world that is free of poverty, hunger, preventable diseases; a world that ensures universal and equitable access to healthcare, education and social protection; a world that respects human rights and ensures environmental sustainability.

However, implementation of the inspirational development agenda is challenged by a critical financial gap estimated at 2.5 Trillion USD per year. **UN member states, public, private and civil society partners are faced with a main question – how to close the financial gap of 37 Trillion USD until 2030?** The 2018 Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development indicates that the official development assistance (ODA) among 30 members of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) remains at 0.31% GNI as of 2017 - far short of the United Nations target of 0.7% GNI. Only 5 DAC countries have actually reached or exceeded the 0.7% ODA target, including Denmark, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

In this context **Innovative Financing emerges as a mechanism that can play a transformational role in funding 2030 agenda** alongside the domestic financial flows, foreign direct investments and official development assistance. **Innovative Financing is a unique, politically neutral funding instrument for human development.** We have excellent examples from UNITAID, Product (Red) and solidarity funds of different countries, that innovative financing can save millions of lives and reduce suffering from poverty or emergencies.

Innovative Financing is equally important for low, middle or high income countries either to address local development priorities or to support global actions for climate change or humanitarian crisis.

In fact, the **broad international consensus on the potential of innovative financing has been already achieved** and reflected in the outcome documents of four major international financing conferences. Starting from **2002 Monterrey Consensus to 2008 Doha Declaration, 2015 Addis-Ababa Agenda for Action** and most recent **conclusions and recommendations of ECOSOC 2018**, the global policy makers agree that Innovative Financing can serve as an important catalyst of development funding. The **2018 World Assembly Statement** of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments further calls for increased efforts to analyze and report on innovative initiatives and to establish national and international funding mechanisms that promote achievement of development goals.

At the same time we witness and welcome expanding dialogue and initiatives of innovative financing in both public and private sectors. Indeed, **tax levies, voluntary solidarity contributions, national solidarity programmes, thematic bonds, social impact investments and blended finance are the diverse approaches to funding development efforts through innovative solutions.**

While speaking about the potential of innovative financing, **Dalberg estimates that from 2001-2013 innovative financial solutions have mobilized over 100 Billion USD.** Impressive, but not sufficient. **How can we move to “Billions to Trillions” agenda?**

Finally, while the Leading Group has been focusing on the predictable platforms of innovative financing – a new ecosystem of Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) or Blockchains have emerged. **Cryptocurrencies and blockchains, may become major game-changers in funding SDGs as innovative solutions,** if the international community reaches an agreement on the risks vs. benefits of DLT.

It is increasingly clear that **Innovative Financing is the future of funding sustainable development,** especially in the modern era of globalized economy with ever-expanding capacities of digital market and distributed ledger technologies.



B. LEADING GROUP ON INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Formally known as the Leading Group on Solidarity Levies to Fund Development, the **Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development** was established in 2006 as a global platform of member states, international organizations and civil society.

Bringing together **over 60 member countries and 100 international partners**, the Leading Group has championed concrete initiatives and global dialogue around innovative financing for health, food security, education, climate change and biodiversity. The Leading Group aims at showcasing solutions for sustainable development through production of expertise and exchange of good practices.

Presidency of the Leading Group: starting from 2006 till 2016 the Leading Group has been chaired by **Brazil, Chile, Guinea, France, Japan, South Korea, Mali, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Spain and Finland**. In 2017 **Georgia** was appointed as the new **President country** of the Leading Group.

The Leading Group is **coordinated by the Permanent Secretariat which is located in Paris at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs**. Currently the following countries and organizations are members and observers to the group:

Participating countries (members and observers): Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Korea South, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Togo, United Kingdom, Uruguay. European Commission has also joined the membership of the Leading Group.

International organizations: African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, World Bank, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, IFAD, WHO, African Union, Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, GAVI, IOF, Commonwealth Secretariat, Global Fund for Cities Development, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), UNAIDS, UNDESA, UNESCO, UNEP, UNITAID, NEPAD.

Foundations and corporations: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Althelia Ecosphere, Crédit Cooperatif, Babyloan, Dalberg, Finance Participative France, Funbio Brazil, Heoh, Rencontres du Mont Blanc, Chirac Foundation, Innovative Finance Foundation, Medicine Patent Pool, IFFIm.

Non-governmental organizations: Acción, ACF - Action against hunger, ATD Quart-Monde, Attac, Care, CCFD Terres Solidaires, Center of Concern, Coalition PLUS, Coordination SUD, CONCORD, Epargne sans Frontière, EURODAD, Global Financial Integrity, Milken Institute, ONE, Oxfam, Climate Action Network, Results Japan, Stamp Out Poverty, Tax Justice Network, R20.

C. GEORGIA'S PRESIDENCY OF THE LEADING GROUP

Georgia was honored to become the President of the Leading Group for 2017-2018 and to join the first global champions and over 150 distinguished members of the innovative financing movement.

The foundation of Georgia's Presidency of the Leading Group was built in 2014, when the Solidarity Fund of Georgia – the largest integrated platform of innovative financing – was established under the Prime Minister's Initiative. Georgia joined the Paris-based secretariat in 2015 and the same year, in partnership with the Leading Group, UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Georgia, Tbilisi City Municipality, Ministry of Culture & Monument Protection and the National Business Association **hosted the first international forum dedicated to the innovative financing for post-2015 Agenda.**

The 2015 Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum (TISIFF 2015) brought together over 120 delegates from national, regional and global organizations supporting or implementing innovative funding solutions for poverty eradication, nutrition, health and climate change. TISIFF was the **first attempt to consolidate the existing global knowledge in solidarity and innovative financing vis-à-vis 2030 SDG agenda.** The meeting discussed experience of global initiatives (UNITAID, UNITLIFE, GAVI, Stamp out Poverty and SUNREF) and national solidarity funds and programmes from France, Georgia, Mali and Tunisia.

More importantly, TISIFF 2015 generated an outcome document **'TISIFF Recommendations' that offers a new vision and a common roadmap how to galvanize innovative financing for Sustainable Development Goals** (see Table 1).

In September 2016 and September 2017 Georgia and France co-hosted **high level side-events on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly sessions**, reflecting on TISIFF 2015 discussions and opportunities for expanding partnerships around innovative financing.

In April 2018, Georgia, as the President country of the Leading Group was actively involved in the ECOSOC 2018 Financing for Development Forum co-facilitated by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica and Portugal to the United Nations. Georgia's engagement led to **inclusion of innovative financing in the final conclusions and recommendations of ECOSOC Forum**, thereby positioning the topic on a high level political agenda similar to the Monterrey Consensus, Doha Declaration and Addis-Ababa Agenda for Action.

France, as the Permanent Secretariat of the Leading Group and Georgia, as the President country used the opportunity of the **ECOSOC 2018** to organize a **side-event on "Innovative financing vis-à-vis climate change"**. This was the first side-event co-hosted in partnership with Germany, one of the most active member countries of the Leading Group.

Finally, in September 2018 **on the margins of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly Session in New York, Georgia in partnership with France and Germany convened a side-event on "Cryptocurrencies & Blockchains: A New Boost for SDG Financing?"** The side event joined by government, private sector, academia and civil society representatives discussed the opportunities vs. risks of DLT technologies in mobilizing additional innovative financing for development.

In order to further facilitate the global dialogue on innovative financing for 2030 agenda, Georgia as the President country of the Leading Group hosts the second Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum (TISIFF 2018) on December 14-16, 2018 in its Capital.

Table 1.
Highlights of TISIFF 2015 Recommendations

'TISIFF 2015 Recommendations' - the outcome document of the first Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum offers a roadmap for global, regional and national how to galvanize Innovative Financing for 2030 Agenda.

Specifically the document offer 'Categorization' of potential platforms and sources of innovative financing at different levels. The report identifies 9 potential platforms at global and regional levels and 14 platforms at national and sub-national levels that could generate more innovative resources from tourism, shipping, banking, culture, sports or other industries. While dialogue on innovative financing has been largely dominated around successful examples from global initiatives (i.e. UNITAID), the experience of national solidarity funds of different countries indicates that it is equally important to explore national and subnational sources of innovative funding. Therefore, TISIFF recommendations makes a special emphasis on country level platforms.

'TISIFF 2015 Recommendations' also provide a unified framework for 'Prioritization' of innovative financing vis-à-vis 2030 agenda. For each of the 17 Goals and 169 targets of 2030 agenda, the report identifies priority areas for advocacy and resource mobilization and potential sources and instruments that could be used for leveraging additional innovative financing solutions.

The Leading Group on Innovative Financing identifies 'TISIFF Recommendations' as a way forward, a common framework of action how to support sustainable development goals through more and diverse innovative financing.

For more information please visit <http://www.leadinggroup.org/article1245.html>

D. TISIFF 2018 PURPOSE, AUDIENCE AND ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the 2018 Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum (TISIFF 2018) is to bring together policy makers and practitioners engaged in design and implementation of innovative financing initiatives at global, regional and country levels to:

1. Reaffirm urgency of stronger advocacy and partnership actions to mobilize and unlock additional significant financial resources for SDGs through innovative platforms.
2. Define the "Innovative Financing Toolbox for SDGs", including already existing innovative funding solutions (e.g. tax levies, solidarity funds, social impact investments, blended finance) and new promising opportunities, such as cryptocurrencies and blockchains.
3. Share experience and lessons from different innovative financing mechanisms to identify strengthens, opportunities as well as remaining risks and challenges for shifting from "billions to trillions" agenda for SDGs.
4. Agree on an international coordination mechanism for innovative financing for SDGs to ensure stronger synergy of policies and action, prospecting, impact measurement, transparency and accountability of innovative funding solutions at global, regional and country levels.
5. Draft TISIFF 2018 Recommendations and agree on the process of finalizing the outcome document for submission to the United Nations Secretary General's Office on behalf of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing.

TISIFF 2018 Audience

The second international forum – TISIFF 2018 - aims at bringing together up to 250 representatives of **national, regional and global organizations and partnership programmes that are supporting or implementing solidarity and innovative financing initiatives related to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.**

The **Leading Group member countries and organizations, solidarity foundations and innovative financing programmes, UN agencies, international financial institutions, international development and cooperation agencies, bi- and multilateral donors, academia, business and civil society partners are invited** to participate and share their experience, knowledge and ideas on how to enhance solidarity and innovative financing agenda for SDGs.

TISIFF 2018 Structure and Organization

The meeting will be structured around 5 plenary sessions and 4 working group discussions.

The **High Level Opening Session on December 15** will set the stage to TISIFF 2018 with a review of SDG funding context, potential of innovative financing and the way forward to galvanizing action at global, regional and country levels.

The second Plenary Session will review the **Existing Innovative Financing Toolbox for Development. What are the known, proven instruments of innovative financing as well as initiatives under piloting or experimentation?** The first half of the session will review Innovative Financing platforms used for Resource Mobilization, focusing on Solidarity Tax and Voluntary Solidarity Initiatives such as UNITAID, UNITLIFE and national solidarity funds.

The **Second Plenary will also discuss experiences and lessons from innovative financing initiatives related to impact investment and resource leveraging.** The audience will have the opportunity to learn from concrete initiatives of Social Impact Investments, Blended Finance, Thematic Bonds and Guarantees that have been increasingly used by international development partners for resource and impact generation for SDGs.

The **3rd Plenary Session on December 15 will focus on the potential benefits as well as risks and concerns related to the use of cryptocurrencies and blockchains** for generating new, significant amount of resources for SDGs. Can the new distributed ledger technologies (DLT) generate a new boost of SDG funding?

Day 2 of the Tbilisi Forum will start with **four parallel panel discussions. Parliamentary and Ministerial Debate, Business Dialogue, Civil Society Perspective and Vision of International Development Partners** will discuss concrete questions related to innovative financing agenda. How to frame innovative financing toolbox for development? How to boost innovative financing? How to better coordinate action and agenda of innovative financing?

TISIFF 2018 delegates will have the opportunity of **bilateral meetings with public and private partners on December 16** upon inquiry to the TISIFF 2018 forum secretariat (secretariat@tisiff.org). Conclusions and vision from parallel sessions will be integrated into the outcome document of the second Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum ‘**TISIFF 2018 Recommendations**’.

TISIFF 2018 Cosponsors

The second TISIFF forum is organized **on behalf of the Georgia’ Presidency of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing. The Parliament of Georgia, the Government of Georgia, Tbilisi City Municipality, the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development (Paris Secretariat) and the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office in Georgia** are the cosponsors of the event.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

	DAY 1	DECEMBER 15
TISIFF 2018	PLENARY SESSION 1	HIGH LEVEL OPENING SESSION
09:00 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Welcome Notes</p> <p>Irakli Kobakhidze – Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia</p> <p>Mamuka Bakhtadze - Prime Minister of Georgia</p> <p>International High Level Speakers TBC</p> <p>TISIFF 2015 Recommendations and Expected Results of TISIFF 2018</p> <p>Dr. Mariam Jashi - President of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing, Chairperson of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Parliament of Georgia</p> <p>Moderated by</p> <p>UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia</p> <p>Discussion (15-20 min.)</p>	
11:30 – 12:00	Press-Conference	
12:00 – 13:00	High Level Bilateral Meetings of TISIFF 2018 Delegates with the Speaker of the Parliament, the Prime Minister and the Tbilisi City Mayor	
11:30 - 13:00	Media Sessions and Lunch	

	DAY 1	DECEMBER 15
TISIFF 2018	PLENARY SESSION 2	EXISTING INNOVATIVE FINANCING TOOLBOX FOR DEVELOPMENT
Expected results of the Session	The session intends to share success stories and case studies from already operating innovative platforms that generate financial resources for development. The session will review initiatives primarily intended for resource mobilization, including examples of solidarity taxes, voluntary solidarity contributions and corporate philanthropy platforms operating at global, regional or country levels. The plenary will offer TISIFF delegates an opportunity to draw lessons from individual initiatives.	
13:00 – 14:00	Experience and lessons from Innovative Financing Platforms for Resource Mobilization	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience from a global initiative – e.g. UNITAID, UNITLIFE (10-12 min.) • Examples from regions – e.g. Stamp Out Poverty, Africa Civil Society Platform for Health (10-12 min.) • County-level initiatives – Georgia, Tunisia, Czech Republic (10-12 min.) • Corporate Philanthropy Initiative – digital market initiatives (10-12 min.) • Q&A Sessions (15 min.) 	
	DAY 1	DECEMBER 15
TISIFF 2018	PLENARY SESSION 3	EMERGING INNOVATIVE PLATFORMS FOR FUNDING SDGs
Expected results of the Session	The session will focus on innovative instruments established for leveraging resources and/or results for human development, primarily through investment portfolios. The latter includes social impact investments, blended finance, thematic bonds, guarantees or other initiatives. The plenary session will offer TISIFF delegates insight to individual initiatives for analysis and future application to broader innovative financing dialogue.	
14:00 – 15:00	Investing for Impact and Resource Leveraging	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study from a Social Impact Investment initiative (10-12 min.) • Blended Finance initiative (10-12 min.) • GAVI IFFIm or AMC initiatives (10-12 min.) • Example of an impact investment project (10-12 min.) • Q&A Sessions (15 min.) 	
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	

	DAY 1	DECEMBER 15
TISIFF 2018	PLENARY SESSION 4	CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND BLOCKCHAINS – NEW INSTRUMENTS FOR BOOSTING SDG FUNDING?
Expected results of the session	<p>In parallel to expansion of innovative financing toolbox for SDGs, a new ecosystem of Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) or Blockchains have emerged. The questions we have today are: a. Whether cryptocurrencies and blockchains may become major game-changers in funding SDGs? b. Can DLT become a part of financial toolkit for innovative funding? d. Can DLG technologies make the “Billions to Trillions agenda” a reality?</p> <p>Pilot initiatives are already in place in a number of countries where blockchains are used for public services and broader developmental agenda. However, concerns and risks remain in regards to the cyber-security and environmental impact of the technologies.</p> <p>The purpose of the session is to share experience of organizations supporting or engaged in generation and management of cryptocurrencies and blockchains for development. The session will also facilitate discussions on benefits vs. risks of DLT for 2030 agenda.</p>	
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Potential benefits vs. risks of DLT/Blockchain technologies for generating additional resources or reducing costs for delivering SDG programmes and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country experience and perspectives – Part 1 Country examples – e.g. China, Lichtenstein Q&A Session (15 min.) Country experience and perspectives – Part 2 Country examples – e.g. Germany, Norway Q&A Session (15 min.) 	
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Summary of Day 1 and planning for Day 2 of TISIFF 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructions for Parallel Sessions on Day 2 Introduction to the Draft Outcome Document - TISIFF 2018 Recommendations 	
20:00 – 22:00	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF THE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT</p> <p>VENUE: TBILISI PALACE, PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA</p>	

	DAY 2	DECEMBER 16
TISIFF 2018	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
Expected results of the session	<p>The second day of TISIFF 2018 will be structured around 4 parallel sessions with different target audiences and a concluding plenary session for consolidating main findings and recommendations from the Forum. The 4 Parallel Sessions will be organized for representatives of Governments, Business, Civil Society and International Development Partners. Each session intends to elaborate specific inputs for the Draft Outcome Document of the forum - TISIFF 2018 Recommendations. Each session will be moderated with 5 panelists from relevant target groups. Moderators will ask one question to each panelist and then facilitate discussions around the same question among the session participants.</p>	
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Parallel Session 1 – Parliamentarian and Ministerial Debate Questions for discussion with panelists and the audience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you frame “Innovative Financing” and its comparative advantages to traditional public and private funding? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed by TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? Any additional proposals? 2. How would you define “Innovative Financing Toolbox for development”? Would you recommend including DLT/Blockchain technologies in the Toolbox? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed in TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? 3. What can be done by Legislators and Government officials to boost Innovative Financing for SDGs? Do you agree with recommendations in the draft outcome document of TISIFF 2018? Would you propose additional policy actions or initiatives? 4. How can we better coordinate agenda and action on Innovative Financing at global, regional and local levels? Do you agree with or how would you change recommendations in the draft TISIFF 2018 document? 5. Any major recommendation(s) or statement(s) for the Leading Group that was not discussed thus far and should be included in TISIFF 2018 outcome document? 	
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Parallel Session 2 – Business Dialogue Questions for discussion with panelists and the audience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you frame “Innovative Financing” and its comparative advantages to traditional public and private funding? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed by TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? Any additional proposals? 2. How would you define “Innovative Financing Toolbox for development”? Would you recommend including DLT/Blockchain technologies in the Toolbox? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed in TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? 3. How can Business support boosting Innovative Financing for SDGs? Do you agree with proposed recommendations in the draft outcome document of TISIFF 2018? 4. What support does Business need from Government and International Development Partners for supporting Innovative Financing agenda more effectively? Do you agree with proposed recommendations in the draft TISIFF 2018 document? 5. Any major recommendation(s) or statement(s) for the Leading Group that was not discussed thus far and should be included in TISIFF 2018 outcome document? 	

<p>10:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>Parallel Session 3 – Civil Society Perspective Questions for discussion with panelists and the audience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you frame “Innovative Financing” and its comparative advantages to traditional public and private funding? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed by TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? Any additional proposals? 2. How would you define “Innovative Financing Toolbox for development”? Would you recommend including DLT/Blockchain technologies in the Toolbox? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed in TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? 3. How can Civil Society support boosting Innovative Financing for SDGs? Do you agree with proposed recommendations in the draft outcome document of TISIFF? 4. What support does the Civil Society need from Government, Business and International Development Partners to be more meaningfully engaged in Innovative Financing agenda? 5. Any major recommendation(s) or statement(s) for the Leading Group that was not discussed thus far and should be included in TISIFF 2018 outcome document?
<p>10:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>Parallel Session 4 – Vision from International Development Partners Questions for discussion with panelists and the audience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you frame “Innovative Financing” and its comparative advantages to traditional public and private funding? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed by TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? Any additional proposals? 2. How would you define “Innovative Financing Toolbox for development”? Would you recommend including DLT/Blockchain technologies in the Toolbox? Do you agree with draft definitions proposed in TISIFF 2018 Recommendations? 3. What can be done by International Development Community to boost Innovative Financing for SDGs? Do you agree with proposed recommendations in the draft outcome document? Would you propose additional policy actions or initiatives? 4. How can the international community better coordinate agenda and action on Innovative Financing at global, regional and local levels? Do you agree with recommendations of the draft outcome document? Would you propose alternative coordination mechanisms? 5. Any major recommendation(s) or statement(s) for the Leading Group that was not discussed thus far and should be included in TISIFF 2018 outcome document?
<p>13:00 - 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

	DAY 2	DECEMBER 16
TISIFF 2018	PLENARY SESSION 5	CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TISIFF 2018
Expected results of the Session	<p>The session intends to consolidate feedback from four parallel sessions of the forum into a draft outcome document – TISIFF 2018 Recommendations. The document will consolidate proposed definitions for ‘Innovative Financing’ in general and ‘Innovative Financing Toolkit for SDGs’, in particular. TISIFF 2018 will also provide recommendations from the forum delegates whether to include DLT technologies into the ‘SDG funding toolbox’. The document will frame potential role of governments, business, civil society and international development community in boosting innovative financing agenda for SDGs. Finally, the forum delegates will propose recommendations how to better coordinate, forecast, analyze and measure the impact of innovative financing initiatives for SDGs at global, regional and country levels. TISIFF 2018 Recommendations will be finalized and submitted to the UN Secretary General’s Office on behalf of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing.</p>	
14:00 – 15:40	<p>Consolidating Draft Outcome Document - TISIFF 2018 Recommendations Feedback from Parallel Sessions</p> <p>Parallel Session 1 - Parliamentarian and Ministerial Debate (10 min.) Q&A (15 min.)</p> <p>Parallel Session 2 – Business Dialogue (10 min.) Q&A (15 min.)</p> <p>Parallel Session 3 – Civil Society Perspective (10 min.) Q&A (15 min.)</p> <p>Parallel Session 4 – Vision from International Development Partners (10 min.) Q&A (15 min.)</p>	
15:40 – 16:00	Conclusions and Way Forward from TISIFF 2018	
16:00 – 19:00	Visit to the National Museum of Georgia and the Museum of Fine Arts (Optional)	
20:00 – 22:00	<p>RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF THE TBILISI CITY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TBILISI CITY COUNCIL</p> <p>VENUE: TBILISI CITY COUNCIL</p>	

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RECOMMENDED OUTLINE/STRUCTURE OF
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FOR TISIFF PLENARY SESSIONS

All delegates of 2018 Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum (TISIFF 2018) are requested to **register before November 25 at www.tisiff.org** (official site of the forum) and **upload relevant presentations on the same site by December 10.**

Delegates registering as **Speakers/Presenters** and representing global, regional or country level initiatives around solidarity and innovative financing initiatives are **kindly requested to consider succinct presentations (10-12 minutes) that will address the following key questions:**

Part 1: Introduction

- 1.1. Name of the organization/programme supporting or implementing solidarity and innovative financing initiative
- 1.2. When was the initiative launched and what were the key facilitating factors for starting the initiative - e.g. high-level political support, specific legislative act(s), champion(s) of the initiative from public, private and civil society sectors
- 1.3. Geographic coverage of the initiative – global, regional or individual country(ies) of operation
- 1.4. Main concept and purpose the initiative
- 1.5. Target audience/beneficiaries – e.g. children, youth, women, population-wide
- 1.6. Target SDG area of the initiative – e.g. health, education, poverty, climate change
- 1.7. Type of solidarity and innovative financing platform used by the initiative – e.g. tax levies, voluntary corporate contributions, social impact investments, blockchains?
- 1.8. How forecastable and sustainable is the funding model of the initiative?

Part 2: Results of the initiative

- 2.1. Total amount of financial resources mobilized or saved by the initiative
- 2.2. Number of beneficiaries reached and coverage of programmes funded through the initiative
- 2.3. If applicable, what were the additional/indirect effects of the initiative? e.g. price reduction of drugs or other commodities through consolidated international procurement, capacity building of professionals through technical assistance provided within the scope of the initiative, awareness raising on specific SDG areas.

Part 3: Lessons and Recommendations

- 3.1. What are the key lessons and recommendations from the initiative?
- 3.2. Major implementation barriers or risks and how the observed challenges could be overcome?

Part 4: Replicability of the initiative for SDG agenda

- 4.1. Can the initiative be replicated in other countries or at regional and global levels?
- 4.2. If yes, what financial resources or development results could be leveraged from the replication?

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INNOVATIVE AND BLOCKCHAIN PLATFORMS FOR FUNDING 2030 AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

TISIFF 2018 VENUE

2018 Tbilisi International Solidarity and Innovative Financing Forum - TISIFF 2018 - will take place on December 15 and December 16 at the **Tbilisi Palace of the Parliament of Georgia** (8, Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia). The meeting venue is situated in the central part of the capital city that offers a unique mix of easy transportation and vicinity to some of the most popular cultural heritage places and museums.

The Parliament will host both **High Level Opening Ceremony as well as Plenary and Parallel sessions** of the Forum. Plenary sessions on December 15 and December 16 will be held in the **main Plenary Hall of the Parliament of Georgia and four conference rooms will be reserved for Parallel sessions** on December 16.

Should you need **assistance for organizing bilateral meetings with state, non-government or private sector organizations in Georgia on December 15 or 16**, please let the forum secretariat (secretariat@tisiff.org) know.

TISIFF 2018 offers lunch and coffee/meal breaks for all delegates of the Forum at the same venue. Delegates are requested to indicate any **special food/meal preferences** (e.g. vegetarian) in the registration form (www.tisiff.org) to ensure that TISIFF organizers are informed in advance to facilitate relevant catering arrangements.

SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

TISIFF 2018 will offer a number of cultural and social programmes and we hope that the Forum delegates will be able to join us at each of the event.

December 14

Delegates arriving on December 13 or early morning of December 14 are offered a unique opportunity to explore Georgia, as the Cradle of Wine. Based on the latest international research evidence, Georgia has been recognized as the country of the oldest wine-making civilization (viti-culture) with over 8,000 years of vintage history. TISIFF 2018 delegates can join the cultural tour to the East Georgia, Kakheti to get more familiar with the history of the country and traditions of the Georgian wine-making. The Tour includes a visit to Gremi Monastery and a lunch at a wine-cellar.

December 15

The first day of the Forum will be closed by the **High Level Reception** hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia at the Shota Rustaveli Hall of the Tbilisi Palace of the Parliament. All registered delegates to TISIFF 2018 will be kindly invited to the reception.

December 16

The second day of the Forum offers optional visits to the National Museum of Georgia or the Museum of Fine Arts from 4 pm till 7 pm. Both Museums are located on the Rustaveli Avenue in a walking distance from the Parliamentary building. The Forum will be closed by a **Special Reception and Georgian Folklore Concert for TISIFF delegates** hosted by the Tbilisi City Mayor and the Chairman of the Tbilisi City Council (Freedom square, Tbilisi, Georgia). TISIFF Delegates will have an opportunity to learn about the **Traditional Dancing and Polyphonic Songs of Georgia**.

TRAVEL, SHUTTLE AND ACCOMMODATION

TISIFF 2018 secretariat and co-sponsor organizations will cover costs of **in-country travel and transportation of delegates, expenses of social and cultural events as well as meals** offered during the official and cultural programmes throughout December 14-16.

Shuttle from/to Tbilisi International Airport to the Forum venue or hotel(s) of your choice will be arranged by TISIFF 2018 secretariat. Minibuses will be also provided for in-country transportation of all international delegates on December 14-16. Shuttle services for high level delegations will be organized by the Government, UN and other International Agencies according to the confirmed schedule of arrival and departure.

TISIFF 2018 delegates are kindly requested to cover their international travel to/from Georgia and accommodation costs during the stay in Tbilisi.

The Leading Group Secretariat will, however, offer special arrangements for a select number of Speakers/Presenters from low- and middle-income countries by covering international travel and accommodation costs. Should you require co-funding from LG secretariat, please kindly let us know by November 10, 2018 by writing to secretariat@tisiff.org.

For accommodation options, TISIFF 2018 Forum organizers have selected 3 hotels in the vicinity of TISIFF 2018 venue and have pre-booked number of rooms with special negotiated rates. Delegates should make their reservations directly with the hotels according to the provided information and indicate TISIFF 2018 in an e-mail subject. Reservation requests submitted later than November 30 will be subject to availability at the requested hotel. We strongly recommend that delegations make their reservations without delay and before the mentioned cut-off date.

Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel <https://www.radissonblu.com/ge/hotel-tbilisi>

Single Room: 130 USD + 18% VAT Double Room: 150 USD + 18% VAT

Fore reservation, please contact: eka.pataraiia@radissonblu.com Total Rooms available: 80

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbscy-courtyard-tbilisi/>

Single Room: 130 USD + 18% VAT Double Room: 145 USD + 18% VAT

Fore reservation, please contact: natia.davituliani@courtyard.com Total Rooms available: 45

Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel <https://shotahotels.com/>

Single Room: 115 USD (18% VAT included) Double Room: 130 USD (18% VAT included)

Fore reservation, please contact: rdm@shotahotels.com Total Rooms available: 25

Please kindly consider **arriving** to Tbilisi on December 13 or Friday morning, so you could join the Cultural Tour to Kakheti region, the cradle of wine-making on December 14. For **departures** please note that TISIFF 2018 officially closes at 4 pm on Sunday, December 16 and social and cultural programmes continue till 10 PM.

Hereby please see some of the useful links for travel options, direct flights and schedule:

www.tbilisiairport.com/en-EN/flightinfo/Pages/Flightinfo.aspx

georgia.travel/useful-information/transport/getting-to-georgia/flights

CONSIDERING TO SAY IN GEORGIA FOR LONGER?

Interested in staying in Georgia for longer? You may enjoy a number of social programmes and cultural events (theater, live music, museums) taking place in Tbilisi. Please visit <http://www.info-tbilisi.com/events/> or <http://tbilisiguide.ge> for more information and useful links. You may also use TISIFF 2018 trip to extend your stay in Gudauri, the popular winter sport resort of Georgia located at the height of 2,196 m (about 7,200 feet) and in just 2 hour drive (120 km) from Tbilisi (<http://www.gudauri.info>). For more details on the Winter Resorts of Georgia as well as other holiday options please see the following pages of Georgian National Tourism Administration <http://georgia.travel> and <http://gnta.ge>.

HOPE TO WELCOMING YOU IN GEORGIA SOON FOR TISIFF 2018