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21-22 November 2016 Radisson Blu Iveria Tbilisi, Georgia

In Georgia, courts are overburdened with vast caseload which leaves people struggling to achieve justice in a timely fashion.

Mediation is one of the solutions to this problem. Through mediation, specially trained neutral experts help people solve their civil disputes in fast, efficient and amicable manner without entering into lengthy and costly judicial proceedings with sometimes unpredictable and mutually beneficial outcomes.

Mediation is not new to Georgia. It has been used as a means of conflict resolution between disputing parties for centuries. The time has come to institutionalize and expand it based on Georgian traditions, modern needs and international experience.

The Georgian state institutions, court, mediators' associations and universities together with the European Union and the United States, with help of the United Nations Development Programme and German Corporation for International Cooperation actively support this process, including adoption of a mediation law and its implementation in line with the international standards.

For this purpose, on 21-22 November 2016 we organize Tbilisi Mediation Days - the first large scale international conference in Georgia that brings together many prominent experts and practitioners from five countries.

The Georgian experts and public will have an opportunity to get familiarized with international experience in the field of mediation, including different approaches, regulations and practical results.

As a result, the conference shall also help finalize the law on mediation, drafted by relevant associations with assistance from the European Union.

Please see the enclosed conference agenda for more information.

Want to join? Send us an email at tbilisimediationdays@gmail.com and get on board or register by filling in the <u>online registration form</u>.

The conference is free of charge. The number of seats is limited.

