

**Minutes of the 74th CCM Meeting**  
*September 25, 2014*

**Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia**

**Tamar Gabunia** – CCM Vice-Chair, USAID Funded Georgia Tuberculosis Prevention Project

**Paloma HALL CABALLERO** - a representative of EU delegation

**Zurab Vadachkoria** - Tbilisi State Medical University, Rector

**Nikoloz Chkhartishvili** - on behalf of Tengiz Tsertsvadze, General Director of Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Center

**Khatuna Todadze** - Center for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction, Head

**Zaza Avaliani** - Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases

**Tamara Sirbiladze** - USAID, Health and Social Development Office, Director

**Lasha Tvaliashvili** - Real People – Real Vision, Executive Director

**David Mikheil Shubladze** – LGBT Georgia, Executive Director

**Nino Mamulashvili** - on behalf of Rusudan Klimiashvili, WHO, Head of Country Office

**Elguja Meladze** – Employers’ Association of Georgia

**David Ananiashvili** – “Georgian Plus Group”, Director

**Tamar Natriashvili** – Former TB Patient

**Rusudan Khachidze**, on behalf of Izoleta Bodokia - HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation, Director

**Mariam Velijanashvili** on behalf of Dimitri Kordzaia, Georgian National Association for Palliative Care, Board Chairman

**Archil Talakvadze** - Deputy Minister of Corrections

**Nugzar Chitaia**, on behalf of Mr. Marsagishvili - Deputy Minister of Education and Science

**Tamar Kochoradze**, on behalf of Zviad Zviadadze, Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civil Equality, Head of the Department of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, Former Autonomous District of South Ossetia and Civil Integration;

**Irma Khonelidze**, on behalf of Amiran Gamkrelidze, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDCPH), General Director

**Secretariat:**

**Natia Khonelidze** – Administrative Assistant

Guests/observers

**Julie Pasquier** – FEI, Expert

**Shailendra Haruray** – FEI, Expert

**Mzia Tabatadze** - Program Health and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GFATM/  
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### **Agenda**

<b>15:00 – 15:10</b>	<b>Opening speech /remarks</b> <b>Ms. Tamar Gabunia</b> – CCM Vice-Chair, Georgia Tuberculosis Prevention Project, Chief of Party, URC
<b>15:10 – 15:15</b>	<b>Addressing the members with the request to declare the presence of the Conflict of Interest Secretariat</b>
<b>15:15 – 15:25</b>	<b>Report of the Oversight Committee</b> <b>Mr. David Ananiashvili</b> – Chair of the Oversight Committee, “Georgian plus Group”, Director
<b>15:25 – 15:35</b>	<b>Global Fund Projects implementation status</b> <b>Ms. Irma Khonelidze</b> - NCD/CPH, Deputy Director
<b>15:35 -17:00</b>	<b>Presentation and discussion about the Improvement Plan and Action Plan to fulfill the Eligibility and performance requirements of the GF</b>  <b>Ms. Julie Pasquier</b> – French 5% Initiative, expert  <b>Mr. Shailendra Haruray</b> - French 5% Initiative, expert
<b>17:00 – 17:05</b>	<b>Obtaining signatures of the CCM members</b>
<b>17:05 – 17:20</b>	<b>AOB/Announcements</b>

**Tamar Gabunia** – greeted the participants, thanked them for their attendance and stated that she is privileged to preside the CCM meeting on behalf of Mr. David Sergeenko, CCM Chairperson. Ms. Gabunia addressed the members with the request to declare the presence of the Conflict of Interest if any.

*None of the presented members declared the presence of the CoI.*

**Tamar Gabunia** – thanked the experts of FEI for their extensive work. The Vice-Chair briefly overviewed the agenda and emphasized the importance of the Improvement Plan that will address the gaps identified during the mission. Afterwards Ms Gabunia briefed the audience on the current status of Concept Note (CN) preparation. The plan that will lead to revising existing National Strategic Plans for HIV and TB and development of CNs has been elaborated. The preliminary composition of HIV and TB working groups has been identified and the first NFM planning meeting held within the framework of GFATM country visit to Georgia on September 12, 2014. Then the rapporteur focused on the sources of technical assistance and stated that the TA for TB CN development is being provided by the USAID and the positive feedback from FEI regarding TA for HIV CN was received yesterday. Ms. Gabunia gave the floor to **Mr. Ananiashvili**.

**David Ananiashvili** – updated the audience on the meeting of the OC with the representatives of GFATM held on September 12 during which current issues and general directions of Committee’s work were discussed. Afterwards Mr. Ananiashvili focused on the composition of the OC and stated that Ms. Mariam Jashi, Former Deputy Minister of Health is not presented in the Committee any more. Thus the nomination of the new representative is expected from MoLHSA. Ms. Tamar Gabunia has left the Committee due to the CoI that arose due to her election as CCM Vice-Chair. At this stage the considerations towards admission to the OC of a new representative, preferably with expertise and experience in TB (e.g Red Cross Georgian Society) are on-going. This issue will be further discussed within the Committee and presented to the CCM once the final decision is made. The rapporteur referred to the issue of transfer of non-monetary assets remained at GPIC and stated that the issue was additionally discussed with the GFATM. D. Ananiashvili expressed his hope that with the assistance of MoLHSA the issue will be finally resolved. The rapporteur thanked the experts of FEI and stated that OC was involved in the execution of the mission with the status of Task Force.

**Tamar Gabunia** – gave the floor to **Ms. Irma Khonelidze**.

**Irma Khonelidze** – focused on the following issues:

The formal request from MoLHSA was received and the advertisement on procurement of GenExpert machines was placed on the web-page of the State Procurement Agency; After expiration of the two week period given for proposals the MoLHSA will be asked to obtain Government’s waiver. The package of documents needed for TB program Assessment will be ready for submission to all stakeholders and further to the Government shortly.

The new treatment regime for MDR TB patients was approved by the GFATM two days ago and the request was sent to GDF. The arrival of the first portion of the drugs is expected by April.

The audience was updated on the preparation for new treatment regimen. Treatment protocol should be revised and new approaches for implementation of XDR, pre-XDR treatment for patients using Bedaquiline to be introduced. The rapporteur noted that with USAID TB Prevention Project technical support the process will be completed by April 2015. The coordination meeting is scheduled for September 26.

On September 22 GFATM approved budget for HIV program for the year of 2015. Thus the tender procedure to select SRs can be initiated;

Ms Khonelidze mentioned that the recently completed first assessment of PRs performance resulted in grade B1. This is a good achievement considering that the PR is new and it went through a complex inception phase before launching operations in full capacity.

**Tamar Gabunia** – gave the floor to **the experts of FEI, Ms. Pasquier and Mr. Haruray.**

**Julie Pasquier** – greeted the participants and introduced the main pillars of the EPA to the audience again.

**Shailendra Haruray** – presented to the audience the draft Improvement Plan that was developed based on the self-assessment and is aimed and addressing the gaps identified in order to be fully compliant with the GFATM requirements and minimum standards.

**Julie Pasquier** – presented to the audience Operational Plan for discussion and finalization. Ms. Pasquier stressed the importance of the development of Governance Manual explaining that a lot of issues are derived from this document

**The audience discussed the presented Improvement Plan and Operational Plan in detail. The discussion encompassed such issues as OC committee module, representation of the CCM (considerations towards inclusion of the Ministry of Internal Affairs) and other important issues.**

**The CCM has agreed and adopted the Improvement Plan and Operational Plan as attached.**

**Tamar Gabunia expressed her deep gratitude to the FEI experts for excellent work undertaken.**

**The audience one more time discussed the issue of GPIC non-monetary assets. D. Ananiashvili explained that the GFATM is not against remaining of the assets at GPIC provided that the interest is not expressed by the stakeholders.**

**The Secretariat printed out the Improvement Plan and the attendees endorsed it by fixing their signatures (attached).**

**Tamar Gabunia** – thanked the CCM members and FEI and announced the meeting as closed.

**Decisions:**

**To endorse Improvement Plan and Operational Plan**

**Tamar Gabunia**

**Natia Khonelidze**

CCM Vice-Chair

Administrative Assistant