



**UNITED NATIONS
10TH GLOBAL FORUM
ON GENDER STATISTICS**
1-3 OCTOBER 2025
TBILISI, GEORGIA



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

**10th United Nations Global Forum on Gender Statistics
National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat) and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)**

**Tbilisi, Georgia 1 to 3 October 2025
Venue: The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi**

1. Background

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat), is organising the 10th United Nations Global Forum on Gender Statistics in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 1 to 3 October 2025. This will be held under the Global Gender Statistics Programme and guidance of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)¹.

2. Objectives of the forum

The Forum will be an opportunity:

- (a) review progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment, assess data availability, challenges, and countries' capacities to measure and monitor gender-relevant issues;
- (b) discuss initiatives, tools, and methods for the collection, production, dissemination, and use of gender statistics;
- (c) explore innovative approaches and initiatives for producing, analyzing, and utilizing data to monitor gender equality and women's empowerment; and
- (d) strategize on maximizing the use of existing data, including through the integration of a gender lens into current data processes.

3. Theme of the forum

Driving Change with Gender Statistics: A Path to Equality

4. Topics to be covered

Programme for the 10th United Nations Global Forum on Gender Statistics will be organised in sessions around "Thematic areas", as follows:

- I. Gender equality, wellbeing and sustainable development
- II. Gender mainstreaming efforts of NSS
- III. Women's economic empowerment

¹ The IAEG-GS is composed of experts from both national and international statistical offices and was established in 2006 to provide guidance to the *Global Programme on Gender Statistics*. UNSD is the secretariat of the Group. The Global Programme was mandated by the United Nations Statistical Commission to: develop and promote methodological guidelines in existing domains as well as in emerging areas of concern related to gender equality and women's empowerment; strengthen national statistical and technical capacity for the production, dissemination and use of gender-relevant data; facilitate access to gender-relevant data and metadata; and improve coherence among existing initiatives on gender statistics through international coordination.

- IV. Violence against women and girls
- V. Gender and climate change statistics
- VI. Gender and migration statistics
- VII. Paid and unpaid work and time use
- VIII. Digital transformation and gender statistics
- IX. Use of gender data -From data to policy

The programme is available on the 10th Global Forum on Gender Statistics website:
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2025/genderstat-forum-10/programme/>

5. Side events

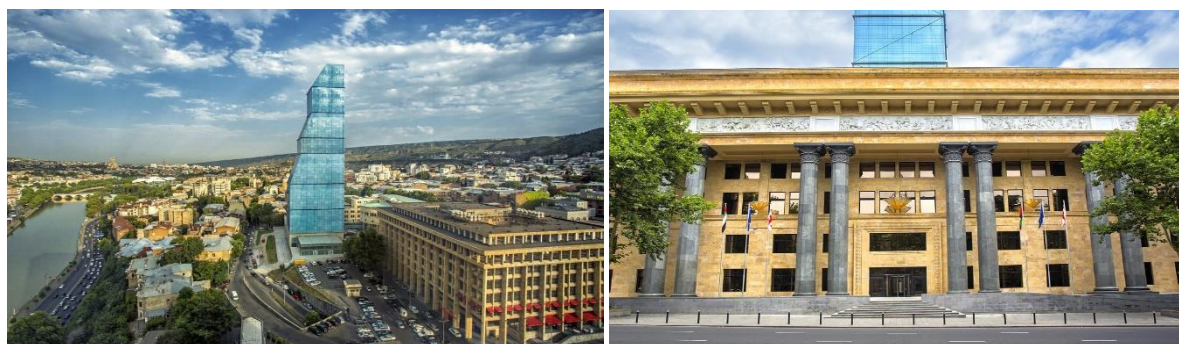
A list of side events will also be available on the forum website, including the programme, location, and other details. Side events will be held in person at the forum venue - Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi. Side events held at the Venue are restricted to approved participants only.

6. Host contact details

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If you have any questions regarding the 10th Global Forum on Gender Statistics, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Pikria Gudushauri (pghudushauri@geostat.ge) and Ms. Nino Jakobia (njakobia@geostat.ge), Ms. Mariam Kavelashvili (mkavelashvili@geostat.ge) in copy.

7. Forum venue



The forum will be held at the Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi.

The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel is a landmark of modern sophistication and timeless elegance, standing as Tbilisi's first glass skyscraper and the tallest hotel in the Caucasus. Ideally located in the heart of the city's historical and cultural district, the hotel offers breathtaking views and an exceptional luxury experience.

The hotel features 214 elegantly designed rooms and suites, each equipped with Wi-Fi, premium bathroom amenities, and panoramic vistas of Tbilisi's old and new cityscapes. Its prime location places guests within walking distance of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Georgian National Opera Theatre, Rustaveli National Theatre, Dimitry Shevardnadze National Gallery, and the famed Sulfur Baths District of Abanotubani.

Whether travelling for business or leisure, The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel offers an exceptional combination of luxury, comfort, and outstanding hospitality at the heart of Georgia's capital.

Address

29, Rustaveli Ave. Tbilisi 0108, Georgia

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/tbilisi/the-biltmore-hotel-tbilisi/?cid=gplaces-the-biltmore-hotel-tbilisi>

The Forum will take place in the conference facilities of The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel, which offers 10 versatile meeting rooms with a total area of approximately 1,260 sq. m. The main venue will be the **Grand Royal Ballroom** — the hotel's largest hall, covering 550 sq. m and accommodating up to 546 participants in a theatre-style setup.

Language

The forum will be conducted in English.

Persons with disabilities

Ample parking bays are located close to the entrance. There are ramps for wheelchairs, specially designed bathroom facilities and strobe lights for the hearing-impaired in the event of a fire. Lift controls are fitted with braille.

Refreshment breaks

Tea and coffee will be served daily in the Exhibition area. Additional refreshments can be purchased at the restaurants and coffee shops identified within 15min walk from the centre.

Wi-Fi hotspots

The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi offers free Wi-Fi to its guests. The hotel provides Wi-Fi access in guest rooms and public areas.

8. Hotels

Please be advised that it will be your or your organisation's responsibility to make arrangements for the participants' accommodation. The cost of the accommodations will also need to be covered by your organisation. We have taken the liberty of identifying a few hotels that are conveniently located within a two-kilometre radius of the forum venue, which we hope you will find helpful in making your arrangements. For your convenience, please find below a list of suggested hotels.

Hotels	Meters/kilometres and time to Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi	Links
Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel	N/A	https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/tbilisi/the-biltmore-hotel-tbilisi/?cid=gplaces-the-biltmore-hotel-tbilisi , discount for forum participants
Radisson Blu Hotel	210m / 3 mins	https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-tbilisi?cid=a%3Ase+b%3Agmb+c%3Aemea+i%3Alocal+e%3Ard+b%3Aeerut+h%3AGETBSIVE

Tbilisi Marriot	500m / 7 min	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tbsmc-tbilisi-marriott-hotel/overview/
Courtyard Tbilisi	1.1 km / 16 mins	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tbscy-courtyard-tbilisi/overview/
Stamba Tbilisi	900m / 9 mins	https://stambahotel.com/
Shota@Rustaveli	750m / 10 mins	https://shotahotels.com/
Rooms Hotel, Tbilisi	800 m / 11 mins	https://roomshotels.com/hotel/tbilisi/
Tbilisi Philharmonic Mercure Hotel	1,0km / 15 mins	https://all.accor.com/hotel/C1N1/index.en.shtml
Ambassador hotel	1.5 km / 22 mins	https://www.ambassadori.com/tbilisi

9. Transport

Airport - Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport (<https://tbilisiairport.com/>) is the main international gateway to Georgia and one of the busiest airports in the region. It is located approximately 17 kilometers southeast of Tbilisi city center and serves as the primary hub for both international and domestic flights. The airport features a modern terminal with a wide range of passenger services, including shops, restaurants, banks, and currency exchange facilities located in the arrival and departure halls.

Tbilisi International Airport offers wireless internet (Wi-Fi) access throughout the terminal, allowing passengers to stay connected while traveling. The airport operates 24/7 and ensures a comfortable experience for travellers arriving in or departing from Georgia.

Transportation to and from Shota Rustaveli International airport will be organised by the National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat). Participants are encouraged to send their itinerary details including arrival and departure times, and accommodation in advance to Ms. Pikria Gudushauri pghudushauri@geostat.ge and copy Ms. Mariam Kavelashvili at mkavelashvili@geostat.ge

It is, therefore, essential that participants send the details to facilitate the process. There will be vehicles available to transport participants from the airport to their hotels.

Public Transport - Tbilisi offers a range of transport options to suit every traveller's needs, from public transport to private services and walkable city areas. Tbilisi's public transport system includes the metro, buses, and minibuses, offering an affordable and efficient way to navigate the city.

Metro: The Tbilisi Metro is the fastest and most efficient way to travel across the city. It has two lines – Red and Green – connecting key neighborhoods and city landmarks. Trains run frequently from early morning until late at night.

Bus: Tbilisi's extensive bus network covers most parts of the city. Buses are inexpensive and increasingly modern, though they may be slower during peak hours. Electronic boards at stops display live arrival times.

Minibus (Marshrutka): These small blue minivans run on fixed routes and are a popular, low-cost transport option. While efficient for reaching less central areas, they can be crowded and are best suited to short or direct trips.

Transportation Cards: The MetroMoney card is a rechargeable smart card used across metro, buses, and marshrutkas. It allows for easy transfers and reduced fares and can be purchased and topped up at metro stations and selected kiosks.

For public transport schedules, routes, and fare information, please visit the Tbilisi Transport Company website: <https://ttc.com.ge/index.php/en>

Taxis: Widely available in the city, taxis can be hailed or booked via apps. It is recommended to use ride-hailing apps like Bolt, which offer clear pricing, cashless payments, and better service reliability compared to street taxis.

On Foot: Central Tbilisi, especially areas like Rustaveli Avenue, Old Tbilisi, and Freedom Square, is compact and pedestrian friendly. Many key sites, restaurants, and cultural spots are within walking distance, making it ideal for exploring on foot.

10. Visa requirement

Visa requirements vary from country to country and are subject to change. Participants are strongly advised to check the most up-to-date information on visa requirements and exemptions by visiting the official website: <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en>.

As each visa application is assessed individually, participants should contact the nearest Georgian embassy or consulate, or consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, to confirm whether a visa is required. Please note that a visa fee may apply; participants are encouraged to check with the relevant office for any updates regarding costs, as fees may vary depending on the country and local currency. To view a list of consulates and diplomatic missions please visit the following website: https://www.dirco.gov.za/https://mfa.gov.ge/pfiles/files/DIPLOMATIC%20LIST_%20December%202024.pdf

Please be aware that visas are not issued upon arrival at Georgian border checkpoints. Airline staff are instructed to ensure that all passengers possess the necessary travel documents before boarding. Participants arriving in Georgia without the required visa may be denied entry by immigration authorities and returned to their country of origin.

11. Emergency medical services (EMS)

Please kindly note that highly trained EMS personnel will be in attendance throughout the Forum and Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) meeting, ready to respond to any emergencies that may arise swiftly.

Hospitals	Meters/ Kilometres and time in distance to Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi	Links
American Hospitals	1.5 km / 16 mins	https://amcenters.com/en/tbilisi
Evex Hospitals	3,6 km / 6 mins	https://evex.ge/en/
Medic Club Georgia	4.3 km / 60 min	https://mcg.ge
Curatio	6.5 km / 1 h 25 mins	https://curatio.ge/en/

12. COVID-19 restrictions

On 22 June 2022, the Government of Georgia announced that all remaining COVID-19 regulations have been repealed. Therefore, you no longer need to show proof that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

13. Indemnity

While every care will be taken in all arrangements, please note that the organisers will not be held liable for any accidents, loss of/or damage to property or person during the Forum period. Delegates must therefore ensure that suitable personal insurance arrangements are included in their travel arrangements.

14. Business & trading hours

In general, business and shopping hours are from 09h00 to 18h00 on weekdays. However, most shopping malls operate with extended hours and are open seven days a week. Banking hours are generally from 09h30 to 17h00 on weekdays and 09h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Most banks are closed on Sundays.

15. Weather in Tbilisi

Participants will be visiting Tbilisi during the first part of October. The weather in Tbilisi during this period is generally mild and comfortable, making it an ideal time to explore the city. The average high temperature in October is around 18°C (64.4°F), while the average low temperature dips to approximately 8.6°C (47.4°F). It generally feels cool in the mornings and evenings, with pleasant warmth during the day. Tbilisi City in October usually receives moderate rainfall, averaging around 67 mm for the month. Historically, the month has about 10 days of rain.

Light layers are recommended—such as a sweater or light jacket for cooler hours and lighter clothing for midday.

16. Currency

The Georgian Lari is the currency of Georgia. At the time of preparing this information notice the exchange rates according to the National Bank of Georgia are approximately: 1 USD = 2.7599 GEL and 1 EUR = 3.0569 GEL. All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels, and restaurants.

Value Added Tax (VAT): VAT in Georgia is set at 18% and is included in the retail price of goods and services. While residents pay VAT as part of their regular purchases, tourist VAT refunds are not currently available in Georgia. This means visitors cannot claim a refund on VAT for goods taken out of the country.

Please note that this applies to both goods and services, and there are no VAT refund administration offices at departure points in Georgia at this time.

17. Electricity

In Georgia, the power sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is 220 V, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Visitors from countries with different plug types or voltage standards may need a plug adapter or voltage converter for their electronic devices.

For more information, please refer to the following link: <https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country/georgia>.

18. Water

Tap water in Tbilisi is generally safe to drink, as it is treated and monitored by local authorities to meet health and safety standards. However, due to possible variations in water quality in certain buildings or

older infrastructure, many locals and visitors prefer to drink filtered or bottled water, especially in more rural or less developed areas. Bottled water is widely available and affordable throughout the country

19. Time Difference

Time Zone: Georgia operates on Georgia Standard Time (GET), which is GMT/UTC +4. The country does not observe daylight saving time, so this time offset remains consistent throughout the year, including in October, when the forum will take place.

20. Tipping

Tipping, normally at 10% of the total bill, is accepted in most restaurants. For groups of 10 or more a service charge is normally included in the bill and an additional tip is at the discretion of the group depending on their service experience at the restaurant. Tipping of hotel staff is the discretion of the guest.

21. Shopping, entertainment and dining

One of the main attractions for shopping in Tbilisi are Galleria Tbilisi and Tbilisi Mall. Galleria Tbilisi, located at Liberty Square, is one of the most popular and frequently visited shopping centers in the city. Home to numerous well-known international and local brand stores, it also features a special corner dedicated to Georgian designers, offering original and unique creations. Visitors can shop for clothing, sports equipment, electronics, accessories, and much more.

The center is more than just a shopping destination—it also houses cultural and entertainment venues such as the Liberty Theater, the Griboedov Theater, the Kavea Cinema, and a bowling hall. With a variety of cafes, restaurants, and fast-food spots, Galleria Tbilisi is a vibrant place for both shopping and socializing. Spanning eight floors, this multifunctional, modern center provides a welcoming space for relaxation, entertainment, and leisure with friends or family.

City Mall Saburtalo is the largest multifunctional shopping center in Georgia, featuring more than 300 brand stores. It offers diverse spaces for shopping, sports, entertainment, and lounging, along with the country's largest food court. Its wide range of services and user-friendly layout attract a large number of customers daily. City Mall distinguishes itself from other shopping centers with its thoughtful spatial organization, the variety of available brands, and its emphasis on comfort and functionality. Notably, it is the only "Premium Space" in the Saburtalo district, hosting a selection of high-end open and closed-type stores and forming a new hub for premium shopping in the area.

A visit to Tbilisi wouldn't be complete without exploring Old Tbilisi, the historic heart of the city. With its charming, narrow streets, traditional architecture, and warm atmosphere, Old Tbilisi is rich in souvenir shops, local art studios, and authentic Georgian restaurants. Visitors can enjoy delicious national cuisine, shop for handmade crafts, wine, textiles, and ceramics, and soak in the local culture. This area beautifully combines history, hospitality, and a vibrant marketplace, making it a favourite spot for both tourists and local.

22. General safety and security

Georgia is a diverse and beautiful country with much to offer tourists, from breathtaking mountain landscapes and Black Sea beaches to rich cultural heritage, ancient architecture, and world-renowned hospitality. While Georgia is considered one of the safest countries in the region, as with any travel destination, it's important for visitors to stay informed and exercise general caution.

The heart of Tbilisi, particularly areas such as Rustaveli Avenue, Liberty Square, and Old Tbilisi, remains a lively and welcoming place to explore on foot. These neighborhoods are known for their vibrant blend of historic charm and modern life, with plenty to see - public art, street musicians, boutique shops, traditional markets, cafés, and restaurants serving both Georgian and international cuisine. Tbilisi is considered one of the most pedestrian-friendly cities in the region, with ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and walkability.