

**Women in Policing Regional Conference
Tbilisi, 4-6 March 2014**



IOM Georgia in cooperation with the INL organized 3rd Annual Women in Policing Regional Conference that took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 4-6 March 2014.

On March 4, Charge d'Affaires Bridget Brink and Minister of Internal Affairs Alexandre Tchikaidze opened the Women in Policing Conference at Radisson Blu Iveria hotel in the presence

of all speakers' panelists. The event illustrated the strong partnership formed between the U.S. Government, the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the International Organization for Migration in law enforcement training and capacity building, in the training and professional development of women police officers. (This is the third Women in Policing Conference organized jointly by INL and IOM Georgia.

About 180 female police officers from Georgia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, and Tajikistan participated in the conference. Women play a critical role in Georgia's and the region's peace, safety, and security. Several highly experienced and successful law enforcement officers (most of them women) from the United States were invited to address the women police officers on professional development, leadership issues, and practical law enforcement matters.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) assists the Government of Georgia and other countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to strengthen the rule of law through practical skills training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges. INL's efforts in Georgia also focus on improving local capacity to fight transnational crime, including human and narcotics trafficking, and advancing implementation of criminal procedure reforms to create a justice system that meets international standards, enhances regional stability and security, and helps support Georgia's Euro-Atlantic integration.

The Conference was a big success and was highly appreciated by all. Ms. Judith Campbell, INO Chief, INL Washington also visited Tbilisi on this occasion and attended the conference. The event received wide media coverage by all national TV. Information was posted also on the websites of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, the US Embassy in Tbilisi and IOM Georgia.