

Women in Policing Regional Conference Tbilisi, 4-6 March 2013



IOM Georgia in cooperation with the INL organized a three day Women in Policing Regional Conference that took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 4-6 March 2013. On March 4, US Ambassador Norland and Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia, Irakli Gharibashvili 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 second Women in Policing Conference organized jointly by INL and IOM Georgia. Last year's conference was only for Georgian Women in Policing while this year's one is regional). Some 165 female police officers from Georgia, Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan participated in the conference. Women's role in Georgia's and the region's peace, safety, and security was highlighted. Several highly experienced and successful law enforcement officers (most of them women) from the United States and Canada addressed the women police officers on both professional development and leadership issues, and also practical law enforcement matters. The IOM Georgia COM was one of the presenters delivering the topic on Global Battle against Trafficking in Persons. 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, radio and press media. Information is posted also on the websites of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, the US Embassy in Tbilisi. Below are some pictures capturing the atmosphere of the event.

