



Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) and the Georgian Parliament

**Draft programme
for the seminar to be held from 9am to 1pm on 17 September 2018**

at the Parliament of Georgia (Plenary Hall), 8 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi 0118, Georgia

Monday 17 September 2018

09:00-13:00 **Joint seminar with the Georgian Parliament on Parliamentary oversight and the Role of Opposition (*open to the press and public*)**

Co-chaired by: Sir Roger Gale, Chair of the Monitoring Committee and Ms Tamar Chugoshvili, First Deputy Speaker of the Georgian Parliament and Chairperson of the Georgian delegation to the PACE

Welcome Coffee

09:30 Opening

Welcoming words by the co-chairs

Opening Speech by Mr Irakli Kobakhidze, Speaker of the Georgian Parliament

10:00 Parliamentary oversight, the Georgian experience.

Introductions by:

- Ms Tamar Chugoshvili, First Deputy Speaker of the Georgian Parliament and Chairperson of the Georgian delegation to the PACE
- Mr Giorgi Kandelaki, Representative of the parliamentary opposition

10:45 *Coffee Break*

11:00 Panel Discussion moderated by Mr Christian Urse, Head of the Council of Europe office in Georgia, with the participation of national and international experts on best practices in parliamentary oversight:

- Ms Irena Mijanovic, Project Officer – Democratic Parliaments, the Inter-parliamentary Union
- Mr Niels Scott, the United Nations Development Programme Representative and United Nations resident co-ordinator
- Ms Nino Lomjaria, Public Defender of Georgia (ombudsperson)
- Ambassador Janos Herman, Head of the European Union delegation to Georgia

Discussion