



GOFC-GOLD Caucasus Network Kick-off Meeting Tbilisi, Georgia 11-12 September 2017

Venue: Agricultural University of Georgia. Address: 240, David Aghmashenebeli Alley, Tbilisi.

AGENDA

DAY 1 (11TH SEPTEMBER, MONDAY)

Welcome and information about GOFC-GOLD, START, and regional networks

9:00 Welcome: Giorgi Ghambashidze (Agric. U. of Georgia)

9:05 Welcome remarks: Iuri Nozadze, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Georgia

9:15 Welcome remarks: Levan Ujmajuridze, Director of the Scientific Research Center of Agriculture, Georgia

9:30 LCLUC Program Support of GOFC-GOLD activities - Garik Gutman (NASA HQ)

9:50 START and GOFC-GOLD networks - Senay Habtezion (START Inc.)

10:10 Experiences from SCERIN (South, Central and East European RI network) - Jana Albrechtova (Charles U. Prague, Czech Rep.)

10:25 Experience from GOFC-GOLD network coordination - Olga Krankina (Oregon State University)

10:40 Questions and Discussions about Regional Networks

10:45 Coffee Break

Azerbaijan

11:15 Jan de Leeuw (University Baku)

11:30 Ramiz Mammadov (Academy of Sciences Azerbaijan)

11:45 Rovshan Abbasov (Environmental Research Centre

Khazar University)

12:00 Amin Imayilov (Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences)

12:15 Questions and Discussions about Azerbaijan

12:30-1:30 Lunch

Russia

1:30 Anna Komarova (Moscow State University)

1:45 Maxim Dubinin (NextGIS, Moscow)

2:00 Questions and Discussions about the Russian Caucasus

Georgia

2:15 Giorgi Ghambashidze (Research Center of Agriculture)

2:30 Nodar Elizbarashvili (Tbilisi State University)

2:45 Tamar Koriauli (Ministry of Environment, Georgia)

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break

Georgia (continued)

3:30 Elena Nikolaeva (National Environmental Agency, Georgia)

3:45 Catherine Nakashidze (Georgia Global Forest Watch)

4:00 Gigia Aleksidze (Georgia Global Forest Watch)

4:15 Questions and Discussions about Georgia

4:30 Adjourn

6:00 Reception

DAY 2 (12TH SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY)

Presentations by participants

Armenia

9:00 Vahgan Muradyan (Yerevan State University)

9:15 Garik Stepanosyan (National Academy of Armenia)

9:30 Stefan Schlaffer (American University Armenia)

10:00 Questions and Discussions about Armenia

10:15 Coffee Break

A look from the outside

10:45 Maria Shahgedanova (U. Reading, UK)

11:00 Mutlu Ozdogan (U. Wisconsin, USA)

11:15 Johanna Buchner (U. Wisconsin, USA)

11:30 Onur Satir (Karadeniz Teknik University)

12:00 Parivate Varnakavida (KMUTT Geospatial Engineering and Innovation Center)

12:15 Synthesis and observations from the presentations (V. Radeloff and M. Ozdogan)

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

Discussions of future plans

1:30 Discussion of research needs and collaborations, identifying Focus Groups

2:15 Breakout in smaller Focus Groups

3:00 Path forward: Discussion of next steps for the CaucRIN network

4:30 Wrap-up and goodbyes (and then a glass of Georgian wine!)