

Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:

The Georgian Association of Women in Business
founded July 1993
by a group of business women

President and Board members:

President: Nino Elizbarashvili
Members of Board: Tina Baiashvili, Elsa Srimonishvili, Nino Razmadze, Lia Gogadze, Isa Phirthalava, Elen Sosbenadze

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The Association has 510 members and volunteers in Tbilisi and its regional organizations in Kartli (Shida, Kvemo), Kakheti, Imereti, Guria, and Tchara

Aims and objectives:

- to provide forward thinking business women an opportunity to raise their standard of living through education and training, information and motivation, market economy activities of domestic and international channels, and to make them aware of government economic decisions
- to improve women's status in society and to recognize their contributions to social-economic developments
- to promote small scale women-owned businesses as a method of reducing unemployment and to increase family income

Profile of Activities and highlights:

- to raise women's awareness of government activities by reading the magazine *Economic Reform Today* and *Business Herald*
- to provide training on business issues such as computer skills, foreign language skills
- to provide individual consultants with qualified staff
- to enlarge the existing Business Incubator with components of a Wellness Centre and a Tapestry Weaving Project
- to provide a licence for trainees upon completion of their apprenticeship
- to enlarge the association's Printing Department increasing its frequency of publications of books and documents
- to expand providing microcredit loans in Tbilisi and the regions following comprehensive training and guide-line development for management skills

Cooperation with associations in other countries:

- International Organizations:
 - International Foundation for Cooperation (Board of Trustees)
 - International Fellow of International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW)
 - Global Development Network (The Economic Development Institute of World Bank)
 - UN Development Programme/DPI (NGO)
 - USA-NIS Women Consortium
 - Network of East-west Women
- Government:
 - Parliament Commission on Women's Rights Protection

<i>Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:</i>	
The Women's Committee of Abaskia founded on 28 February 1995 by Roza Kukhalashvili.....	
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<i>Membership (number) and information on regional/local divisions:</i>	
The Women's Committee has 54 members and a Board of five. The Committee has representatives in Zugdidi, Kutaisi and Tskhneti.	
<i>Aims and objectives:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect the rights of internally displaced women • To work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Abkhazia • To increase the role of women in social, political, economic and cultural life • To help women become employed in small and medium sized enterprises • To improve the situation of the socially vulnerable, unemployed, and aged women through material and moral support 	
<i>Profile of Activities and highlights</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To hold trainings for women, who want to create their own businesses in Tbilisi and the region • To help with professional re-training programs with changing conditions of the market • To involve all women in small and medium-sized business 	
<i>Cooperation with associations in other countries:</i>	
The Women's Committee cooperates actively with other associations in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan • Armenia • Germany • Russia • Norway • Ukraine 	