



# Géorgie

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**Rencontre autour de M. Georgi KVIRIKASHVILI, vice-Premier ministre**

*Sous la présidence de*

M. Jean BURELLE  
Président de MEDEF International

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## R E L E V E D E P R E S S E

**Ambassade de France à Tbilissi - Visite en France de Guiorgui Kvirikachvili, Vice-Premier ministre et ministre des Affaires étrangères**

Le ministre français des Affaires étrangères et du Développement International Laurent Fabius a rencontré son homologue géorgien Guiorgui Kvirikachvili le 23 septembre. Cet entretien a notamment permis d'évoquer le renforcement des relations entre la France et la Géorgie, et de faire le point sur la coopération de la Géorgie avec l'Union européenne et avec l'OTAN, ainsi que sur la contribution de la Géorgie à la conférence de Paris sur le climat.

Le même jour, M. Kvirikachvili et de la vice-ministre de l'Economie Kétévan Botchorichvili, accompagnés du directeur de l'Agence publique d'investissement « Invest in Georgia » Giorgi Pertaia et d'Irakli Aslanichvili, Président de « BAG », Business Association of Georgia, principale organisation patronale du pays, ont participé à une réunion du Conseil des chefs d'entreprises France-Géorgie organisée par le MEDEF International.

Cette réunion, présidée par Jean Burelle, président de MEDEF International fait suite à une visite du MEDEF International à Tbilissi, en mai 2015 et s'inscrit dans plus de 20 ans de relations avec la Géorgie.

La quarantaine d'entreprises françaises présentes a pris connaissance des projets prioritaires du Gouvernement, notamment en matières énergétique, environnementale et de transports, des réformes qu'il entend mener pour le perfectionnement du climat des affaires et pour l'accroissement de la compétitivité du pays. En outre, les présentations et échanges ont permis de mieux comprendre le positionnement du pays sur les grands sujets régionaux : axes de transports Est-Ouest, intégration économique régionale, partenariat avec l'UE.

Source : <http://www.ambafrance-ge.org/Visite-en-France-de-Giorgui-Kvirikashvili-Vice-Premier-ministre-et-ministre>

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia - **The Georgian Vice Prime Minister has held a meeting at MEDEF International – Europe’s largest business organisation**

“European companies see Georgia as a leader in the region” - Georgian Vice Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili said while delivering a speech at MEDEF International – the French Business Confederation’s international organisation, which played host to the Georgian delegation. “Georgia is the leader and the model of the country which has undergone fundamental transformations. It is attractive to European companies in many respects, as a destination for investments, innovations and business ideas” - Giorgi Kvirikashvili said in his opening remarks.

President of MEDEF International Jean Burelle opened the meeting with the Georgian delegation. “Our meeting with the Georgian Vice Prime Minister was highly important for both sides. MEDEF International got the positive impression of Georgia today. Georgia is an economy pursuing the path of liberalisation, a country providing all facilities for doing business. French businessmen are well-informed about Georgia and are ready for further co-operation with the country” - Jean Burelle noted.

Members of the banking, commerce, energy, communications, construction and transport companies making up MEDEF International, as well as high-level representatives from various state agencies (including foreign, finance, economy, energy and agriculture ministries) also took part in the meeting.

Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Ketii Bochorishvili, Head of the Georgian National Investment Agency Giorgi Pertaia and Executive Director of the Georgian Business Association Irakli Aslanishvili addressed participants of the meeting. They provided representatives of France’s government agencies and business communities with information regarding Georgia’s economic development, business and investment climate. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Georgian National Investment Agency, the Georgian Business Association and MEDEF International.

MEDEF International is a noncommercial organisation in France bringing together under its umbrella up to 800 thousand companies of the French Business Confederation. MEDEF International is oriented towards developing international trade, encouraging French companies’ investment activities and introducing their know-how worldwide. Several business missions have been organised in Georgia under the aegis of MEDEF International. In 2015, the delegation of this organisation took part in the annual conference of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in Georgia.

Source : <http://www.mfa.gov.ge/News>

### Civil Georgia - **Georgian FM Visits France**

Georgia’s Foreign Minister, Giorgi Kvirikashvili, is paying a working visit to France on September 22-23, where he will meet his French counterpart Laurent Fabius.

The Georgian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that Kvirikashvili will also hold a meeting at French business lobby group, MEDEF International, where he will speak about “investment opportunities” in Georgia.

Kvirikashvili is accompanied by his newly appointed deputy Mikheil Janelidze, who before becoming the first deputy foreign minister on September 21, served as deputy economy minister. The Georgian delegation also includes deputy economy minister Ketil Bochorishvili; head of the National Investment Agency Giorgi Pertaia, and executive director of the Business Association of Georgia Irakli Aslanishvili.

Source : <http://civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=28586>

### **Agenda Georgia - France aware of “big potential” for economic cooperation with Georgia**

France is aware of the big potential of deep economic relations with Georgia, France’s Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said yesterday while meeting his Georgian counterpart Giorgi Kvirikashvili.

The idea to create a Georgia branch of the Development Agency of France (AFD) was discussed in the context of developing Georgian-French economic ties, stated Georgia’s Foreign Ministry.

AFD is a financial institution and the main agency that implements France’s official development assistance to developing countries and overseas territories.

With Fabius, Georgia’s Foreign Minister touched upon a wide range of topics including Georgia’s visa liberation goals and Euro-Atlantic aspiration, Russia’s provocative actions and the ongoing issue of creeping occupation of Georgian soil.

« We have provided a major message - that Georgia has already fulfilled all its homework over visa liberation with European Union countries (EU). [And] The current migration problem in Europe should not hinder Georgia’s pace to gaining visa free travel with the EU,” Kvirikashvili said, adding the French side praised Georgia’s reform efforts as it strived to achieve its visa free travel goals. »

The Georgian Minister also stressed that France appreciated Georgia’s role in international peacekeeping missions.

Kvirikashvili’s meeting yesterday was one of his final high level meetings during a two-day business trip to France, which ended last night.

On the first day of the trip the Georgian delegation, led by Kvirikashvili, participated in a business forum organised by MEDEF, the French Business Confederation’s international organisation and the Georgian National Investment Agency.

Within the event the Georgian National Investment Agency and MEDEF signed a Memorandum of Understanding that envisaged regular bilateral exchange of information and participation in each other’s business meetings and events.

Source : <http://agenda.ge/news/43009/eng>

## Newsday Georgia - **Giorgi Kvirikashvili to visit the French Republic**

On 22 and 23 September 2015, Georgian Vice Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili will pay a working visit to the French Republic. Within the framework of the visit, Giorgi Kvirikashvili will meet his French counterpart, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius. He will also hold meetings at MEDEF International – the French Business Confederation’s international organisation, and in particular, with its President Jean Burelle, as well as with representatives of the French business communities.

The Georgian delegation will hold a presentation about Georgia at MEDEF International providing members of this organisation with information on the reforms that have been carried out in Georgia, as well as on Georgia’s business and investment potential. The Georgian delegation to France includes First Deputy Foreign Minister Mikheil Janelidze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Ketil Bochorishvili, Head of the Georgian National Investment Agency Giorgi Pertalia and Executive Director of the Georgian Business Association Irakli Aslanishvili.

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