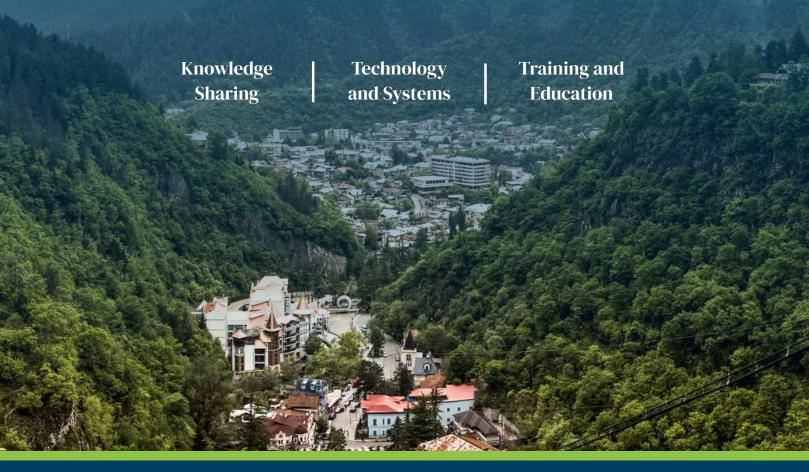


## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON PROTECTED AREAS

Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park, Georgia

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2023











### **ORGANIZED BY:**

- LEPL Agency of Protected Areas (APA)
- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia



### **ORGANIZING PARTNERS:**

- Global Conservation

### **TECHNICAL LEADERS:**

James R. (Jim) Barborak, Senior Advisor & Erin Hicks, Assistant Director Center for Protected Area Management, Warner College of Natural Resources Colorado State University



## **SUMMIT CO-SPONSORS:**

























The Agency of Protected Areas of Georgia together with Global Conservation is co-hosting The 1st INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON PROTECTED AREAS.

The Summit is a critical platform for the discussion of important issues on park and wildlife protection, including protected areas management, biodiversity conservation, working with communities and sustainable tourism. The Borjomi Summit aims to raise awareness, share experiences, and explore common policy issues focusing on nature protection and sustainable development of National Parks.

Designed for National Park Leaders and their managers, the 3-day program will feature international experts and government authorities from the United States Park Service and European national parks with the primary goal of sharing the best international practices. We are looking forward to hosting all invited guests from the USA, Germany, Romania, Albania, Türkiye, Iran, Croatia, Armenia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Korea to the 1st International Summit on Protected Areas in Georgia. We believe that this Summit will bring together the most experienced people worldwide to learn and share the best practices in protection of National Parks and the wildlife.



# **SUMMIT AGENDA**

November 7-9 2023

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6



Arrival in Tbilisi Airport

Departure to BORJOMI - CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

9 Baratashvili St, Borjomi 1200, Georgia

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20:00

11:10 - 11:15

11:15 - 11:30

WELCOME DINNER IN BORJOMI – CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- **▶** WELCOME COFFEE AND GATHERING
- **▶** OPENING OF THE BORJOMI SUMMIT

SPEAKER: --

**Dr. Tamar Khakhishvili** - Deputy Chairperson of the LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

11:30 - 12:00

### **WELCOME REMARKS**

Mr. luri Nozadze - Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of GeorgiaMs. Khatia Tsilosani - Deputy Chairperson of the Environmental Protection and Natural ResourcesCommittee of Georgia

H.E. Ernst Peter Fischer - Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia

Dr. Douglas Webb - UNDP Resident Representative a.i in Georgia

Ms. Rolande Pryce - Regional Director for the South Caucasus, World Bank

12:00 - 12:10

INTRODUCTIONS OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Dr. Tamar Khakhishvili - Deputy Chairperson of the LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

12:10 - 13:10

### **★ KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Mr. Jeff Morgan - Executive Director of Global Conservation

Mr. Michael Finley - President Emeritus, Turner Foundation, Former Superintendent of Yellowstone N.P
 Mr. Michael Sutton - Executive Director, Goldman Environmental Foundation; Board of Directors,
 Global Conservation

13:10 - 13:25

## **BORJOMI SUMMIT GOALS; REVIEW OF AGENDA AND PROGRAM; SUMMIT LOGISTICS**

Mr. Jim Barborak - Senior Advisor, Center for Protected Area Management, Colorado State University

13:25 - 14:25

### LUNCH

14:25 - 15:25

## **SESSION I**

#### PARTNERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARKS DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Elizabeth Messud - Executive Director of Caucasus Nature Fund

Ms. Nino Antadze - UNDP, Team Leader, Environment and Energy Portfolio

**Mr. Paata Shanshiashvili** - Technical Advisor and In-Country Coordinator for Georgia, United States Department of the Interior

**Mr. Erik Illes -** Head of Development Cooperation, Deputy Head of Mission of the Kingdom of Sweden to Georgia

15:25 - 16:10

## > SESSION II

#### **BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION - ACTIONS AND RESULTS**

### PRESENTATION AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Mr. Karlo Amigulashvili** - Head of Biodiversity and Forest Department at Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

**Mr. Davit Kobakhidze** - Head of Biodiversity and Natural Resources Managment Unit, Agency of Protected Areas of Georgia

Mr. Zurab Gurgenidze - Conservation Programme Manager, SABUKO

16:10 - 16:30

**COFFEE BREAK** 



16:30 - 17:30

## > SESSION III

## STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CREATING THE NETWORK FOR PROTECTED AREAS CONNECTIVITY

Ms. Maka Bitsadze - Regional Conservation Manager, WWF Caucasus Programme Office

Mr. Toby Aykroyd - Director and Trustee, Wild Europe Foundation

Ms. Jessica Graham - President, JG Global Advisory

Mr. Jens Wunderlich - Head of Department of Protected Areas and Biosphere, Succow Foundation

17:30 - 18:30

## **SESSION IV**

### **LEADERSHIP - FROM VISION TO ACTION**

Mr. Jeff Morgan - Executive Director of Global Conservation

Mr. Jim Barborak - Senior Advisor, Center for Protected Area Management, Colorado State University

**Mr. Michael Sutton -** Executive Director, Goldman Environmental Prize, Chair, Board of Directors, Global Conservation

Mr. Firth Griffith - Board Director, Global Conservation

18:30-18:45

## **COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS:**

N1: GEORGIA - RACHA NATIONAL PARK

**Dr. Tamar Khakhishvili** - Deputy Chairperson of the LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

Mr. Mustafa Gonen - Director Eurasia and Eastern Europe, Global Conservation

Video by Andrea Pistolesi

**N2: UKRAINE - CARPATHIANS NATIONAL PARK** 

Dr. Olena Slobodian - Advisor Ukraine, Global Conservation

Dr. Oleksandr Kuseliuk - Director, Carpathians National Park, Ukraine

**N3: MACEDONIA - SHAR MOUNTAINS** 

Mr. Mustafa Gonen - Director Eurasia and Eastern Europe, Global Conservation

Ms. Anela Stavrevska-Panajotova - Head of Nature Conservation Department, Public Institution National Parks Shar Mountains

18:45 - 19:00

Q&A

19:00 - 19:10

SUMMARY OF THE DAY

20:00

DINNER





### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

09:00

09:00 - 09:15

09:15 - 10:30

10:30 - 10:45

10:45 - 11:30

**▶** OPENING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SUMMIT

Dr. Tamar Khakhishvili - Deputy Chairperson of the LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

SESSION V

### **LEARNING FROM OTHERS - SHARED CHALLENGES**

#### PRESENTATION - INTRODUCTION TO WORLD CAFE

**Ms. Erin Hicks** - Associate Director, Center for Protected Area Management, Colorado State University Answer 2 Questions – One Sentence Answers

1) What is your Goal(s) for the Borjomi Summit? 2) Greatest Single Management Challenge?

SESSION VI

### **WORLD CAFÉ BREAKOUT I - CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES**

### **EIGHT (8) MODERATED GROUPS**

- 1) Leadership and capacity development
- 2) Park protection and enforcement
- 3) Role of communities in effective protected area management
- 4) Sustainable tourism development
- 5) Financial sustainability
- 6) Systems and technology Global Park Defense
- 7) Research, monitoring, and stewardship
- 8) Governance and partnerships

RAPPORTEURS REPORTS FROM EACH GROUP TO REPORT BACK TO PLENARY

COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION VII** 

### **WORLD CAFÉ BREAKOUT II - IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES**

EIGHT (8) MODERATED GROUPS - FACILITATED BY JIM BARBORAK AND ERIN HICKS, CSU

- 1) Leadership and capacity development
- 2) Park protection and enforcement
- 3) Role of communities in effective protected area management
- 4) Sustainable tourism development
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- 8) Governance and partnerships





11:30-12:00



N4: GEORGIA - BORJOMI-KHARAGAULI NATIONAL PARK

Dr. Nato Sultanishvili - Head of Planning and Development Division, LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

Mr. Giorgi Kapanadze - Visitor Service Specialist, Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park

**N5: UKRAINE - PROTECTING CARPATHIANS BIOSPHERE RESERVE** 

Ms. Anastasia Drapaliuk - Director wilderness, Ukraine

Mr. Fedir Hamor - Director, Carpathians Biosphere Reserve

12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 - 13:15

## **COUNTRY STATIONS**

**Location Hall N2** 

- 1) Macedonia
- 2) Romania
- 3) Republic of Korea
- 4) Azerbaijan
- 5) Turkey

14:15-15:15

**VISITING BORJOMI-KHARAGAULI NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER** 

15:15 - **EVENING** 

## FIELD VISIT IN BORJOMI-KHARAGAULI NATIONAL PARK, PICNIC

## **TOPICS OF CONSIDERATION:**

- Camping and Lodging
- Cellular Trailcam Surveillance
- SMART Patrolling
- Real-time Forest Monitoring
- Cellular, Radio and Satellite Communications





### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9**

09:00

**▶** OPENING OF 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SUMMIT

- SUMMARY OF THE 2ND DAY OF THE SUMMIT

Dr. Tamar Khakhishvili - Deputy Chairperson of the LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

09:00 - 10:00

**♦ SESSION VIII** 

NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLANNING - PRIMARY DRIVERS AND BIG IDEAS

Mr. Jim Barborak - Center for Protected Area Management, Colorado State University

10:00 - 10:45

**SESSION IX** 

**WORLD CAFÉ RESULTS SUMMARY** 

**Ms. Erin Hicks and Mr. Jim Barborak,** Center for Protected Area Management, Colorado State University and eight group rapporteurs/facilitators

10:45 - 11:30

SESSION X

**ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS - WHAT DO PROTECTED AREAS OFFER TO VISITORS** 

Mr. Duncan Rossart - Founder of "Journey with Purpose"

Mr. Vano Vashakmadze - Tourism Sector Lead, USAID Economic Security Programme

Mr. Paul Stephens - Founder, Advisor of the Transcaucasian Trail Association

11:30 - 11:45

**COFFEE BREAK** 

11:45 - 12:15

> SESSION XI

**WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SURROUNDING LANDSCAPES** 

**Mr. Michael Sutton** - Executive Director, Goldman Environmental Prize, Chair, Board of Directors, Global Conservation

Mr. Anzor Gogitidze - Director of Protected Areas Network's Friends Association

12:15 - 12:25

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12:25 - 13:30

SUMMARY OF THE DAY





13:30 - 13:40

13:40 - 14:40

14:40 - 15:40

15:40 - 18:40

18:40

20:00

PRESENTATION OF FINAL DECLARATION FOR APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**LUNCH** 

**COUNTRY STATIONS** 

### **Location Hall N2**

- 1) Albania
- 2) Ukraine
- 3) Montenegro
- 4) Armenia
- 5) Bulgaria
- **DEPARTURE TO TBILISI**
- **CHECK-IN TO HOTEL**
- **FAREWELL DINNER**









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