

Initiative for Peacebuilding Workshop

Cluster on Regional Cooperation on Environment, Economy and Natural Resource Management

Re-inventing Regional Cooperation?

A web of regional cooperation formats has been established in the areas of environment, economy and natural resource management over the past years throughout the South Caucasus. One of the key driving forces behind its establishment is the idea that regional cooperation can contribute to confidence-building. This multi-layered web, however, is fragmented and challenged by the political situation in the Caucasus.

Following the escalations of August 2008, however, the last months have seen renewed political vigor at the negotiation table. Capitalizing on the current political drive, a fresh look may be possible.

Taking stock of past experiences in the light of the current political situation and motions, the workshop aims at highlighting potentials and threats of regional cooperation in the area of environment, economy and natural resource management in the South Caucasus context.

Agenda:

10.30-12.00	Regional Cooperation: A Review <i>Presentation of Initiative for Peacebuilding (IfP) findings</i> <i>Discussion of findings from a civil society perspective</i>
12.00-12.45	Buffet lunch and Coffee
12.45-13:45	Donor round table: Re-inventing regional cooperation? <i>Implications from IfP, discussion</i>
13:45	Wrap-up

Date:	March 6, 2009
Venue:	Tbilisi, Heinrich Boell Foundation, South Caucasus Regional Office 38, Zovreti street, Tbilisi 0160, Georgia
Target group:	Civil society, donor organizations and academia
Languages:	English and Russian (simultaneous translation)