



Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

Agenda
3-4 July, 2026
Batumi, Georgia



3 July, 2026 – Conference Opening

The 7th International Scientific-Practical Conference “Tourism: Challenges and Sustainable Development – 2026” TCSD - 2026	
10:30	Registration
11:00	Opening remarks
11:30	Panel discussion: I. „Education for sustainable development : Challenges and Future Prospects” Moderator: • Bachana Shelia, Phd – lecturer, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University Panelists: • Tite Aroshidze, Phd - Rector, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University • Aleks Kobelashvili – General Manager, Radisson Blue Batumi • Gerald Wetzel - Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Internationales Institut für Hospitality, Honorary Doctor of Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (Germany)
12:00	Coffee Break
12:30	Panel discussion: II. Tourism in Georgia and Global Challenges Moderator: • Paata Chaganava, Phd – Professor, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University Panelists: • Marina Metreveli, Phd – Professor, Georgian Technical University • Tinatin Zoidze – Chairman of Tourism and Resorts Department of Ajara Autonomous Republic • Ulrich Trosien - Tourism CIM Expert (Germany)
13:00	Panel discussion: III. Tourism Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility Moderator: • Nargiz Phalavandishvili, PhD – Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, Associate Professor, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University Panelists: • Nino Devadze, PhD – Assistant Professor, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University • Patrick Naughter – General Manager, Hilton Batumi • Nino Gafrindashvili – Deputy Director and Project Manager, CENN
13:30	Questions and Answers
14:00	Lunch

16:00	Sessions (Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University)
19:00	Gala Dinner

4 July, 2026 – Educational & Cultural Tour in the Machakhela Gorge