

# COMMEMORATION OF THE WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2026

 28.04.2026 Tbilisi, Georgia

 Paragraph Freedom Square, a Luxury Collection Hotel

09:30 – 10:00

## REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 – 10:30

- OPENING REMARKS
- **H.E. MR. DAVID SONGULASHVILI**, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURE OF GEORGIA
  - **DR. EMMANUELLE SOUBEYRAN**, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WOAH (TBC)
  - **MR. GELA SAMKHARALI**, CHAIR OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA
  - REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, LABOUR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION OF GEORGIA (DEPUTY MINISTER, TBC)

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE (FVE)

10:30 – 11:30

## PANEL DISCUSSION

- TOPICS:
- TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES
  - ONE HEALTH APPROACH IN ANIMAL HEALTH
  - NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD VETERINARY DAY

11:30 – 12:00

## COFFEE BREAK

12:00–12:10

THE ROLE OF THE WOAH REGIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR EUROPE IN THE REGION – **DR. BUDIMIR PLAVSIC**, WOAH REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EUROPE

12:10 – 12:20

GEORGIA’S POLITICAL VISION FOR THE VETERINARY PROFESSION – **DR. LASHA AVALIANI**, DEPUTY MINISTER, CVO AND WOAH DELEGATE OF GEORGIA

12:20 – 12:30

STATE ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN GEORGIA – **MR. GIORGI IAKOBASHVILI**, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY OF GEORGIA (NFA)

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| 12:30 – 12:40 | ROLE OF REGIONAL LABORATORIES IN ENSURING ANIMAL HEALTH – <b>MR. IRAKLI GULEDANI</b> , DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LABORATORY OF AGRICULTURE OF GEORGIA                                                                                                           |
| 12:40 – 12:50 | VETERINARY EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN GEORGIA – <b>DR. DAVID GODERDZISHVILI</b> , NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY OF GEORGIA (NFA)                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:50 – 13:00 | EPIZOOTIC SITUATION IN GEORGIA: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR DISEASE-FREE RECOGNITION – <b>DR. TENGIZ CHALIGAVA</b> , NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY OF GEORGIA (NFA)                                                                                          |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 14:00 – 14:10 | FUTURE PERSPECTIVES IN THE VETERINARY FIELD, PRESENTATION BY YOUNG VETERINARIANS                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | VIDEO CLIPS DEDICATED TO WORLD VETERINARY DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14:20 – 15:20 | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br><b>TOPICS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· STRENGTHENING STATE VETERINARY SERVICES</li><li>· ROLE OF THE PRIVATE VETERINARY SECTOR</li><li>· NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD VETERINARY DAY</li></ul> |
| 15:20 – 16:00 | PRESENTATION OF THE TBILISI COMMUNIQUÉ – GEORGIA WILL PRESENT AN INITIATIVE TO CONSIDER THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF WORLD VETERINARY DAY WITHIN WOAH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIXED DATE FOR ITS COMMEMORATION.                                             |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | COFFEE BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

- RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED VETERINARIANS
- RECOGNITION OF YOUNG VETERINARIANS

17:00 – 17:10

CLOSING REMARKS – **H.E. MR. DAVID  
SONGULASHVILI**, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURE OF GEORGIA

17:10 – 17:30

GROUP PHOTO

19:00

OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY GEORGIA

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