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#### Meet Our New Executive Director

We are delighted to welcome Tamar Japaridze to our team as our new Executive Director after the position was vacated by Olia Watt who moves on with our best wishes to the Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC). Tamar brings with her an impressive 17 years of sound expe-

rience in management of public and private institutions, organizational development, fundraising, quality assurance and coordination with international development institutions.

# Supporting Tajikistan to Strengthen its Strategic Planning

We started a project supporting the Department of Strategic Planning and Reforms of Tajikistan to strengthen its strategic planning and policy coordination and to ensure better integration of strategic decisions and current policies.



PMCG will provide institutional assistance, which will entail improving the legal framework of strategic planning, enhancing the capacity of the Department and other relevant ministries and agencies in issues related to development, monitoring and evaluation of strategic documents, as well as developing a methodology for strategic planning and developing templates for strategic development plans in specific sectors



# **Evaluating Tax Policy Analysis and Development in Ethiopia and Ghana**

We have recently launched a project with the purpose of conducting an external evaluation of the pilot program "Improving Tax Policy Analysis and Development in Partner Countries (TaxDev)", which is being deliv-

ered by the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS). The project is part of the Department for International Development's (DFID) Expert Advisory Call Down Service under Lot A - Strengthening Global Peace, Security and Justice and involves analyzing which elements are working particularly well in the pilot program to strengthen the analytical and policymaking capacity of developing countries.

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### Georgia as a Transit Hub and its Increasing Potential in the Implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative

On January 25, at 10:30 am, PMC Research hosted a presentation and public discussion of the research findings "Georgia as a Transit Hub and its Increasing Potential in the Implementation of the Belt and



Road Initiative". The research aimed to highlight Georgia's potential in the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and to identify necessary steps that Georgia should take to strengthen its involvement in this regard.

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### **Georgia Ranked 5th in Open Budget Index Rankings**

Georgia rose to 5th place in the Open Budget Index Rankings 2017 recently released by the International Budget Partnership. This achievement is a credit to the Government of Georgia, to which we offer our warmest congratulations. PMCG, together with its project partners, has certainly made a notable contribution in this regard, by participating in

various projects in the fields of public financial management (PFM) and good governance development, in the projects such as the USAID Good Governance Initiative, the Department for International Development's (DFID) Good Governance Fund, and public financial management programs funded by the European Union.

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