

**Working report of the National
Professional Council of the second half of 2010 and the first half of 2011**

Working of National Professional Council took away according to the “about professional education” implemented changes in Georgia’s law and priorities of Professional education reform strategy in the second half of 2010 and the first half of 2011. 5 meetings of National Professional Council were held in the second half of 2010, from this – 2 extended meetings were held with participant of international organizations and other interested persons. In the meeting of 10 September of 2010, council discussed and gave positive assessment to the following projects of documents: a) Professional qualifications framework; b) List of professional qualifications; c) Project of credits calculation rule of programs of professional education; d) Recognition of vision analysis of professional qualification; e) Project of enrolment procedure on professional educational programs. In the same meeting council defined the directions of thematic groups working and named responsible persons for working of thematic groups. 1) Thematic group N1: the system of professional qualification (David Kereselidze- director of the center of development of education quality); 2) thematic group N2: management of quality in professional education (David Kereselidze- director of the center of development of education quality); 3) thematic group N3: partnership in professional education (Mikheil Kordzakhia- executive director of association of Georgian employers); 4) thematic group N4: monitoring of professional education (Goga Gulua- head of department of Informational Technology and Statistical Analysis); 5) thematic group N5: professional development of teachers (Tea Kvintradze- deputy director of national center of professional development of teachers); 6) thematic group N6: financing of professional education (George Chakhnashvili- deputy of minister of Education and Science). On the meeting of 10 September also were discussed making changes according to the legislative changes in the following documents: a) in the resolution of Georgian Government of 24 November of 2009 “about

approving of resolution of national professional council of industrial and training education”;
b) changing of secretariat staff of national professional council approved by the order #1022 of the Minister of Education and Science; c)

c) “ In industrial education reform strategy” approved by Georgian Prime Minister, the order of 21 November, 2009, #342; d) the resolution of Georgian government of 31 August of 2005 # 150, discussing of actuality and appropriateness of establishing of new concept.

The next meeting of national professional council was held on November 19, 2010, where were discussed the main issues: 1. list of professional qualifications- classifier; 2. standard of teacher of professional educational institute. The project of classifier was estimated positive by the council and gave recommendation for affirmation, also was opinion about the professional standard of teacher, in view of this fact that it is the first discussion, the document must set on web page and must begin public discussion. In the discussion process, must be provided the participant of interested persons and organizations, especially the participant of teachers of educational institutes.

In the same meeting, the members of council made the decision about making the thematic group what works on planning career. On December 9, 2010, in hotel “Redisson-Blue Iveria” was held extended meeting of national professional council, where the Ministry of Education and Science presented implementation report of the intermediate strategy of professional educational, also international organizations that are involved in the reform of professional education presented reports about implemented projects. In the meeting of December 27, 2010 the council listened the report of monitoring thematic group about implemented work. Namely, the members of council got information about the structure of database of professional educational institute, about these main data, what must contain to base: material and human resources of professional educational institute, educational programs, qualification exams and so on. Also, the members of council acquainted the scheme, if how will fulfill gather of data and processing, how will be provided publicity of static data, etc.

At the meeting, there was the second issue once more “about professional education” based on implemented changes in Georgian law in the reform strategy of professional education (intermediate strategy of professional education and acting plan for 2009-2010) the project of amendments. On December 30, 2010, in conference hall of Georgia University was held summary professional summit of the extended meeting of national professional council. The event was attended by members of the National Professional Council, governmental, non-governmental and representatives of international organizations, representatives of professional and high educational institute, associations of professional links, individual experts and other interested persons. At the summit, the deputy of minister of Education and Science of Georgia, Mrs,Irine Kurdadze summed the main news of year in professional education. Namely, the legislative changes have been implemented, formed qualification framework, professional standards were developed, were prepared the students’ enrolment rule in professional educational institutes, the rule of financing of professional education and so on. Was underlined, that the reform must be continued by community support and the Ministry of Education and Science called once again to all educational institutes, partner organizations, interested persons to take actual part in this process.

Another meeting of National Professional Council was held on May 30, 2011. 1. Thematic group that worked on the professional development of teachers presented the corrected version of standard of teachers of professional educational institutes at the meeting. Also, the members of council got the detailed information about visits in colleges of Georgia regions and about public discussion of their standards. The council gave recommendation approving of standard. 2. Thematic group of Social partnership presented the working version of policy document. The members of council gave positive estimate to the direction of development of social partnership existed tendency and they considered to set this document on web page and begin public discussion, including inviting extended meeting of National professional council

to discuss mentioned document. 3. Thematic group of development quality presented the offer of programs of professional educational – requirement analysis. On June 16, 2011, at the meeting the National Professional Council continued listening reports of thematic working groups. Namely, 1. Thematic group of development quality presented information, how is the policy of development of professional educational quality after legislative changes. 2. Thematic group of financing presented the policy of financing of professional education; 3. Thematic group of planning career presented report and recommendations about service development of career planning and professional orientation in professional colleges; 4. At the council's meeting also was discussed informational campaign of professional education; 5. At the same meeting once more was presented discussed amendments in professional educational reform strategy (intermediate strategy of professional education 2009-2010) the meetings of National Professional Council which were held on June 28, 2011 and July 7, fully devoted to the issues about deepen and development of social partnership in professional education. On June 28, in hotel "Sheraton Metekhi Palace" was held the meeting, where the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, Georgian Trade Unions Confederation and Georgian employers association presented opinions about social partnership in professional education.

At the same meeting, the report about cooperation practice was announced by professional collages and employer, also German International Cooperation Organization (GIZ) presented the vision about social dialogue. At the extended meeting thematic group of National Professional Council presented the document of the policy of social partnership in professional education. It was decided that all interested parties will be involved in review and correction of the document, thematic group must held addition meetings and consultations, specific responsibilities of social partners should be defined, the document must get more active face. The next extended meeting of National Professional Council was held on July 7, 2011, in professional collage "Ikarosi". The meeting was attended by the members of National Professional Council, Employers, representatives of professional links and associations, representatives of international organization, representatives of professional collages and other

interested persons. Mentioned meeting was fully dedicated to defining the role of the tripartite dialogue in the process of reform of professional education, prepared document by thematic group of social partnership was presented once more to the audience, in which all obligations were clearly formed, what is required to involved parties in process, namely, the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, Professional links, their unions and employers to provide the next development of professional education. The parties expressed satisfaction with the fact, that at the first, in the process of educational reform, arose precedent and initiative, that confirms allow of state, professional links and employers to define their own authorities and cooperate closely at the all stage of development of professional education sphere. At the end of meeting, tripartite agreement was signed about definition of social partnership policy of professional education. On mentioned document was signed by: The Minister of Education and Science of Georgia – Mr. Dimitri Shashkini, the president of Employers Association of Georgia- Mr. Elguja Meladze and the Chairman of Professional links of Georgia –Mr. Irakli Petriashvili.